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"...how you turned from
idols to serve the living
and true God."
(1 Thessalonians 1:9)



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Travel to India

We're all interested in when we'll be able to travel to India as we have in the past.

Several times India has promised to open travel, only to quickly shut it down.

Well, it's happened again!

India opened it's borders on Nov. 15, but forced everyone to re-apply for their visa. This new visa allows only a 30 day visit.

A co-worker and friend with whom I've worked for over 40 years was approved, so he arrived in India on Nov 17 and is still in India as I write this. He's seeing first hand how the Covid restrictions are affecting our brethren, and reports that they are facing many challenges, but the work is growing both in numbers and in spiritual encouragement.

Yet, with the arrival of this new Covid variant (called Omicron), India has again shut down air travel. Although my friend will be able to return to the U.S. on time this month, no new visas will be issued for the next few months.

In some ways this is discouraging, but it's also very encouraging to know that the way we've conducted the work over the years has put our brethren in such a strong position that if we continue to provide them with the resources they need, they are able to continue to teach, baptize and teach, just as we're commanded in Matthew 28:18-20!

John Charles

Just to remind you, John Charles is our administrator in the city of Bangalore. I asked him to write a description of some of the problems that the Covid restrictions have had on our brethren, so below is an excerpt from his email to me on the subject. Of course, you'll notice that as a typical Indian he writes English a bit differently than we do.

The COVID restrictions have affected to everyone, for their life, earnings, survival and work.

Especially our work is being disrupted, some problems to conduct public meetings and classes.

The Government officials and banks are not able to work properly as they should and we are affected due to delays to receive funds which are being sent from our sponsors.

The visitors from USA are not being able to travel and we miss the brethren's visit and teachings. The classes which we conduct regularly are being some disrupted and not always able to conduct regular classes timings.

Even when we planned for the classes the brethren were some not able to travel for the classes to Bangalore, Chennai, Ketti, Athmakur, Kadapa, Amarchinta, Ananthapur and Kurnool.

Even when I planned to travel to other cities and villages to conduct classes we are some restricted.

Even the preachers to conduct some visits to some areas and houses for meetings and worship service on Sunday's is also disrupted since still some are not able to conduct in halls. They are conducting services at homes as gathering is not allowed in some places.

Many are falling sick and affected with covid is made difficult to improve their health and strength after the covid affect, while many have lost their jobs as many offices and small companies are being shut down, small business are being affected and some shut down.

Request

So, the work is continuing because of the diligence and faith of the men and churches you've supported with your prayers and your contributions!

At the close of 2021 I'd like to personally thank you for your allowing us to be a part of your work for the Master. And I'd like to ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your support. The need is great and now inflation is becoming an issue.

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