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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,

Sincere greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus!

It is said, "Prayer is not only calling upon God, but also a conflict with Satan."

At times we begin to pray for a certain thing; we put our petitions for a day, a week, a month, and then when we do not receive desired answer we lose heart and cease to praying.

The headline on Deccan Herald News, Bangalore - metro Saturday May 28, 2016, p.3 that says "church razed to ground over land dispute" is a shocking one. The truth is, the property of Faith Lutheran Church, located at 10th Cross, Pillana Garden 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 45 has never been a disputed land, ever since the Church was started in this land in 1988.

As I mentioned we are in continuous conflict with Satan, Church in India experiencing atrocities is not a new thing but it is on rise in recent past even in the states where we do not expect.

Yet God has called us to serve Him thankfully and prayerfully as He is in control.

A. Praise & Thanksgiving :

1. *In the month of February we had very blessed opportunity to visit St. Michael's School for the Blind in Ranchi. This school is the second oldest school in India for blind and presently it is one of the premier institutions for the visually challenged. It was founded by a British Missionary Mrs. Okuner, wife of Late Rev. W. Okuner in 1898. Dr. Lama took interview of the Principal to get to know the urgent needs of the school as it is the project of indigenous church partially supported by Government of India.*

On April 22, 2016 Rev. Arun Barwa, Jt. Managing Trustee, GBET and Rev. Chittranjan Polson, CEO, GBET visited with other staff to donate some text books in Braille as desired.

2. *We are also thankful to the Almighty God for granting us success in the VBS Teachers Training Workshops organized by GBET in CNI, GELC and Mennonite Churches of Ranchi, Kharsidag, Chandwa and Lohardaga in the month of May 2016. This was a good opportunity to guide young teachers to how to give basic biblical teachings to little children and plant the seed of the Word of God in their impressionable little minds.*

3. *When GBET team visited village Chandwa for VBS teachers' workshop they met our radio program listeners also and encouraged them with the word of God. Our follow-up team also participated in a Youth Seminar organized by Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ichkela Parish at Bipathpur village from 8th to 10th*

May 2016. It was a good time to share the Gospel among the youth. We also introduced to them the media ministry of Good Books Educational Trust.

B. Prayer Requests :

Local Issues :

- 1. Please pray for our Dogri Program listener Mr. Somraj that he may be strong in faith and grow in fellowship with God's people. He wants to share his testimony with his own community. Also please pray that God may restore his business and make him financially sound.*
- 2. Please pray for Virendra and his family so that he may grow strong in faith as he shares his testimony in his community and encourages others to listen to our radio programs. When Rajesh, our Garhwali program producer, met him in his hut at Supaul, Bihar, Virendra shared his experience, "I came to know Jesus through your programs and it is also my only source of learning from the Scripture. Since I cannot read or write, I cannot read the Bible or any other literature, hence, please make sure that the program is heard clearly in all the places it is broadcast. If I miss even a single segment of the program, I feel as if I have lost something. The songs of your program really touch my heart and make my soul sing for joy. At times I feel very lonely, but listening to your program lifts me up and I feel the presence of the Lord in my life. Your programs are food for my spiritual growth. Thank you!"*
- 3. Pray for our Saraji program which is now introduced to some people at Saraj area. Please pray that this program may be a breakthrough to reach many people with the Word of God.*
- 4. Pray for our Kashmiri program which is now on air through radio and internet, that people who listen to the program may experience God's saving Grace.*

National Issues:

- 1. Pray for all the churches in India so that these churches remain true to the teachings of Lord Jesus Christ as revealed in the word of God. Pray that each believer may be a living epistle of God to this world. Pray that the each member according to the measure of Grace given be the instrument to bring about the holistic change in the society.*
- 2. Pray for the Church leaders, Archbishops, Bishops, Presbyters, Pastors, Gospel Workers and all those who work in the Lord's Vineyard so that they may sincerely practice what they preach that their life may always be in consonance with the teachings of the Bible.*
- 3. Pray for Christian Social Service Organizations as they serve the poor and needy people in India: Missionaries of Charity, Catholic Relief Organization, EFICOR,*

World Vision, CASA, Mission to the Blind, Hospitals and other ministries.

- 4. Pray for all the Christian Institutions in India, including Schools, Colleges Hospitals and Medical Colleges that these institutions may function according to Christian principles, upholding noble values and maintaining high standards at all times.*
- 5. Particularly pray for the Theological Colleges and Seminaries all over India so that they may train and produce such leaders who may lead the church in the fear of God.*
- 6. Please pray for a Christian pastor, his wife and another woman who were detained in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh on May 22 on proselytization charges. They were charged with breaking a state law that forbids the offering of inducements to convert someone from their religion.*
- 7. Please pray for another pastor and his wife who were doused in petrol during an attack on their church in Karanji Village, Chhattisgarh State, India, on 17 April, during which the church was vandalized. Another six families of Gond tribal Christians have fled from their village in the central Indian Chhattisgarh state after religious fundamentalist group members threatened to kill them. According to the Evangelical Fellowship of India (EFI), Chhattisgarh ranks second among Indian states for recorded incidences of attacks against Christians in 2015.*

Let us continue to uphold all these in our prayers.

Sincerely yours in Jesus,



*(Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama)
Managing Trustee, GBET*