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Prayer Bulletin

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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.

Paul had learned that the children of God are more than conquerors in every situation. Paul went through many troubles, tribulations and distress, persecution and famine, peril and sword. But through all these difficulties, he knew that for those who loved God and was called according to His purpose all things would work out together for good (Rom 8:28). Apparently, it may seem that we are defeated. We are surrounded with many oppositions and be outnumbered. We might even get anxious, stressed and worried. Yet, because of our relationship with Jesus, we can be confident that God will work out everything together for our good.

Therefore, let us approach the throne of His Grace not for ourselves but for others. For He will take care of our needs.

A. Praise & Thanksgiving:

- a) Praise God for the success of prayer meetings organized by GBET Follow up teams in two different areas of Ranchi (Kulli village, Itki and Patra Toli, Namkum) in the month of March and April 2017.
- b) We praise God for all new listeners who are hearing God's Good News through our radio programs in 10 languages of a better life for today and for eternity, and are connecting with local churches in their nearby areas.
- c) Praise God for the successful publication and distribution of second issue (April to June) of Dainik Bhojan (Daily Devotional Book in Hindi). Please pray that it may become helpful and effective tool for our listeners in their spiritual life.
- d) We thank God for the success of the Seekers' Meeting for new listeners in Kashmir, from 6th to 8th May 2017. This meeting was supposed to be held in August 2016, but due to the disturbed situation in Kashmir, it could not be organized.
- e) Praise God for the success of VBS Teachers' Training program in GEL Church, Rourkela, Odisha on May 7, CNI Church, Ranchi on May 13 and CNI Doranda on May 15. Staff members of GBET guided teachers as to how they should tell children about The Bible, Bible Stories, about God's love and various aspects of the life of Jesus on earth. This was a good opportunity to guide young teachers in giving basic teaching to little children and plant the seed of the Word of God in their impressionable little minds.
- f) God really blessed us to organize one day Introductory Meeting in SPG Teachers' Training Centre and St. Margret Girls' Hostel, Bahu Bazar, Ranchi on 28th April 2017. It was a good opportunity for the GBET staff to introduce the Media Ministry of Good Books Educational Trust to the students.

B. Prayer Requests:

Local Issues:

- a) Pray for several listeners who through mails, e-mails or phone calls are in regular touch with our program producers. Some are facing real difficulties because of their decisions to follow Jesus. Pray that they get strength and grace enough to continue in Christ. Our radio ministry has definitely made a difference in their lives.
- B) Pray for the starting up of more Listeners Fellowship Groups in the different ministry fields of GBET, so that listeners may be guided to the strong and faithful Christian life.

- c) Pray for the follow up teams of the GBET, so that they may conduct regular follow up visits and organize follow up meetings time to time in their areas in good guidance and make people understand and receive the Word of God in their own languages.
- d) Prayer Requests for Vacation Bible School (VBS): Pray for the Teachers' Training Programs of GBET. It is the part of our Children's Ministry in partnership with the churches.

Some Prayer Points have been given by the teachers of Vacation Bible School (VBS):

- i. More and more children can participate in the blessed occasion of VBS.
- ii. Parents encourage their children to attend VBS.
- $iii.\ Good\ health\ of\ children\ and\ teachers\ during\ classes.$
- $iv.\ \ Unity and mutual understanding between teachers and Organizing \ Committee \ of \ VBS.$
- v. Children follow the rules.
- vi. Peaceful and spiritual environment during VBS.
- vii. Financial support by churches and Christian organizations.
- e) Please pray earnestly for the health and family of the Radio Program Production Teams of GBET (Particularly for producers, recordists and volunteers), who write scripts and record messages in 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.
- f) Please pray for the radio programs in Saraji, Odia, Urdu and Tsangla languages soon to be broadcasted on radio so that people may listen God's Word in their own language and understand the love of God.
- g) Please pray for the team of staff working in Bhutan through Drukpa Educational Society.
- h) Please continue to pray for the printing and circulation of our Monthly Hindi Magazine, Masihi Ahwan (Christian Calling) & Dainik Bhojan (Daily Devotional Book in Hindi), so that they continue to be effective tools in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ among Hindi speaking people.
- i) Pray for the postal system at Ranchi, in Jharkhand, as though we have been dispatching our monthly magazine on time every month, unfortunately we are getting complaints from our subscribers of either not getting or getting it very late. As we depend on the postal service we are helpless. Though we send the second copy, we have a sense of guilt for being late. Pray that necessary steps should be taken by the postal department for the Improvement, so that it reaches our subscribers and readers timely.
- j) Pray that members of five sub-committees under MAT join hands together whole heartedly with GBET in the advancement of its ministry. They are our valuable partners in supporting the whole ministry.

- k) Pray for our ministry field visits of Words of Hope leaders in the month of August.
- l) Pray for our forthcoming AGM in August 25, 2017, in Ranchi.

National Issues:

- a) Please pray for the children of church leaders (both the children of the local pastors as well as those in other positions of spiritual leadership throughout the world church.) Pray that they will come to have a deep and abiding walk with Jesus.
- b) Please pray for the upcoming Training Program in Dumka for Pastors and Leaders in the month of October 2017. Pray that God will work in a mighty way in the lives of candidates who will be attending the Training Program.
- c) Pray that God's protection would cover His people, that He would surround them with favor as a shield. That the plans of the enemy would be thwarted and truth would be made known. That as believers, we would be discerning and quickly recognize what is real and what is a lie.
- d) Pray earnestly for the Presidential election of India, which will be held in the month of July 2017. The one who wins the election will be the 14th President of India. Also pray for the God's favor upon the new President during his/her time of administration.
- e) Pray that the Truth and the Good News of Christ rule the country.

International Issues:

- a) Pray for all those believers who live in countries that experience religious persecution. Pray that they will be faithful to God. 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.
- b) Terrorists attacks were done by suicide bombers during the Church Service on 9th April 2017 (Palm Sunday) at Mar Girgis (St. George's) Coptic Orthodox Church in Tanta and St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Cathedral in Alexandria, Egypt. The outcome of these terrorist attacks is that 45 were killed and 129 injured. Please pray for the people suffering with injuries and those who have lost their families in the attack by a terrorist group ISIS, so that they may overcome from the sorrows and pain.

Thanks for being our prayer partners on regular basis. Your prayers have been a fuel for our ministry. Please do let us know how we can pray for you. You may please email us your prayers requests. Our email address is goodbooksranchi@gmail.com.

Sincerely yours in Jesus

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