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Dear <<First Name>>,

We pray that this news update finds you well and surviving the unprecedented events that are unfolding before us. The current Covid crisis is not the first or likely the last that humanity has endured. Whether it was famine, drought, black death, bubonic plague, ebola, smallpox, wars or natural disasters, Christians have always been found at the frontline of the response.

An 'Antioch' Call – the '100 for a 100' Appeal (£100 for 100 church leaders).



Rama Rao and family

Earlier this year many of you generously responded to the joint No limits / Missionary Ventures special appeal to help over 500 struggling families across the states of Telengana and Andhra Pradesh in India. We were able to send an amazing £10,500 and the churches distributed 'love packages' to vulnerable families who had been impacted economically by the pandemic. It was such a blessing and as most of the families were non-Christian it opened many previously-

closed doors to the wonderful good news of Jesus.

We are now launching another appeal, but this time it is different. The network of Indian Christian leaders that we are closely connected with have identified a large number of Pastors and Evangelists who are struggling to provide for their families as their churches are not yet meeting due to the threat of the virus. Many of their congregations are on much-reduced income themselves so this has seriously reduced the offerings from which the church leaders receive their own income. The stories we are hearing are heartbreaking. Husbands and wives not eating in order to give their children something; urgent medicines and treatments being delayed indefinitely due to lack of ability to pay.



Prasad and family

Acts 11 describes a severe famine affecting most of the Roman-occupied territories in the Middle East. The



Yasaya and family, Gudibanda

church in Antioch didn't debate why the disaster was happening or what God might be saying or doing through it. They simply decided to raise funds and send it to the brothers in the worst-hit area (Judea) via Barnabas and Paul.

So, we are making an 'Antioch' call today in order to help the faithful and committed brothers and sisters in leadership in India in their time of extraordinary need. We believe that we should aim to provide 100 leaders with £100 each. A total of £10,000. We know it is a big ask with Christmas approaching but please prayerfully consider what you might be able to give. Anything from a Mite to a Mighty amount would be gratefully received.



Purushattham and family, Jinara, Adilabad

To give you some indication of the types of challenges these families are facing, Purushattham and family (above right) currently are all battling COVID themselves. Yasaya (pictured top right with his family) suffered a motorcycle accident and has broken his shoulder. Because of the current pandemic's impact on his church, he has no money to cover treatment. Santosh's wife (pictured below) is a tailor and is volunteering, making masks for her local community. However, with no paid work available, the family have no income, and therefore are without food.



Santosh and family, Chandrapur

You can contribute by visiting the MV website at <https://mvgb.org.uk/give/give-project/> or by doing a direct online bank transfer to MV (Sort Code 201003, Account No 10575828). In

each case please make sure you state 'India Appeal' as the reference. Donors in USA should send any contributions to MVI in Florida in the usual way.

Other News

Despite the restrictions on travel Viv has been able to continue some level of ministry. He has been training leaders in France and India using the Zoom platform. We were supposed to travel to Amiens in September, but it had to be postponed due

to the latest wave of the pandemic and the ensuing restrictions. A potential trip to India in November also had to be cancelled for the same reason.

We hope you are all keeping safe and well and we leave you with the words of a prayer that we have been praying regularly . . .

“Christ, as a light illumine and guide us. Christ as a shield overshadow us.

Christ under us; Christ over us; Christ beside us on our left and on our right.

This day be within and without us, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful”

We pray that you will have a blessed Christmas and Covid-free 2021. May the Lord bless and keep you and your family.

With much love from your friends,

Viv & Jean

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