



Dear friends,

Greetings! I hope you all are keeping safe and well.

How quickly 2021 has passed amidst the various challenges we have all faced this year! As the world seemingly emerged from the brunt of the pandemic, lo and behold, we encountered the new Omicron variant, which may prove to be even more dangerous than the previous one. We already live in a world of growing poverty; many suffer without basic facilities, while the richer entities appear to exploit and oppress the situation of those less fortunate. In the midst of all these eventualities and unprecedented challenges, humanity is struck with a fear that is universal, regardless of religion, caste, colour, status and position of people.



So, as I (Joseph) think about the CRHD project, I am aware that we lost some of our faithful donors, and we are struggling to encourage more people to become partners and support the charity. I am fearful for the future, and our work. We potentially face a lack of necessary funds for this wonderful work that the Lord began almost 20 years ago! Since I do not know how to raise these funds, I find it hard to visualise the future of the project over the next five years. Various questions come into my mind; for

instance, if there is not sufficient money, what will happen? Thanks be to God, the one who has blessed us so far and is able to do more than we ask or imagine, because it is his mission. Therefore, I take refuge in him and ask that we may be able to continue to support the work of CRHD in India.

It goes without saying that we are very grateful for every donor and their gifts. Thank you once again for your prayers. By God's grace the school and the tailoring centre have been safe and well so far. The school opened for all age groups at the end of October, and children and staff are delighted to see each other and to enjoy their normal school life. After more than a year apart, they are able once again to play together, and greatly appreciate the food, learning and playtime.



We bought the vehicle (shown on the left) in November 2008 and it had validity for 15 years. This expires in November 2023. The jeep has helped transport our staff daily from Raichur city to the village. All who have visited the school know how rough the roads are, and during the monsoon season this is even more challenging. It also means that we have been spending a fair amount in maintenance in order to pass the yearly MOT. Without a vehicle, it is not possible for teachers to get to the school. We are told that there is a possibility of part exchange when we are ready

to purchase a new vehicle at the garage itself, or it could be sold privately.

In answer to the growing calls to tackle climate change, the Indian government has taken several steps and one of them is to stop older vehicles using the road. This means our CRHD Jeep - which is very old - cannot be licensed beyond 2023. We are grateful to Churches Together in Oxted, Surrey who helped us many years ago to purchase this vehicle which has served us well,

So, this Christmas we would like you please to pray for the following:

1. That the Lord Jesus may move the hearts of people with whom we share the news of our charity, so they may continue to support it.
2. That an appropriate vehicle be considered for purchase. For example, the vehicle on the right costs about the equivalent of £20,000 in Indian Rupees.
3. That the charity may continue to have enough funds to educate children, particularly those from a Dalit background so that they may have a better future.
4. That funds may be found to decorate the school: It is almost 15 years since the whole school including the compound wall was decorated, and it looks a little tired now. It is also in need of some minor repairs. We are told that in order to complete the whole work we need around £6,500-£7,000.



We wish you a very happy Christmas and a blessed New Year in 2022.

With much appreciation and thanks,

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