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Pray without ceasing

(1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Keeping in touch with team members and Prayer Warriors.

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Dear prayer partners,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

Recently, most of us watched on TV how a mob of 15 men vandalized an ongoing prayer hall meeting in Chattisgarh on March 8. International Christian Concern claims that at least 28 such incidents have taken place since January this year. Some religious radical groups have begun to enjoy the immunity with the majority government in rule and hence they are emboldened. On the world scenario on March 18, the US state of Secretary Mr. John Kerry held ISIS responsible for genocide of YEZIDI community, extinction of largely Christian community in the region, where ISIS crucified the Christian men and enslaved the Christian women sex workers. These enormous unjust atrocities in our country and around the world may persuade Christians to retaliate and resort to violence either for defense or revenge. However, that will never resolve the problem of ongoing religious hatred against Christians. Hatred is contagious. It does not spare anyone. The Bible says those who rise by the sword shall fall by the sword (Matt 26:52). Hence the biblical mandate remains the same to love our enemies and continue to spread the gospel of love. We must facilitate the love of Christ dispelling the spiritual darkness, giving hope to this world of hatred. Where should we begin in such a despair? The Bible advises us to begin with PRAYER. Let us pray for our Christian brothers and sisters under persecution in India and in the world around.

Thank you so much for setting aside some of your prayer time to the needs presented here, so that we can continue to fulfill the call of God through the ministry of Good Books Educational Trust. We are tremendously grateful for your continued support.

A. Praise & Thanksgiving :

- 1. Let us praise God for the success of Spiritual Meeting and Free Health Checkup Camp at Kulli village in Jharkhand, organized by Good Books Educational Trust, on 5th March 2016. In this Program about 80 people from Christian and non-Christian background participated and got spiritual guidance as well as health awareness tips and medicines by a Medical Doctor and his team.*
- 2. Let us praise God for the considerable development for producing programs in Saraji language. Saraji is spoken in the Jammu region and its use spreads to other areas in Northern India. Most Saraji speaking people remain unreached as they live in remote areas of J & K.*
- 3. Let us praise God as we are able to produce and broadcast programs in Hindi, Garhwali, Dogri and Dzungkha languages among others. Please pray for effective follow-up, also pray for wisdom and guidance for the follow-up staff.*
- 4. Let us praise God for the addition of two more languages: Odiya and Tsangla. We have begun recording some Odiya programs while Tsangla program is*

under translation.

- 5. Let us praise God for improvement in quality and quantity of our Hindi magazine Masihi Ahwan.*

B. Prayer Requests :

- 1. Members of our Hindi Listeners' Group at Senha village (Lohardaga) are facing difficulties in their regular fellowship due to the sudden death of their leader Abhay Kerketta in the month of August 2015. He was a committed Christian and an active member of the church. There is an urgent need of a leader in this group. Please pray for a committed and responsible leader for this Listeners' Group.*

Abhay's family is fully dependent on agriculture. After his death they are facing financial problem. His mother and father are too old to do physical hard work. Abhay was the only Bread earner for the entire family. There is a big burden of loan upon them, which Abhay had taken from the Bank to buy a Tractor. Kindly pray for them.

- 2. Rev. L. Ekka, Local Pastor at Bansari village (Lohardaga), has given us the following points to uphold in our prayers:*
 - i) Youth members of the church are going astray due to the lack of proper guidance. They are not interested in education as well as spiritual guidance.*
 - ii) People living in the backward area has greet need of health & hygiene education.*
- 3. 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 to their old faith.
Pray that their faith remains firm and they get strength from God to cling to Jesus.*
- 4. Please pray for the two communities, Dogras and Kashmiris, in the state of Jammu and Kashmir, as there is again a lot of misunderstandings and clash between them. Pray that the peace of God may prevail in the hearts of these people and they could live in the real harmony.*
- 5. Please pray that we may be able to materialize the vision of regular broadcasts in Saraji language of Jammu. Pray for the Saraji producer Mr. Radhe.*
- 6. Pray that the radio ministry being done by GBET through producers of five programs viz. Mahima Ke Vachan & Asha Ki Kiran (Hindi), Premmey Kaney (Dogri), Asha Ku Raibar (Garhwali), Nur Agur (Kashmiri) and Rewa Ghie Tsik (Dzongkha) are highly inspirational and effective so that more and more listeners turn to God. Pray that many souls are touched.*

7. Payer for Dzongkha Program:

- a. Please pray for the unity of Christian leaders of Bhutan to be of one accord and work for the extension of God's Kingdom. A small group of leaders under the banner of Drukpa Educational Society is formed. GBET is working in partnership with them. Please pray for their leaders.
- b. Bhutan, having Buddhism as its state religion, is a very difficult country to proclaim Christian faith. Pray that the Bhutanese people listen to the radio program 'Rewa Ghie Tsik' and come to know the True God. Let us pray with a firm belief that 'Nothing is impossible for God.'
Please pray for the people who listen to our radio program. Pray for the program producer too.
8. Please pray for the annual plan of GBET and all the Staffs that the Lord will enable them to serve the Lord with zeal and delight.
9. Please pray for the members of the Ministry Advancement Team and their new Executive Committee. This is a ministry wing of GBET to advance the aims and objectives of GBET in Hindi belt. Pray that the Lord will equip and empower this team to own the vision.
10. Many of you may know that the Masihi Ahwan (MA) is a monthly Christian family magazine with the subscription of Rs150/- per month. This is one of the oldest Hindi magazine in our country. We have around 1200 subscribers. Please pray for the Editorial Board of Management of the MA Magazine and for the financial need of the Magazine. This magazine is managed by collection of subscription and free will donation. Currently the MA is running under a huge shortage of income. Please pray for the MA.

Let us also remember our pastors, other Church leaders, and social leaders whose courage and boldness would transform our Church, village, and society. Let us pray for our country which is undergoing changes in ideological emphases which has long term implications. Let us pray that our leaders would have open and generous minds and hearts, that there will be more freedom in serving humanity with the gospel of love of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours in Jesus,



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