

*Dear Friends,*



During the Coronavirus crises I would like to thank you for your thoughtful and prayerful enquires about the welfare of our families and friends who work with CRHD in India

Yes it is difficult at this time as some of our family members being daily wage earners have lost their livelihood and hence nothing to survive on.



Along with thousands of people in Raichur, I think you may remember some of those who are affected, for example CRHD Secretary Adam (photo on the left) who met on your last visit in Raichur and in the village. Both his wife and himself have lost their jobs, cramped in a room with their 3 years old boy. Adam's other two brothers have been born when their parents were in bonded labour and lost their father. They could not go to school, so ended up being at the mercy of the oppressive contractors where they continue to suffer without any regular/proper wages to support themselves.



One called Tippaya lives with his wife and four children in a small shed which they use it for multipurpose. I am told that their children are sent to a local school in Raichur. The first daughter passed her GCSE exam last year. She wanted to go for nursing but due to lack of money parents have asked her to be at home to look after her siblings and do the domestic chores while they go to work whole day. She must be only 16 or 17 and this how she will be forced to get marry soon. What a tragedy of poverty! Other three children manage to go to school and it sad to see the struggle of parents who are not able to provide the basic needs.



Another person named Prasad suffers with epilepsy, is married with two children. The first son went to school, passed year 9th and due to lack of money to buy books, uniforms and little fees, discontinued and today he also has joined his parents to work under a contractor. I am informed that four of them live in a small shed where the contractor stores cement bags and tools.



You would be pleased to know that CRHD has managed to help 15 families on the 25<sup>th</sup> April. You can see rice, lentils, cooking oil etc. placed on the wooden table. Pastor Hancock is praying for the affected families and asking the Lord to bless all that we are able to provide to those people. People are very grateful for the timely help.

They have identified 8 families who are connected to CRHD and Naveen and Ravi (the manager) were able to supply them the needed rice, dal, cooking oil, Milk powder and tea leaves and distributed in the Turakanadoni Village.



These are the few examples but there may be thousands like these who are lost in the midst of so called the "prosperity and the advancement of the nation". I know it is not possible for me to change the lives of all but if I can help my family members that would a little change in the ocean of billions.

You know that any support is gratefully received to re-build the broken lives, to gather the shattered lives to be restored and the oppressed is liberated and the lost is directed to Jesus.

As you know we keep sending money to India to support those who are so desperate and lost in the midst of this so called "Billion population", I am grateful to those who have sent some gifts which we have already transferred to Ravi. Thank God because of Ravi's contacts with different people including shopkeepers, he is able to get some food, grocery etc. for 23 families. I am told that they have challenging days ahead.

Once again thank you for your prayers and encouragement and support. Be assured of my prayers.

God bless you.  
With much appreciation.  
Joseph Suray