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*CRHD News Update- March 2020*

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*My dear friends,*

I write this letter during a difficult time for us all as we face an unprecedented trial. This newsletter is to update you on the project in the midst of this pandemic. Last month, we were informed that along with the rest of India, the children had to take their final exams for the year within 3 days; these papers have now been marked by our staff. In accordance with government orders, all institutions are now closed until further notice. I am pleased to say that so far, all our children and tailoring students are safe.

Nutan, Gill, Yvonne, Alan, Dianne and I, finally managed to visit the school and the women's centre in January



2020. Gill and Yvonne, who have seen the project grow from its inception, had every reason to thank God for the development of the school's infrastructure and its progress in reaching many children, women, their families and the local community. Alan and Dianne had heard about this project a few



years previously and this motivated them to see the project for themselves. On arrival, we not only had an unexpected welcome but were also surprised to see what the Lord has been doing. The visit truly gave us a sense of belonging to a Christian family, as we were blessed with unimaginable love, care and hospitality from people who either had little or nothing.

The school children and the staff did their best to display their talents in welcoming and entertaining us. They were delighted to see us and were grateful for all the support we give them. The hard labour of the staff both in the school and the tailoring centre reflects their deep commitment to Jesus and gratitude for the opportunity to work. We were also very pleased to see some of our former pupils now with degrees in nursing, commerce, science and engineering. Once again, we were reminded of how your donations have made a difference in the lives of so many people.



By God's grace, the tailoring centre is progressing well and the number of women coming to learn has increased. This centre gives the women an opportunity not only to learn sewing skills but also to share aspects of their personal and family lives, providing them



with a sense of community. As usual, many of the students who were present had completed the tailoring course and it was a great joy to see them being awarded their diploma.

We were pleased to join with the CRHD prayer group that has been running for the past few years. The group, which consists of the entire staff body, meets in the school once in a month. Here, they hear God's word, offer prayer and participate in the fellowship. Most of them belong to different castes and faiths but enjoy being together in their work.



All of us felt this visit was very emotional; on the one hand it gave us great joy to see the children who come from very humble backgrounds, on the other hand, there were tears of sadness, as we departed not knowing whether we shall meet again or not! However, we know they believe in Jesus and therefore they are safe.

I have now come to appreciate more than ever before the fact that the life we have is God's gift and it can disappear very quickly without our consent, whether we like it or not. Therefore, let us live our lives not just faithfully, but safely, knowing that the Lord has a purpose for us to fulfil, and so, in this time of uncertainty I commend to you the comforting words of our Lord Jesus Christ, "*Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me*" (John 14:1). May God bless you with grace and courageous faith for the coming days!

**Please pray for:**

1. For the protection from the Corona Virus 19 and safety of the community.
2. Praise God for your generous donations and prayers for the project.
3. 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. CRHD may continue be a witness for God's love and faithfulness in India's caste dominated society.
6. 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.
7. CRHD to see the Education Centre built for God's glory may one day be realised.
8. Tailoring Centre to continue to enable women by giving them the opportunity to learn tailoring skills and support themselves financially.

The Indian CRHD committee passes on its hearty vote of gratitude to friends of the project - both in the UK and Switzerland - for their love, care and prayerful financial support, on which the project's success depends upon. We remember your prayers and your personal interest in the vision of CRHD to serve the marginalised community in India.

With much appreciation and prayers,  
**God bless you all**

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