

# The Hendricks

*Laboring for Christ in India*



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**Dear Prayer Partners & Supporters,**

Praying and trusting each of you are in good health as we endure this pandemic, which does not seem to have an end. God's words to Apostle Paul in II Corinthians 12:9-10 are relevant for each of us even today:

***"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."***

The Lord's blessed presence is our sufficiency for all situations. He is still on His throne. He is still in control of all that is happening. This may be His last altar call for man to repent and trust Him! We who know Christ personally have a bright future ahead of us because of His return for the church!

We have crossed 70 days of complete lockdown in India, and things are slowly opening up around us. Here are a few highlights of the Lord's hand at work during this time. May you be encouraged and blessed to know your prayers and support are bearing much fruit to your account until the Day of Christ!

1. **Heritage Baptist Church:** Our last meeting at the church was on March 15, and we're praying and longing to be together again! During this time, the Lord laid a burden on my heart from Psalm 55:17 ***"Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice."*** I decided to connect with our church family three times a day (8 am, 2 pm and 8 pm) on Zoom, initially for prayer and then for Bible study too! The Lord has enabled us to continue this for 70+ days. On every call, we have between 80-100 listeners, and sometimes we have between 150-175! I've been overwhelmed by how God has sustained our flock to be people of faith and not of fear and panic. We have had visitors who have accepted the Lord, and many have grown in their faith. We have had a year's worth of meetings (210 meetings) in this short time and praise God for His forethought and provision. It has been challenging to preach and teach looking at a computer screen, but the Lord has helped us adapt quickly. Two of our Bible College graduates, with Tim (preaching from the US) and I, were able to share the load of teaching. We've celebrated Mother's Day, had Youth and Couples' Fellowship, all on our Zoom call!

During the Passion Week leading up to Resurrection Sunday, we had **Pastor Williamson** from Gethsemane Baptist Church in Lexington SC, and his family minister to us through special music and sound Bible preaching on Zoom for three days! Many first-time visitors heard the gospel, and believers were strengthened! Bro. **John O'Malley**, the president of our mission agency, ministered as well, and **Pastor Kyle Sutton**, a missionary in Australia, also preached to our people.

Emma made a schedule for the other age groups, and we've had Zoom classes for Primaries, Juniors, Young Teens and Older Youth. I've never seen God's people so hungry for God's Word, and everyone gathers on time for these sessions! I say with David, "...Thou hast enlarged me when in distress...".

We are praying and trusting the Lord to bring much fruit out of this for His glory and honor!

We've challenged and encouraged our people to be a witness and blessing to those around them. Reminding them of the Lord's words, "It's more blessed to give than to receive," our people were told not to

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hoard up for themselves but to seek to meet the needs of others. We set up a COVID fund, and with the generous offerings of God's people, we helped our church families (who are daily wage workers) and others who are not part of our church too. Groceries were purchased for many, and others were given monetary help to pay their rent and bills.

**2. Heritage Baptist Bible College:** We have continued our Bible College during this lockdown and didn't take our summer break. In fact, knowing many were working from home and were available, the Lord burdened my heart to hold an Online Bible Class (four days a week, 6:30-8 pm). On April 20, 2020, we started a One-Year Online Bible Course, and the Lord added 20 students!! Four of them are graduates from our Learning Centre, others are our youth and church members, and Titus is part of this too! We now have five faculty (our three graduates, Emma, and myself) who teach at the Bible College! This is a great blessing!

**3. Other Ministries:** We've not been able to go to **Jawadhi Hills** as the borders are sealed for travel. We've tried to call and pray with the kids, but they cannot use the available technology to connect.

**Heritage Centre of Learning** closed for summer vacation, but we're uncertain as to how and when we can reopen. As most of the kids do not have smartphones, we may not be able to have online classes for them too! Please pray for wisdom as these kids are dependent upon us.

**HIM Radio** continues to broadcast gospel music and Bible preaching 24/7. Please pray this ministry will reach the unreached areas and be a blessing to the saved.

**4. Our Family:** Timothy and Trophimus are on summer vacation but are out of the comfort of their college. During this time, the Lord has miraculously provided for them through the kindness of some of their friends, who have sheltered and fed them during this lockdown. We're praying and hoping to get a flight for them to join us in India. Emma, Titus, and I have kept ourselves busy and involved in the work, serving and ministering to others during this lockdown. We may not come to the US this year, though we have visas to travel with the present conditions. These visas have cost us a lot of money. Either we use them or lose them. Praying for wisdom in this matter as our visas expire in June 2021.

**5. Building Fund Update:** The funds we have collected towards the building fund are safe at our mission office. They will send it to us as soon as the land/building is ready to be purchased. The Metro Rail work near our church was stalled due to the lockdown. No one is buying or selling any property. We are praying and waiting for the Lord to give us the funds and favor in the eyes of the landowners. We will keep you updated as things progress out here.

Thank you for praying for us, sending us birthday cards, sending Marco Polo video messages, and calling us. We continue to serve in hostile conditions with your support.

We love you all and thank God for each of you.

In Christ's Service

**Adrian & Emma**