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***"Pray, without ceasing,
In Everything give thanks."***
(I Thessalonians 5 :17-18)

Keeping in touch with team members and Prayer Warriors.

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Dear Prayer Partners in Jesus Christ,
Greetings in the name of the Almighty God.

Persecution of Christian all around the world is increasing, yet there is no lacking of those who want to follow and serve Jesus Christ. Jesus had told his followers to anticipate blessedness in persecution, "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kind of evil against you because of me." (Matt 5:11) May the good Lord give us grace and strength in the times of persecutions. May He also remind us to pray for those who are suffering more than we are.

In the midst of adverse scenario, the Lord's work in India continues to progress. Certainly, there are more believers, churches, and Christian ministries today than India had two decades ago. I am delighted to hear more melodious Hindi songs today than I first accepted Christ in 1983. We have come long way.

Yes, the Good Books Educational Trust has also come long way. It is my privilege to write some of the advancements and challenges in the ministry and to request you to pray.

A. Praise & Thanksgiving :

1. We praise God for the 16th Writers' Workshop which was organized in Agra, by Good Books Educational Trust, Ranchi from 28th to 30th October 2015. Please pray that the writers having benefited from the workshop may contribute regularly to our Hindi magazine, Masihi Ahwan.
2. Praise God for our Website (www.gbetministries.org) through which more people are being touched with the Word of God, and are coming to know the truth. They are showing their interest in listening and downloading our programs. They are also reading our monthly magazine online. Please pray that more and more people would hit our website.

B. Prayer Requests :

Local Issues :

1. A Pastors' and Leaders' Training Program for church leaders is going to be organized in SDC Purulia Road, Ranchi, Jharkhand, by Good Books Educational Trust from 30th November to 3rd December, 2015. In this Training Program about 150 pastors will participate from different churches of Jharkhand. Please pray for Resource Persons: Dr. A. K. Lama, Mr. Richard Mashih, and Mr. Johnson Raih. Please pray that this Seminar may build committed servants for God.
2. Pray for the effective participation of Ministry Advancement Team (MAT) members and its sub-committees in GBET Media Ministry.
3. Please pray that our Monthly Hindi Magazine Masihi Ahwan may be printed and circulated on a regular basis, and that it may become an effective tool for spreading

the Gospel of Jesus Christ among Hindi speaking people.

4. *Pray that proper guidance may be given to those listeners who call our producers for personal counseling and spiritual guidance.*
5. *Pray for good and clear reception and radio signal of our radio programs, so that our listeners can listen to the programs without any disturbance.*
6. *Pray for radio ministry being carried out in five languages by GBET - Hindi, Dogri, Garhwali, Kashmiri & Dzungkha. Pray for the production and broadcast of effective programs in all these languages.*
7. *Sharma works in a Government School in Mohali, Punjab. His whole family believes in Jesus Christ. He accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour and Lord four years back. He regularly listens to the Word of God through radio. He testifies, "The radio messages I listen from your programs are so wonderful and amazing that I can't explain in words. They are awesome. It is a very blessed time for me to sit near my radio set when it is being broadcast. This is the easiest way to be in contact with Biblical truths and about Jesus Himself. The songs and the messages broadcasted in the program are very good and very helpful for growing in Christian life."*

Please pray for Sharma and his family that they may grow in their spiritual life.

8. *A listener from Dhanbad, Jharkhand, says, "My name is Ahmed. I listen to your programs and appreciate it very much. Two years back, one day while tuning my radio set in the search of some secular programs for entertainment, I got tuned to your program. When I listened to it something happened in my heart. I felt an amazing peace in my inner being. This was a very strange feeling which I had never experienced before. It seemed to me that there was something different in it. From that very day I started listening to that program. I came to know Jesus Christ, Who is the real author of my life. He is my Savior and Lord. Once I was lost in the darkness, but now I am in the light. I am thankful to you all for broadcasting such beautiful programs for the lost people of this world."*
9. *Das from Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, lives in the remote village where there is no transportation or any electricity. To live in this area is full of challenges, because in this village there is no medical facility or good water supply and a decent house to live in. People are living below the poverty line. Despite his poverty Das somehow completed his nursing course from the nearby town. Now he works in a medical store and serves people by giving them health care information. Out of his busy life he regularly listens to our radio programs. He shares the Word of God and his testimony among the people who come for treatment. Please do pray for him and his family members.*
10. *Pray for the nomination of new office bearers of Ministry Advancement Team (MAT). The term of the present office bearers will end in December 2015. The new office bearers will take charge from January 2016.*

National Issues:

1. Some groups in India demand Anti-Conversion Law. They insist that anti-conversion law should be added to the Jharkhand state's laws. Christians and other religious minorities fear the proposal of this law because it will marginalize and victimize them. Please pray that the Lord will grant wisdom to the concerned authorities in the government to diffuse tension and infuse trust and peace in the society.

International Issues:

1. Please pray for the Christians all around the world. There are deplorable abuses on religious freedom in China, Iran and Saudi Arabia. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom David Saperstein recently spoke with CBN's Jennifer Wishon to explain how the United States is working to help religious minorities around the world. American Christians are watching in horror as their brothers and sisters across the globe are beheaded, raped, and crucified by the Islamic State for refusing to convert to Islam. As a result, the newly released State Department's International Religious Freedom report had much to document this year.

2. Please pray for Yezidi community. "Yazidis and Christians have borne the worst brunt of the persecution by ISIL and other violent religious extremists," the report reads. "Attacks on these communities are part of a systematic effort to erase their presence from the Middle East." May God give Yezidi community strength to recover from the horrible losses.

We have come to the last quarter of the year. Preparation for Advent season, Christmas, and the New Year has begun. As we end the year 2015, may we continue to remain grateful for His grace and faithfulness. Let us not forget to THANK him from the bottom of our hearth for His continuous presence in our life.

Blessings in Jesus



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