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“...How you turned from idols to serve the living and true God”  
(I Thessalonians 1:9)



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## Thanks Very Much

In our last newsletter I made a brief request that you consider a special donation to help our brethren in their far-beyond-normal stress. You have responded wonderfully!

Naturally, we have thanked you personally, as we try to do for every donation, but I want to especially thank you publicly for your generosity in helping this cause!

## How it is in India

Here is a paragraph from John Charles, our team manager in Bangalore. He sent this last week via e-mail (June 23):

*Yesterday I phoned my friend in regard to my daughter college and I found out that in our area 5 positive cases has been found and isolated, also the government is planning to again lockdown for a week, in some areas the main markets are being locked down from Monday as the cases are going up in Bangalore, almost 295 containment areas being notified. We are afraid that most probably our area will be lockdown for some days and then I will not be able to go to the office if they lockdown.*

Our evangelism is on-going, and we're reaching many Hindus who are now seeing the vanity and emptiness of their devotion to stone and wooden gods.

Yet, getting detailed reports from our workers has become quite difficult in our

current situation, which I'm confident won't last long—but it's where we are for the next couple of months.

There are several facts that are unique to India. (You'll note Charles mentioned the 295 "containment areas" in Bangalore alone.)

- The postal system itself is shut down, so nothing can be mailed.
- Public transportation methods are forbidden (bus, taxi, train).
- Private transportation (even walking or riding a bicycle) is restricted by police barriers at all neighborhoods.
- A preacher with written permission may cross these barriers, only to be *forcibly* quarantined for 14 days at their destination. Only to be again *forcibly* quarantined for 2 weeks at home.
- The rural area cell phone systems are collapsing being overloaded, while the travel restrictions are limiting normal maintenance of the rural cell and power systems.
- Rural internet is similarly obstructed.

So, please keep these brethren in your prayers. They are working diligently as they always have. This pandemic is bringing out the best in them, and we need to continue to remember them. Support is most needed when—naturally—when our workers are most stressed and in need!

## Stateside

We've been very blessed in that my daughter (Rachel Dickey) is working part-time to arrange my appointments. So you can expect a phone call from her. You'll find her to be very pleasant to work with!

Rachel's been involved in my mission work for many years, since she was a young teenager. She's been on multiple missions to Ghana, to New Zealand and Fiji (with her husband Cameron).

They are raising two small children (Braden 5 and Hannah 2) so she isn't able to travel overseas, but her heart is committed to helping evangelize those who are open to hearing the gospel!

As for me, more than a few churches are beginning to return to a more normal schedule. So, I'm excited to be able to make reports to you in person!

Also, as you might suspect, my gospel meeting schedule has been opened significantly. So please consider using me to help your local work with a meeting. And, I'm eager to learn more about you, while you're learning more about me.

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