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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,

Christmas is already here. We have one more year of gratitude and thanks that we can thank God as we joyfully enter the New Year 2018 with optimism of God's continued enduring love once again for all of us.

My heart rejoices as I share with you all what the Lord has done through the ministry of GBET in the past couple of months.

A. Praise & Thanksgiving :

- a) We praise God for the success of Pastors' and Leaders' Seminar, organized by Good Books Educational Trust & Ministry Advancement Team (MAT) at Social Development Center (SDC), Dudhani Dumka, Jharkhand, from 10th to 13th October 2017. The Resource Persons of this Seminar were: Rev. Dr. Alexroy Medley, General Secretary Emeritus, American Baptist Churches & Chairman, Baptist World Alliance Membership Committee, Dr. A. K. Lama, Managing Trustee of GBET and Mr. Rajkumar Senapathy, UESI Staff In-charge. The theme of the Training Program was: “*Preach the Word*” (2 Tim. 4:2).
In this Seminar 70 pastors and leaders have participated from different churches of Dumka, Pakur and nearby areas. They are: FMPB, NELC, CFCA, GEL Church, CNI Church, P. H. Church, Zion Church, Methodist Church, SMNC, Good News Center Church, Word International Fellowship, Emmanuel Fellowship Church, UESI and Full Gospel Church.
- b) Praise God for the successful printing of Hindi Calendar 2018 of Good Books Educational Trust. Please pray that it may be circulated among all the people who are associated with the Media Ministry of GBET.
- c) We thank and praise Lord that He enabled us to publish the four quarters of Dainik Bhojan (Daily Devotional Book in Hindi) in the year 2017. The printing work of the compiled book of all the quarters is in progress. Please pray for it.
- d) God really blessed us to organize Writers' Retreat at Human Resources Development Centre (HRDC), Ranchi from 23rd to 25th November 2017. The Retreat was very successful and encouraging. Please pray that the writers having benefited from the Retreat may contribute regularly to our Hindi magazine, *Masihi Ahwan*.
- e) We organized Management Board Meeting of *Masihi Ahwan* on 25th November 2017 at Human Resources Development Centre (HRDC), Ranchi. All the members came up with ideas concerning the development of the magazine. Please pray that these ideas may be implemented well and that the magazine may be used effectively to bring glory to God.

- f) This is a matter of praising God that all the six Christians who were arrested for the false charge of allegedly trying to convert tribal people have been released from Simdega jail on 16th October 2017.

B. Prayer Requests :

Local Issues :

- a) Please pray for the publication and distribution of the first issue (January to March) of Dainik Bhojan (Daily Devotional Book in Hindi). Please pray that it may become helpful and effective tool for new and old believers in their spiritual life.
- b) Pray that the recently published book in Hindi *Peace Within Reach* will touch the hearts of believers and help them to live victorious Christian lives.
- c) Pray that the Lord will open the eyes of Christians in India and give them a greater revelation of their new identity in Christ and a new love for God's Word and prayer.
- d) Bible Correspondence Course (BCC) provides basic facts about the Bible in seven lessons to new seekers. Pray that after completing all the seven lessons they come to His full understanding and accept Jesus.
- e) Pray for the Producers and staffs of the GBET located at Srinagar, Udhampur, Pauri, Ranchi, Lohardaga, Dalsingpara, and Guwahati.
- f) Pray for the Trustee Members, Managing Trustee and the Joint Managing Trustee of the GBET.
- g) Pray for house-churches and prayer-cell groups, formed in various places. Pray that these small but effective groups be instrumental in bringing many to God.

National Issues:

- a) Pray for the judges of India, that they would seek the wisdom that comes from above.
- b) Pray for our judicial system and lawmakers, that justice for all, tempered by mercy and compassion, would guide our nation.
- c) Ask the Lord to thwart the efforts of those who would remove religious freedom from our nation.
- d) Pray that our nation will increasingly see that God is our only refuge in the midst of the troubles of this world.
- e) Pray for the Assembly Election of Gujarat (on December 9 & 14, in two phases). Counting of votes will take place on December 18. The counting of votes of Himachal Pradesh will also be on December 18, where voting has been held on 9th November. Pray that the people listen to the inner voice of their hearts and then cast their vote in favor of a party having secularism in character.

- f) Pray that Christians and churches in India face various persecutions with boldness. Pray for those who persecute them that they too experience the grace of our Lord.

International Issues:

- a) You all must have heard about the shooting tragedy, at Southern Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs Texas, has killed 26 worshippers during its 11 a.m. Worship service on 5th November 2017. Among the victims, 23 died inside the rural church's small sanctuary, 2 outside the church, and 1 at a hospital. The shooter was identified as 26-year-old Devin Patrick Kelley of New Braunfels. Media says, "It was the deadliest mass shooting in the state's history." This was pure evil. It was sin inspired directly by the devil. Jesus is the only antidote for sin and the power of God is the only thing that will stop the devil. Psalms 36:1 says, "The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes." Those who fear the Lord don't commit acts of evil like this.

Please pray for the wounded and the families of those who lost their love ones. Also pray for all who have been traumatized by this and are living in fear of what might come next. The Lord gives us praying heart to pray for those who are struggling with different problems of their lives.

As we wait for Christmas and the New Year 2018, let us join our hearts to pray for the TRUE PEACE THAT JESUS GIVES may come to all those who are still lost in this chaotic world.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



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