

## **Report from Roy and Ponna at SEMI, India – Lockdown, Food distribution**

We thank AMEN for their great help during this lockdown by providing food kits to many poorest of the poor families in Trivandrum. I would like to share some of the highlights

The COVID-19 Lockdown effected people very badly: We can find more daily wagers here working very hard for long hours together and getting little income because this lockdown situation, which has made life for them very difficult. Families with children are struggling a lot, with no proper medicine and not having enough food for a while. Thanks to AMEN, we have been able to distribute hundreds of food kits.

We have distributed food again for this second time. This time we distributed food in one of the slum areas where we run a Sunday school. We have also distributed food kits in three other areas through our other SEMI trustees.

It was indeed a great help for people struggling, especially due to lockdown. Here are some testimonies of some of the people we gave food bags to

- A single mum aged 37 who has 5 children is struggling for daily food. Her husband has left her, he is an alcoholic. Her 5 children come to our Sunday school.
- A single dad living in this slum with his 4 children (his wife left him) he is a heart patient too and he has not gone for work since last many months. He was very happy to have our food kit.
- A 45 unmarried lady who for the last 7 years has been caring for her sick mother, who has cancer. This lady worked in 3 houses as maid and looks after her other 4 family members. She is going to get baptised soon.
- A man, who was a barber in the slum, but his shop had to close since lockdown, he has an aged mother and two unmarried sisters. He is struggling a lot for daily living. He said he is so thankful to you all for the food
- A 71-year-old lady who has been sick for many years, her husband is also blind. They live in hut that has been damaged by this heavy rain. Roy and Ponna went to her home and prayed for them.
- A 55-year-old man, who was running a cycle shop but now it's closed down. He has been looking after his two sick daughters, since birth. He is having faith in the Lord. He very happy to receive the food kit.
- A 75-year-old lady, living alone who has been a widow for 40 years, she lives in this slum; she was recently baptised. She says she can now live on this food kit for many days.
- A lady who has been a widow for 35 years, who doesn't have a house or children, she stays in church hall itself. She loves the Lord and she is incredibly happy for SEMI's help.

There are so many more testimonies we have from people. We can find the happiness from their face for receiving this great gift of food.

Finally, our praying friends around the world, thank you for your love for the poor people in India. We say a big thank you in Jesus name all of you. We pray for

AMEN's ministry how much they are helpful for the people like this. We value your love and care for us we can give you back only our love prayer and thanks.

There are so many children are in these slums and colonies. Our students are doing great evangelism work, please remember them in your prayers.

