Friends of Cross Roads for Human Development, UK



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Dear friends,

Many CRHD beneficiaries, of both the school and tailoring centre, have been surviving through employment as bonded labourers, and are at the mercy of callous construction businesses. As labourers, most of them have lost their livelihood and have become victims of covid.

As we have reported before, families have no other means of income due to the lockdowns, and cannot receive hospital care





due to a lack of resources; they live with fear and uncertainty. The second wave of Coronavirus in India has affected every part of human life, but the poor have become the most marginalised target of this virus. Raichur is still in a red zone, as the infection rate keeps going up. There is also the discovery of black, white and yellow fungal infections, for which there is currently no treatment in Raichur!

Thank you for your financial support during this very difficult second wave of Coronavirus in India. The CRHD family in India is

grateful for all those who have kindly responded to support our people under these terrible circumstances. This year we have again distributed basic rations like rice, dhal and some hygienic materials to cope with the rising waves of infection.

During May 2021, our treasurer Abel heard of the difficulties the Methodist pastors in India were going through. For the last 18 months, the pastors have not been paid their stipend; some villages cannot support their pastors with their tithes and offerings due to their own poverty. We are pleased to say we have also supported these



pastors and their families. All these families send their grateful thanks.

CRHD India is continuing to support families through encouragement and prayers through Zoom, so we indeed praise God for the technology. This was un-heard of last year! They pray for the trustees here and for all who give generous and sacrificial gifts not only in times of need but also throughout the year. We express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to you.

The school is waiting for the Karnataka government to ease the lockdown. But older students are currently supported through online learning. Once again the technology has come to our aid. However, the children will be happy to come to school and learn. We thank you for your prayers, which have been greatly appreciated too. Please continue to pray so that children, teachers and other working adults may remain safe while working for Kid's Paradise.

With much appreciation and thanks, Gill & Joseph.