

UPDATE – June 6, 2020

It was more than hectic few weeks here in India. On top of the COVID-19, two massive typhoons battered us, one of them as we are told was the worst in 129 years.

Here are a few highlights–

(1) With 800 people trying to get in & out of our Academy where we give food, we almost had **STAMPEDE**. Thankfully police helped clear the hungry crowds.

(2) Following day few thousand people showed up. **A GROUP TRIED TO ENTER** the campus for food. Some of us had to take care of that as well.

(3) Then this morning I was called to another emergency: the mother of one of our team member needed urgent intervention for **BREATHLESSNESS**, etc.

(4) 20 street dogs **ATTACKED & KILLED** a five year old girl – that's two days ago. Thus, Hindus began to believe that gods of animals/nature are upset with them.

(5) Then today we rescued a baby from **DOGS THAT WERE EATING HER** at a trash pile. She is in serious condition. We do not even know who the parents are.

(6) In two weeks our graduates and students **WELCOMED 84 SOULS** into God's family. A sample photo is here & many others are posted on my Facebook page.

(7) **WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE** over 1000 cooked meals daily, rice bags and groceries for few hundred families, emergency healthcare, etc.

Thank you very much for the continued prayers, encourage and the partnership we have with y'all in helping further the Gospel!

12 Hindus Immersed! – June 14, 2020

Dear brethren,

Praying that y'all are doing well, especially at this time of unrest and uncertainties at this time of riots and COVID!

Some of what we are witnessing is daunting and discouraging yet we are also seeing some good for the glory of our Lord! And here is one such thing - a group of dozen Hindus being immersed for the remission of sins and commit their lives for Jesus and to walk with Him!

We continue to pray for y'all the folks in your area! In the recent times there have been few deaths of the people that I have known for a while who are good supporters of India work. We are fervently lifting y'all up in prayers day and night! When it rains, it pours - is never truer than the current times!

Please continue pray for us and the work here in India

Yours in Christ,

Mani

AN UPDATE FROM INDIA – June 21, 2020

Dear brethren,

Here is a special update - something God resurfaced on our minds at this time of devastation and turmoil! Here is something we believe God is at work. Brother James, in light of the suggestions you made earlier and few things we discussed Please give it due consideration and please provide any thoughts, especially to enable and empower our preaching graduates! **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!**

Mani

AN UPDATE FROM INDIA

Our team is working closely to provide training, guidance and direction to our new Christians so that they can engage folks around them for the cause of Christ.

We believe that training our brethren in entrepreneurial endeavors will be a great way to move forward especially at this time.

We also believe that providing opportunities and assistance to begin new businesses will be of immense value in this current economic turmoil.

We fully believe that through the equipping of our brethren both to establish entrepreneurial enterprises and to help train them in small business development we can bring in a radical growth and radical Christ-honoring transformation in the least-reached communities of India.

We fully believe that this will help plant many more congregations in places where they do not currently exist. This will be true even in places with radical Hindu and Muslim presence that did not entertain anything about Christianity.

We thank God for the partnership we have with y'all in this great mission of our Lord. Please continue prayers for all of us, especially that God will guide us in order to accomplish much for His glory and fulfill His will.

Here are two groups of 8 and 11 newly immersed Hindus and Muslims. Many Hindus and Muslims are being immersed on a daily basis. For more updates, Please follow India work on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/mani.pagidipalli>

Spooky Moment in India! – June 27, 2020

In an interesting turn of events my Dad, my brothers and I were in a village away from home to follow up on a few individuals. The driving was pretty much on off the road conditions. Then after a while we parked the car and walked and then crossed a creek to meet our contacts. On the way back we hurried as dark clouds came upon us. In no time it began to rain cats and dogs and we got soaked in it. It was beautiful in the countryside to watch. But once we got in the car & drove for a few yards, our car got stuck in mud & even the 4WD is of no help. It was already dark and heavily raining so we began to wonder if we will get to spend the night in the car in the middle of nowhere!

It reminded us of a similar event when a missionary, Mr. Graham Staines and his two sons were killed. They were ministering to a group of leprosy patients and had to spend the night in their van. During the middle of the night radical Hindus light up the van and killed all three of them. It was a decade ago and far away in the north from where we are, but it is still fresh on our minds. Though our area is pretty safe, at times we do travel in areas that are far from our comfort zones!

After sitting in car for an hour, 6 men saw our condition and helped push the car for a mile and trying not let it go off the road as the road was very soggy and hardly 15ft. wide. They pushed the car until we got to a point where the road was ok. We thanked the men for their great help. Though all of us were praying silently, my Dad offered a prayer of thanks once we got on the highway! All four of us are safely back home!

The most happiest of all – due to the fear of persecution, waiting deep into darkness to immerse, we witnessed the redemption of EIGHT Precious souls! Please pray for them and all of us as we seek souls for the Savior!