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"Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks:"

(1 Thessalonians 5: 17-18)

Keeping in touch with team members and Prayer Warriors.

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Dear Prayer Partners,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Bible says that the gathering of God's children shall become a place of prayer for all the Nations (Isa 56:7). In fact, the gathering of his people becomes the holiest Sanctuary where in the antiquity housed the Arc; the mercy seat - a symbol of the promised redemption for the sinful and suffering world. Our world is sick with Sin and its consequences. It needs the healing touch of the Almighty God urgently. And for that the God of the Bible is looking for people who will intercede and stand in the gap to become His arms to touch the world for transformation.

Your prayer support is vital for the God's work around the world and especially for our radio ministry. Please pray with us fervently for God's mighty and wonderful acts in India.

A. Praise & Thanksgiving:

- 1. We praise God for the success of Pastors and Leaders Training Program on Expository Preaching and Biblical Counseling, which was held from February 20 24, 2017, at Social Development Center, Kamil Bulcke Road, Ranchi. This program was organized by GBET, MAT and All Churches Committee Ranchi. Resource persons were Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama, Director of South Asia and Managing Trustee of GBET, Dr. Asangla Ao, Director, Women Ministry TLA and Mr. U. Mani Maran, Bible Teacher and Preacher. The theme of the Training Program, "Preach the Word" (2 Tim. 4:2), was very well expounded by the speakers. There were 65 pastors and leaders, from different churches and organization from Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttarakhand and West Bengal, participated in this Training Program. Please pray for God's guidance to all the pastors and leaders.
- 2. We thank God for the success of the Staff Retreat of Good Books Educational Trust which was organized in the Hotel AVN Grand, Main Road, Ranchi, from 25th to 28th February 2017. The theme of the Retreat was: "Pray and Plan." In the meeting, all the staff of Good Books Educational Trust reviewed the annual progress of their ministries done in 2016 and planned for the Year 2017.

B. Prayer Requests:

Local Issues:

- 1. People of Pauri Garhwal in Uttrakhand are predominantly Non-Christians, who strongly believe in various deities. Our Garhwali Follow up Team are working hard in preaching the Gospel on radio and move among the people for follow-up work. Despite their hard labor, they have to face opposition every now and then. Pray that God's over-ruling and mighty hand wins many hearts for Him.
- 2. Please pray for the script writing and recording of radio programs being carried out by GBET in ten (10) languages i.e. Hindi (Asha Ki Kiran, Mahima Ke Vachan and Asha Deep), Dogri (Premmey Kanney), Garhwali (Asha Ku Raibar), Kashmiri (Nur Agur) & Dzongkha (Rewa Ghie Tsik), Tsangla, Monpa & Urdu. Odia & Saraji programs are available on the GBET Website (www.gbetminsitries.org). Please pray that the Lord may open the hearts of people to receive the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed by our Radio Programs.
- 3. Please continue to pray for the printing and circulation of our Monthly Hindi Magazine, *Masihi Ahwan* (Christian Calling), so that it continues to be an effective tool in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ among Hindi speaking people.
- 4. Pray for the timely printing of the Hindi version of "Peace Within Reach" by Fred Wilgenburg. Also pray that it may be a blessing for those who are in the search of the eternal peace of God.
- 5. Please pray for the translation of the book in Hindi "Jesus Christ High Priest Forever" by J. Otis Yoder to be completed soon.

National Issues:

- Persecution and atrocities on Christians is still a strong prayer point for all Christian believers around the globe. False cases and allegations have been forged on the missionaries and Christians without any evidence. Pray for those who persecute them that they too experience the grace of our Lord.
- Pray for the leaders and officials of the Government of India, the Prime Minister, the President, and the Judges of the Supreme Court of India.
 Pray that they will gain wisdom from God, submit to the one true God and lead the nation to follow Him.
- 3. Pray for all those ministries who produce Christian evangelistic materials for the people of India and neighboring countries. Pray that

these materials will be well received and that they will clearly communicate the Truth. Pray for a great harvest as a result of their distribution.

- 4. Pray for the cultural barriers of the caste system to be overcome by the Gospel.
- 5. Pray for the Good News of Jesus Christ to reach every village and town.
- 6. Pray for justice and hope in the nation plagued by oppression, poverty, and disease.

International Issues:

- 1. Please pray for the people of Uganda. AMG International said that the medical care in Uganda is very primitive in a lot of places. There is one nurse for every 5,000 people, so there is a great lack of nursing professionals who can offer basic medical services in the local villages.
- 2. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and peace with Israel's neighbors. Israel could be a great blessing for the surrounding nations.
- 3. Large swaths of land in both Iraq and Syria have been taken over by ISIS. Hell is spreading across the region. The entire region needs our prayers and divine intervention.
- 4. Pray for the terror groups aligned with ISIS which are growing in Nigeria, Chad, Liberia, Somalia, Egypt and other African nations would diminish forever.

I will appreciate your prayers for the staffs of the Good Books Educational Trust all over India, the forthcoming staff training program, and the AGM in August. May the good Lord keep us humble and faithful in His service as we desire to see the moral transformation of our beloved country India.

Sincerely yours in Jesus

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