

Faith Foundations International with Ray B. Nelson Serving the Lord in India



I have been in regular contact with Pastor Sharath the past few weeks and he has been giving me regular updates regarding the COVID-19 outbreak in the areas in which he minister's. The situation continues to be very grim and the outlook is not very encouraging.

There is a significant shortage of oxygen and oxygen cylinders. The partial lockdown remains in place. Churches are no longer conducting services. House bible studies and house visitations have ceased as well.

Additionally there is a new medical threat that is emerging that is affecting many folks who have recovered from the COVID-19 virus, Black Fungus. This is a new development and is raising some serious concerns among the medical professionals. It seems this black fungus enters the body as a result of a weakened immune system from fighting off the COVID-19 virus.

In the middle of these dire circumstances, our brothers and sisters are faithfully sharing the good news of hope that is found in Jesus alone! We are so thankful to the Lord for his continued protection over all the GFI Pastor's and their respective families, everyone has remained healthy!

As you can imagine there are many needs that are emerging through this crisis situation. There are two things that I would highlight here and invite you to respond as the Lord leads you.

1. COVID-19 BEDS

The local government officials have contacted Pastor Sharath and asked him to help provide beds for COVID-19 patients. They are setting up a COVID-19 center to help quarantine people who have the Virus, but they need beds. This is an amazing example of the goodwill that Pastor Sharath has been able to establish with the local government officials. It represents a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate the care and love of the Christian's to those in need.



This will be a incredible testimony to those of other Faith's! Pastor Sharath has already ordered 10 beds, but we would like to supply a total of 25 bed's. These are iron frame beds with mattress and pillow. The cost of each bed is \$125, a total of \$3,125 for all 25 beds.

2. FOOD KITS FOR PASTORS

In light of the Churches no longer meeting, many Pastors are struggling to provide for their families. In the Indian culture the pastor uses some of the offering to provide for his family. Many Pastor's sole income is from these meager offerings. Thankfully, the GFI Pastors that have supporters are doing better than most. Pastor Sharath is looking to put together a one months supply of groceries for 100 pastors and their families. The cost for 100 families for one month is \$7,000 US Dollars.



TOTAL AMOUNT NEEDED FOR BOTH PROJECTS = \$10,125
TOTAL AMOUNT STILL NEEDED TO COMPLETE BOTH PROJECTS = \$5,794

Please continue to pray for are brothers and sisters in Christ that God would continue protecting them from all harm, as they serve as "beacons of hope" to those in their communities.

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Greetings from India. By God's Grace and through your precious prayers we are doing well. Praise God for the situation in our country getting back to normal. It is pleasant to see the children getting back to schools with their school dress and books. This year we have more children in the Agape house and more students in the school of Ministry.

The last few weeks I was busy with attending the meetings in various villages. Thank God for the open doors for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I like to bring a testimony to your information: Presently we are in the rainy season. Every day it is raining. One of our believer's have arranged the marriage for their son at our church. We have been praying for the good weather. Two days before the wedding, I wanted to hear from the Lord. The Lord gave me a word that He will show forth His glory in the heavens. I wanted to know where it is in the scriptures. I found in Psalms 8. This word strengthens me in my faith. I started telling the people that the Lord is manifesting His glory. The night before the wedding the weather changed. It was drizzling outside and I hear the roaring of the thunders. But I have faith on His Word. Even though I am not because of His Word He is faithful to it. On the day of the wedding the sky is cloudy and heavy rains surrounding Razole which is our village. Nearly six hundred people attended and I gave the testimony in the church in front of all the participants. There were several testimonies from the relatives of the family who belong to other faiths. One lady testified that she has seen the glory of Jesus. Another man said that the Lord this family serving is faithful. Praise God! ~ Sharath



Sharath's Family

Sharath oversees over 70 churches, he is a mighty man of God! His wife died two years ago and his sons left to right, Nonna, becoming a dentist, Joshua a medical doctor in ministry, lastly is Dean living in the US with a master's degree in engineering and currently enrolled at Rhema Bible College in Oklahoma.

Now remember they are from the lowest class of India, like dirt! As you can see all of his sons have taken advantage of the Lord's will and ranked high in schools. It is because of the Lord in their lives they rose above their class in India, only the Lord can make that possible.

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I'm FINALLY in India!!

I lost all communication until I received a UAE (United Arab Emirates) sim card for my Indian phone. We have had a half dozen meetings so far and all is very well. I am staying in a hotel in Abu Dhabi (very nice) and waiting for my friend from Alabama, Pastor Glenn Weber, to join us.

I am ministering with Pastor Sharath (from India) and his brother who has a Church here. There is a large group of Indian people here In Abu Dhabi, no lack of ministry here!

We went to Dubai the day before yesterday (where we landed originally in UAE) a three hour drive from Abu Dhabi and had two meetings. One of the meetings was on a huge wooden boat with about 300 or so Indians on board.

There are so many buildings here over 100 stories high, as well as the tallest building in the world, 163 stories high, located in Dubai. I sometimes get dizzy just looking around as we travel around the city.

A letter from Sharath...

Greetings from India,

Thank God that the situation in India almost normal. Praise God for His graciousness and faithfulness during this pandemic time. I believe that everything is well with you and your dear family. For the last two years we didn't have any big gatherings.

Thank God that we had a big gathering for our women's conference at our Peniel church on 12 and 13 of this month. This is rainy season for us. On the first day of the conference, it was raining and I thought that not many people come. To my surprise, even though it is raining hundreds of people attended. I realized that people have hunger for the Word. Second day the Lord provided good weather. There is rain in the surrounding areas, but not in our area. Praise God.

Please pray that I am travelling to UAE for ministry on 27 of November.

I am conducting monthly one-day seminar for pastors in different mandala. Mandal is like county consists several villages. We have seven mandala in coastal area. Until now, we had two mandala. Tomorrow will be third. My intention is the minds of the ministers are transferred through the teaching of the Word.

Blessings
Sharath

