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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.

We know, God wants all of us to experience His peace in every area of our life especially when we face life's storms and trials! He is an ever-present help in times of trouble. The profound power of God's faithfulness and comfort amidst storms builds up our faith and equips us to share His peace with those experiencing pain and fear.

The Lord has also given us an opportunity to pray for the world and make his Good News known to different tongues and the nations. As a media ministry, it is our privilege to give hope amidst hopelessness through teaching & preaching of the Words of God. I am grateful to you all who are associated with the Good Books Educational Trust Ministry. I appreciate your important and valuable support and prayer. I pray that God may bless you with good health, strength, favor, wisdom, provision, anointing and protection in your personal lives and ministry responsibilities.

### **A. Praise & Thanksgiving :**

- a) We praise God for the successful completion of the 18<sup>th</sup> Writers' Workshop, which was organized by Good Books Educational Trust, Ranchi from August 5-7, 2017 at Yesu Bhawan, Mango, Jamshedpur. Please pray that the writers having benefited from the workshop may contribute regularly to our Hindi magazine, *Masihi Ahwan*.
- b) The Annual General Body Meeting of Good Books Educational Trust was successfully held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at Hotel Capitol Hill, Main Road, Ranchi. We thank God for His guidance during the meeting as important issues were dealt with. The message on the theme: "*Launch out into the deep*" (Luke 5:1-4) was given by Rev. Jonathan Larry Opgenorth, the President of Words of Hope, USA.
- c) We praise God for the success of Production Team Training Program organized by Good Books Educational Trust at Hotel Green Top, Patnitop, Jammu & Kashmir, from 28<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. This training aimed at teaching the producers to produce effective programs. Mr. Christopher Singh, Training Director, Radio Worldwide, was the Resource Person. He taught the team members well and tried to build a relationship with them which would carry on even after the training period. The Training itself was very beneficial and helpful for producing messages in formats which cater to today's listeners.
- d) Praise God for **सुखगता से मिलने वाली शांति** the Hindi version of the book *Peace Within Reach* by Fred Wilgenburg. This book is helpful study material for those who are in the search of true peace of God in their life. Now this book is in the market for sale.

### **B. Prayer Requests :**

#### **Local Issues :**

- a) Pray for the Spiritual Formation Conference for the Pastors and Leaders of Aruanchal Baptist Churches Council which will be held from Oct 4-7, 2017 in Naharlagun. Rev. Dr. Alexroy Medley and Dr. A. K. Lama will minister the Word of God.
- b) A Pastors and Leaders' Seminar for church leaders is going to be organized at Social Development Center (SDC), Dudhani Dumka, Jharkhand, by Good Books Educational Trust from 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017. In this Seminar pastors and leaders will participate from different churches of Dumka, Jharkhand. Please pray for Resource Persons: Rev. Dr. Alexroy Medley, Dr. A. K. Lama and Mr. Surendra Kisku. Also pray that this Seminar may build committed servants for God.

- c) A Writers' Retreat is going to be organized by Good Books Educational Trust at Human Resource Development Centre, Ranchi from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Please pray that this Retreat may build efficient writers who may subsequently contribute regularly to our Hindi magazine, Masihi Ahwan.
- d) Pray for the Management Board Meeting of Masihi Ahwan, which will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 after the completion of Writers' Retreat at Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), Ranchi.
- e) Pray for the printing of Hindi Calendar 2018 of the Good Books Educational Trust, so that it can be printed well and at the right time.
- f) Bible Correspondence Course (BCC) course 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.
- g) Please pray that our Monthly Hindi Magazine Masihi Ahwan may be printed and circulated on a regular basis, and that it may become an effective tool for spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ among Hindi speaking people. Pray for its circulation may increase more and more. Pray especially as the subscribers do not get magazines in time due to postal delay and are deprived of it.
- h) Please pray for the publication and distribution of the fourth issue (October to December) 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. Also pray for the publication of first issue, January to March.
- i) Pray for the Producers and staffs of the GBET located at Srinagar, Udhampur, Pauri, Ranchi, Lohardaga, Dalsingpara, and Guwahati.
- j) Pray for the new language initiatives and the pioneering projects of GBET.
- k) Pray for the Trustee Members, Managing Trustee and the Joint Managing Trustee of the GBET.
- l) 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) Specifically pray for the pastors, leaders and general members of the various churches in India. The enemy works extra hard to take out leaders and those serving in ministry.
  - Pray for their protection, not just physical but also spiritual, emotional and mental.
  - Pray for courage as they face temptations.
  - Pray for their relationship with God, for they can do nothing without this connection.
  - Pray for wisdom and discernment as they lead.
  - Pray for them so that God would strengthen them to bring hope to the people.
  - Pray that they will remain faithful and help people from every background.
  - Pray that God will give them boldness in reaching out.
  - Pray that God would continue to multiply and scatter the seed of His Word in throughout India, in hearts both young and old.
- b) Please pray for the churches in Jharkhand. The Honorable Governor signed into the draft of the anti-conversion bill titled “Jharkhand Freedom of Religion Act 2017,” on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

This bill will be presented to the Honorable President of India for his approval, after that this bill will become law. This new law will impede the spread of the Gospel and threatens to curtail the expression of our Christian brothers and sisters in Jharkhand. *Christian leaders and organizations argue that 'anti-conversion' laws foster hate against minority communities and lead to persecution of Christians in all of the states which currently have these laws.*

At present anti-conversion laws are in force in five states of India. They are: Orissa, (In 1967) Madhya Pradesh (In 1968), Gujarat (In 2003), Chhattisgarh (In 2006) and Himachal Pradesh (In 2006). If the bill becomes a law, which in all probability it would, Jharkhand would be the sixth state to have an anti-conversion law.

Rev. Vijayesh Lal, General Secretary of Evangelical Fellowship of India, says, "The Christian Community is not worried about these anti-conversion laws per se but their misuse to target, harass and cause violence on poor pastors and nuns found all over India doing their works of service as an expression of their love for God and His people."

### ***International Issues:***

a) Pray for Nepal: Religious conversion and the 'hurting of religious sentiment', has been banned by the Nepali Parliament on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017. The Christian community fears that the new law will escalate Christian persecution in the country. Religious freedom agencies have expressed concern that the new law effectively bans evangelism.

Human rights defenders in Nepal are calling for the bill to be amended before it is placed before the President of Nepal for his approval.

As I am writing this I am terrified by the news of the disastrous earthquake in Mexico that has claimed so many lives. Last few weeks the media is full of distressing news about the thousands of displaced homeless Rohingya refugees from Myanmar, the thousands that are affected by the flood and hurricane in USA and in our own home country in India, and of course, the thousands that are suffering because terrorism. It seems as if the year 2017 has come to us with all the bad news. We certainly need no more bad news. We need to pray that the Lord will have mercy on this world that is already suffering so much. Come Lord Jesus and Come soon and redeem this world.

Sincerely yours in Jesus



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