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Dear Friends,

Greetings to you. I hope you are all keeping well and safe today.



I cannot believe how quickly the year has passed; very soon we shall be celebrating Christmas. We live in very challenging times, and it is difficult to imagine how our tomorrow is going to be. All we can do is trust the Lord, who has seen us through this year and will see us through the coming years. The Lord has been our anchor who held us through the storms of Covid-19, winds of fear, and the snow of dampening spirits, but we know that God continues to care for us here as well as for the CRHD family in India. He has blessed us with his faithfulness and as we

continue to walk through this advent season, we hope for the best that is yet to come.

As you may imagine, the pandemic remains equally disruptive to the lives of those we help through the charity, whether at Kid's Paradise or the Tailoring Centre. Although state guidelines permitted older pupils to attend classes, unfortunately, primary schools were recently asked to close entirely and indefinitely, and KPS is no exception. Thanks to the efforts of our wonderful teachers however, the children have acclimatised to online learning and continue to excel in their studies. They will be more than ready to progress to secondary school, in whatever shape or form that takes. The non-academic staff must also be thanked: by their hands the school building has been kept in excellent condition, though it misses the atmosphere of curiosity and wisdom that once occupied it. Sadly, the same cannot be said for the group that normally attends the Women's Tailoring Centre, and though they are separated physically, they remain together in spirit thanks to the qualities Mrs Sundera Daniel nurtured in them.

The photo on the right is of the monthly Prayer Meeting at the school. The staff come together in order to pray for the CRHD family and for the nation. Most of our staff come from differing religious backgrounds, but having experienced our love for them they are more than happy to pray to Jesus and open their hearts to the word of God. They are grateful for our prayers and thoughts for them at these difficult times that have encouraged them to know that we care for them. It shows that every little we give has been well used and continues to transform the lives of our children and the staff.



After almost 10 years of waiting, we have managed to purchase a plot of land opposite the school (left-hand photo). Thank you for your generous donations towards buying this land. I am pleased to inform you that by God's grace this land is now registered to the CHRD



Society in India. It is good to know that the land has become a cotton field providing daily work for more than 20 people at different times (right-hand photo).

Please Pray:

- 1. For the continued protection of the community from the virus.
- 2. Praise God for your generous donations and prayers for the project.
- 3. Praise God for CRHD teaching Staff who continue to work hard while receiving a very small stipend.
- 4. For £20,000 per year to pay for the staff, provide the midday meals, uniforms, books and transport for the children, as well as supporting the women's centres.
- 5. For the Tailoring Centre to find innovative ways to enable women in these difficult times.
- 6. For the exams the children will sit without the familiarity of the classroom.
- 7. CRHD may continue be a witness for God's love and faithfulness in India's caste dominated society.
- 8. CRHD may continue to gain more friends to pray, promote and raise the necessary finances in order to carry on the vision and to expand its work.

I am grateful for all your generous financial support for the continuing work of CRHD in India. I also know that you are supporting its work through your prayers, for which again I thank you. May God bless you abundantly and keep you safe. I wish you the peace and joy of Christmas and a God-filled New Year in 2021

Yours in Christ, Gill and Joseph

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