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***“Pray without ceasing.
In everything give thanks:”***
(1 Thessalonians 5: 17-18)

Keeping in touch with team members and Prayer Warriors.

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Dear Prayer Partners,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Demonetization and the scarcity of cash marked the beginning of the year. Everybody was caught by surprise. Most of us did not anticipate and had no any clue to prepare for it. Some were affected adversely than others. Specially those who did not have any Bank Account or any credit card. I am reminded of similar story in the Bible which talks about unpreparedness and surprise even when there are so many fore-warning and prior-information (Matt 25:1-12). Let us pray that we will not be found unprepared to meet the Lord. His coming is certain and imminent. Let us remain watchful praising and praying to the Lord of the Universe.

Through this letter, let me invite you to praise God for few of the ministry achievements and pray for few ministry activities ahead of us this year.

A. Praise & Thanksgiving :

1. Last year we saw God's loving and protecting hands in all directions of our radio ministry. We were helped reaching the unreached and sharing the good news of His Salvation. We praise and thank God for His wonderful help.
2. Praise God for the successful publication and distribution of Dainik Bhojan (Daily Devotional Book in Hindi). Please pray that it may become helpful and effective tool for our listeners in their spiritual life.
3. On December 15, 2016, the Ministry Advancement Team (MAT) gathered together to celebrate the joys of Christmas. Praise God for the spirit of unity shown during the time.
4. Praise God for the successful visits made by GBET follow up teams in three different areas of Ranchi and nearby villages in the month of November 2016.
5. We praise God for the successful marriage of our Office Assistant, Dayamani with Nimrod on 28th December 2016, at Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, Main Road, Ranchi. Pray that the married life of this couple to be full of God's blessings and testimonies.

B. Prayer Requests :

Local Issues :

1. Pray for the timely printing of the Hindi version of "Peace Within Reach" by Fred Wilgenburg. Also pray that it may be a blessing for those who are in the search of the eternal peace of God.
2. Please pray for the translation of the book in Hindi "Jesus Christ High Priest Forever" by J. Otis Yoder to be completed soon.
3. Pray for Pastors' and Leaders' Seminar to be held from February 20-24, 2017 being organized in Social Development Center, Ranchi by GBET, MAT and All

- Churches Committee. Pray that participants are strengthened and renewed by the Holy Spirit during the Seminar.
4. Pray for the Maoist infested areas of Jharkhand and neighboring states. Young and educated persons are their main target. Pray that these hard-headed Maoists turn to God and are brought to the mainstream of society and maintain peace.
 5. Kindly pray for our program listeners who basically belong to non-Christian families but after accepting Jesus and professing Christian faith, they are being pressurized and harassed by their family members to return. Pray that their faith remain firm and they get strength from God to cling to Jesus.
 6. Pray for Ramesh Kumar from Bihar. Being a paralysis patient, he is unable to walk. Pray as he regularly listens to our radio programs in Hindi, he is given physical as well as spiritual healing.
 7. Pray for radio ministry being carried out in seven languages by GBET i.e. Hindi (Asha Ki Kiran, Mahima Ke Vachan and Asha Deep), Dogri (Premmey Kanney), Garhwali (Asha Ku Raibar), Kashmiri (Nur Agur) & Dzongkha (Rewa Ghie Tsik). Odia & Saraji programs are available on the GBET Website (www.gbetminsitries.org). Please pray that the Lord may open the hearts of people to receive the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed by our Radio Programs.
 8. Please pray for the script writing and recording of new language programs Tsangla and Monpa.
 9. Please continue to pray for the printing and circulation of our Monthly Hindi Magazine, *Masihi Ahwan* (Christian Calling), so that it continues to be an effective tool in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ among Hindi speaking people.
 10. Some of our listeners have been complaining about the bad reception and irregular transmission of our programs on radio. Pray that the reason, whatsoever, is removed, so that listeners can listen programs regularly in their own languages without any hindrance.

National Issues:

1. Let us focus our prayer on our country India as it is passing through some difficult times. Pray for the government and people in authority that they may be endowed with the wisdom and insights of God. Pray that Christians officers and leaders maintain their testimony and contribute and impact our nation in a great way.
2. Pray for the Assembly Elections of Punjab (on February 4, in a single phase), Goa (on February 4), Manipur (from March 4 to 8, in two phases), Uttarakhand (on February 15) and Uttar Pradesh (from February 11 to

March 8, in 7 phases). Pray that the people listen to the inner voice of their hearts and then cast their vote in favor of a party having secularism in character.

3. Pray that Christians and churches in India face various persecutions with boldness. Pray for those who persecute them that they too experience the grace of our Lord.

International Issues:

1. Pray for the new President of the Words of Hope, USA, Rev. Jon Openorth. Pray that he may be blessed with special ennoblement as he leads the organization.
2. Please pray for Christian Resources International, which is engaged in the work of recycling used Bibles and Christian materials by sending them to Christians around the world who have few ways to learn more about Jesus.
3. Pray for new believers in Christ, who are often physically attacked, rejected by their communities, or even cursed using occult practices. Pray that they will have a bold testimony to those around them.
4. Pray for protection for Christians living all around the world facing intimidation and threats.

According to Open Doors USA, the top 10 countries where Christians face the most severe persecution and their totals on a 100-point system are: (1) North Korea, 92 points; (2) Somalia, 91; (3) Afghanistan, 89; (4) Pakistan, 88; (5) Sudan, 87; (6) Syria, 86; (7) Iraq, 86; (8) Iran, 85; (9) Yemen, 85; (10) Eritrea, 82.

Thanks for praising and praying with us. May I request you to remember the believers and Christian workers in Bhutan, Laddakh and Tibet specially in your prayers. May there be a breakthrough and pouring out of His Holy Spirit.

May the good Lord bless you a prosperous year in 2017. May He answer many of your prayers.

Sincerely yours in Jesus



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