life is in danger. Please pray for him and his family.

5. In the fifth such incident since November 2015, a church was vandalised by some unidentified persons in South Delhi's VasantKunj area. It has been happening for the last many months. A series of attacks on churches in New Delhi has led the Christian leadership there to call on the top leaders of our country. Pray for courage and wisdom for those who are in governance that they will stand for justice and protect the rights of minority.

#### International Issues:

- 1. In Nigeria, Boko Haram (a radical Islamic insurgency bent on establishing a separate Islamic state to be ruled by Sharia law) and Fulani Muslims have killed 2,484 Christians. Pray for the mighty hands of God to intervene and protect His Church there.
- 2. It is estimated more than 2,500 Yazidi women have been captured by ISIS. Many of these women are taken to detention camps in the cities of Mosul and Tal Afar and sold off as servants or sex-slaves. Please pray for the swift release of the Yazidi women.
- 3. When 27 Chinese Christians in Beijing gathered for worship and Bible study, they weren't expecting to be raided by police. However, that's exactly what happened, and 20 of them were taken to jail to be interrogated. Please pray for Christians in China.
- 4. Pray for peace in Nigeria. In the face of numerous large-scale attacks by radical Islamic insurgency in some parts of the country, Christians are living constantly under fear of life.
- 5. According to reports, ISIS extremists have continued their campaign of violence and destruction by recently bombing the historic Walls of Nineveh in the city of Mosul. Please pray for God's intervention in stopping their evil acts of destruction.
- 6. On Sunday, February 15 the ISIS released a video that appeared to show the beheadings of 21 Egyptian Christians in Libya. Please pray for the families of the slain martyrs.

Let us join our hearts and be on our knees to pray for His glory to cover the earth and His peace may prevail.

May the good Lord continue to bless you, your family, and your ministry of prayers.

Sincerely yours in Jesus

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(I Thessalonians 5:17-18)

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Dear friends,

We are living in a society of information and technology. We have more educated people, more access to information, and better technology than our parents had in their villages. However, our human society, in general and in totality, has not improved much rather it is worsening. With the increased crimes, corruptions, rapes, and murders, our call for divine help has become more necessary than before. We need to pray for our family, village, town, state, and country. We need to pray for the followers of Jesus Christ that they may remain righteous even in the midst of life-threatening persecutions. We need to pray that the gospel may be proclaimed in our land fearlessly and many lives may be transformed. Pray for those who are serving the Lord sincerely and sacrificially.

I am glad to inform you that because of your fervent prayers, the Lord has helped us to overcome many challenges and also to advance our ministry in many ways in the past few months.

Through this prayer letter, I take the privilege to share with you some of them. Please remember them in your praise and prayer time.

# A. Praise & Thanksgiving:

- 1. We thank God for His guidance and wisdom for Richard Masih, as he was able to record Hindi programs for broadcast. Please pray that these programs may touch many lives.
- 2. We have been praying for restarting production of Kashmiri programs. We are glad to inform you that we have restarted it. Please uphold our Kashmiri producer and his family in your prayers.
- 3. The production and broadcast of Dzongkha, Dogri, Garhwali and Hindi are going on well. Many listeners have responded with appreciation and prayer requests.
- 4. The health camp and retreat programs for the pastors and other Christian workers in Lohardaga area were well attended. It has helped Lohardaga Center to be a blessing to the local Christian ministries.
- 5. The editing, publication, and distribution of Masihi Ahwan magazine has been carried out smoothly in spite shortage of staffs and fund.
- 6. The MAT leaders have met for planning their ministry strategy for future.
- 7. I have been able to travel and minister the Word of God in several places.

## **B. Prayer Requests:**

### Local Issues:

1. Pray for our radio program listeners in Pakur as GBET has organized a Listener's meet there on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2015. Please pray for our follow up staff team and our listeners in Pakur that they may be able to attend the meeting and go back encouraged.

- 2. Pray for two important events in April 2015, VBS Teachers training and Listener's follow-up program in Torpa and Chandwa in the state of Jharkhand. Pray that these events may be successfully completed.
- 3. We are gearing up for recording new Hindi and Dzongkha language songs in the months of March and April 2015. Pray for the Lord's guidance and help to the production team.
- 4. In reaching out to this cyber age generation, we too need to upgrade our cyber skills. Please pray that we may be able to upload programs to webcast.
- 5. Pray for one of our regular Garhwali program listeners (Mamta) who has been diagnosed with cancer and who needs your urgent prayers. Also pray for her family as they meet her huge treatment expenses.
- 6 Pray for our Garhwali follow-up team as they organize a Seeker's meeting in Gorcholi in Uttrakhand. All the prospective attendees are non-Christians, and we hope to distribute Christian literature among them as we share with them the Gospel in detail.
- 7. Pray for a very important event in Garhewal, Uttarakhand, during the month of March 2015. We hope to see about seventy Garhwali program listeners take baptism during this time.
- 8. Many people are coming to the Lord in Bhutan but the authorities there are trying to stop this. Please pray for Bhutan and especially our Dzongkha team as they continue to spread the Gospel there.

### National Issues:

- 1. Last week, a Member of Parliament belonging to a party demanded that a law should be introduced to pass death sentences on anyone converting from Hinduism to Christianity or Islam. Demands such as this is becoming common in India's halls of power. Please pray for God's wisdom for them.
- 2. Some religious radicals resisted Pastor Peter's outreach to his village in Andhra Pradesh, India. On November 24, 2009 Pastor Peter was murdered. Pastor Peter's wife, Santhi, still gets threats from the extremists. When asked about what she thinks of her husband's killers, Santhi told ICC, "I don't have any anger or grudge [against] them. I have forgiven them and pray for them every day that God would transform their hearts. I still tell them that Jesus is a good God, and I also tell them that the gods that they are worshiping are not true gods. I share the Gospel with them, and I'm not afraid of sharing the Gospel." Please uphold the family of Pastor Peter in your prayers.
- 3. In the Pulhara area of Solan District, some religious radicals broke into a Christian prayer meeting and demanded that they stop holding the meetings in their village. The radicals went on to accuse the Christians of forced conversions. Despite this incident, the Christians continue to meet on Sundays. Please pray for them.
- 4. Please pray for safety of Mr. Umashankar, IAS officer. He was attacked several times by some groups of people in the past few days for preaching the Gospel. His