

## NEWSLETTER 07/2020

Dear Friends from Grace Home

Once again we like to share about our work in India.

### THE KIDS

Our Kids are all still staying at their homes. Because of Corona we are not allowed to have them in the hostel. When they can join again Grace Home we don't know yet. The school may be closed till January. Everything in India is very insecure.

In this time some of our boys came once back to Grace Home to know about if they have to write exams. But the government cancelled all the exams, except 12<sup>th</sup> standard. Covid 19 leaves a lot of tracks of all poor people. Millions of kids can not join any more the school and they will get a great educational gap. Some of them may not join the school any more. The Poor become poorer.

Anbu visited some of our kids few weeks ago in their village. Unfortunately he didn't get to meet everyone. Some of our boys are working as slaves for rich people on their property. They have to help to earn the money for their families. The live there is very hard, the work exhausting and food is scarce. That's why Anbu visited them and has given all of



them Reis, Oil, Wheet and some more fooditems. They all were so happy. The once he met are healthy and good. But they lost weight, because of less food.



### THE CONSTRUCTION

#### The School House

On the roof we fixed the railing. Outside and inside the wall plastering is going on. The ground and 1. Floor the Rooms are ready. Only by the staircases we need to fix the floor. On the second floor the interior work is in progress. I am always amazed to see the masons working with "flip-flop" on self-made scaffold from tree trunks. Praise God till now we never had an accident.



#### The Toilets

The roof is fixed by bricks and the rooms are divided. Next will be coming the toilets and wash basin. Later the plates are laid and painted. Totally



we'll have 20 toilets.

#### The Kid's Home



By the girls home the excavation work is done and the first cement work will be starting soon. Because it's now rainy season we have to start. Otherwise all the soil will be washed down. By the boys home the progress is still at the underground work, preparing the walls. The work is slow, because of the Corona Crises. Sometimes just few workers are coming for work.

### MISSION WORK

Having a church service is allowed but only with 20 people and not on Sunday. Because Sunday is always lock down. People are advised to stay at home, shops are closed and there are no transports. In Grace Home we have regularly prayer meetings and Anbu is meeting often with pastors.

1. By the visit of our kids Anbu met a young lady. Her name is Rangitha. She's since few years married, but childless. In India it's a shame not to have a child. So people mock her. In her distress she's worshipping all kind of Hindu gods. But no one of them heard her cry. So she asked Anbu to pray to his god, because she knows he's a Christian. Maybe his god will help her. Because of that Anbu could explain her about Jesus Christ. He told her about the wonders he performed and how to get salvation. She said, I love Jesus, maybe he will heal me. Hopefully she will meet Jesus Christ and will be healed. Another sad story.

2. Anbu met a couple, Govindama & Mariappa which had recently an accident by moped. A monkey run into their moped, they felt down, he broke his leg and she had some other injury. The 3 years old child died. They can't understand the world anymore because the monkey god is their personal family god. Why has our God taken away our child? Lots of question and no answers. But Anbu has counselled them, explained the gospel and given them some Christian literature. We hope and pray they can find peace in God in that difficult time.

The suffering of the people in India is hug because of Corona many are jobless and trying to find their hope in alcohol. Because of that the violence in the families becomes big.

### VARIOUS

We are still in need of permissions to run the school. Unfortunately the Indian cast system is still working. Because we are Dalit, the people in the office are purposely delaying our paper. Please pray that Anbu has a lot of love and patience to meet them and to deal with them. We already got some good rain. Praise God.

*I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people. Lev. 26.12*

That's what we like to experience every day.

### WE ARE THANKFUL FOR

- \* Good health of our kids and all in Corona times
- \* the good rain up to now
- \* daily food and water
- \* the construction work
- \* all the wisdom and guidance we get from him

### PRAYER POINTS

- \* More rain over all India
- \* God will heal Rangitha, the kids less lady
- \* God will counsel the couple which lost the child
- \* for the poor people, that god my provide their needs
- \* for all our needed permissions
- \* our kids will grow in faith & come back soon

Now we like to say thank you for your grateful prayer and financial support. Without your help and God's grace we couldn't do this work.

God bless you.

With love Anbu & Barbara

