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FRIDAY 1

Parmesan tumha barobar ahe! which means God is with you in the Marathi language. Join us in thanking God for an answer to prayer for Aryan who had two successful surgeries to repair two holes in his heart. He is now out of danger and was discharged three days ahead of schedule – he is now back home. *Sanjay and Bastine, INDIA*

SATURDAY 2

Pray that 'M' may have wisdom and safety as she travels in Pakistan. The family want to receive justice from the courts so that those who are guilty are arrested and convicted of their crimes. Unfortunately, corruption among those in authority is widespread. **PAKISTAN**

SUNDAY 3

Praise God! Surreya, Edwin's widow, is doing well and is now enjoying working as a house mother in a boarding school. Zartaj, her daughter, has started a new job and her son, Arjumand, has resumed his college studies. However, her youngest son was denied a visa to the USA but her aunt, who lives in America will try to apply again. **PAKISTAN**

MONDAY 4

We are planning to baptise new believers and are preparing them by meeting them for Bible studies. We also want to help our contacts to be vaccinated as hospitals are now offering vaccines to those who can pay. *Sanjay and Bastine, INDIA*

TUESDAY 5

David McGuire is teaching spiritual warfare this week to students in YWAM. He will also be teaching the same topic in a Bible school for a week. **ROMANIA**

WEDNESDAY 6

We at 'Companion with The Poor' need wisdom to see where God is leading, even as we face the challenges brought by the pandemic. The missionary training programme committee of which I am a member, is now making plans for the next batch: recruitment, interviews and orientation. I need the Lord's help in preparing 3 sermons and would also appreciate prayer for protection for my family and my health. I have been diagnosed with polyps in my gallbladder. *Winston, PHILIPPINES*

THURSDAY 7

Nigeria celebrated the 62nd anniversary of her independence on October 1. Seeing all that God has blessed the country with, especially with the many churches found in it, things have not gone as expected. Ask God that this year's independence celebrations might awaken the church to become more serious about the things of the Lord. *Tassie, NIGERIA*



I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.
THE GOOD SHEPHERD
LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.
JOHN 10:11

FRIDAY 8

Thank God that we are on the road to recovery from Covid-19 although we still have a cough. Our current prayer needs include: ministry with the SIKATT scholars; relief for those suffering from Covid-19; online ministries such as scholars' and parents' Bible study; campus values formation seminar and young professionals fellowship. *Zaldy and Ria, PHILIPPINES.*

SATURDAY 9

Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!" Lamentations 3:22-24. Ask the Lord's mercy and blessing on AMEN especially the trustees Chris, Janet, Simon and their loved ones and the people who volunteer, give and pray. Remember also all those who have received literature and heard the gospel as Gareth and Malou did street evangelism with the Open Air Mission in East Anglia during the last week of September and as they plan their future schedule post Covid. **UK**

SUNDAY 10

Thank the Lord that this summer two houses were built in Tigmandru for a family of six and a single elderly lady. Both situations were cases of homelessness and the Lord provided funds from two other charities. In Bucharest, we worked on building showers and toilets for a church which has an outreach ministry to people living on the streets. A new church opened up in Cris which we and church members helped equip and prepare for ministry. The practical work and spiritual work will continue into the autumn. *David and Rodica, ROMANIA*

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MONDAY 11

Miheala Mihi and I do a weekly ladies bible study in Tigmandru. We also conduct a children's programme each week as well as an adult Bible study. *Rodica, ROMANIA*

TUESDAY 12

Thank God and praise Him that 15 students and 4 teachers attended our seminars. The Lord gave us this vision to equip those across the denominations who are growing in the Lord with teachings on the prophetic, healing, evangelism, spiritual warfare, preparing a message, the calling of God and giving. *David and Rodica, ROMANIA*

WEDNESDAY 13

Hamid Shikha has professed faith in Jesus. He is 57 and is suffering from mouth cancer due to smoking. Vandana Soravade is 45. Due to flooding, her home was underwater for 15 days so she and her family had to stay in a school. Upon returning home, they were saddened to see they had lost everything. We were able to show God's love to her family by giving them help.

Sanjay and Bastine, INDIA

THURSDAY 14

Wisdom is needed in the implementation of the SGBV (sexual and gender-based violence) and peace programmes, so that people will practise a culturally relevant but biblical Christianity in their settings. What we want to see is more men who are keen to attend church since the overwhelming majority are women and children. *Tassie, NIGERIA*

FRIDAY 15

Praise the Lord who kept us safe from super typhoon Kiko which hit our islands last month. It was a category 5 storm, the highest on the cyclone scale. Many houses have been totally destroyed and people are having to start all over again. As well as repairing damaged properties, we have to prepare for future storms. Electricity will be restored in about 3-4 months and the water system is broken. In all these things, we know that we do not lack anything because we have a Good Shepherd we can trust for our recovery. We have great needs, but we also have a great God!

Jerry, PHILIPPINES

SATURDAY 16

Thank God with us that even though we were criticised and hindered by certain people in our activities, the Sunday school work is growing rapidly. Parents are also committed to sending their children to learn the Word of God regularly. Pray they will come to Christ and for our planned children's convention, that we will have provision for the 300 kids we expect to come.

Nasir and Sabahat, PAKISTAN



THEY ALL ATE THE SAME SPIRITUAL FOOD AND
DRANK THE SAME SPIRITUAL DRINK;
FOR THEY DRANK FROM THE SPIRITUAL ROCK THAT
ACCOMPANIED THEM,
AND THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST.
1 CORINTHIANS 10:3-4

SUNDAY 17

After a relatively short visit to Belgium, we got back in action here in Romania. Visiting family and friends was quite hard this time, harder than usual as after such a long period of separation, we realised how much we missed each other, with the children finding it particularly difficult to say goodbye especially during the following days. Pray for our children to be able to process this, without blaming either us or the Lord.

Tijs and Jessica, ROMANIA

MONDAY 18

At times it is very difficult to keep track of everything with our adopted son Mădălin. He is nine years old but is really underdeveloped and suffers from ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder). He behaves like a toddler, which at times creates some serious tension and frustration among the children which, of course, has its effect on all of us. We need patience, wisdom and love.

Tijs and Jessica, ROMANIA

TUESDAY 19

Covid-19 infections are still high in Cebu which is making life difficult because of the restrictions imposed by the government. Despite these challenges, we plan to have a youth event. We also want to see those who are attending Bible studies grow deep spiritual roots. At present, there are 166 adults and 14 youth attending. Tina, one of the team, caught pneumonia while all team members would appreciate prayer for safety, good health and provision for their needs. Nehemias, for example who is making preparations for his wedding. *Winston, PHILIPPINES*

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JESUS ANSWERED,

“I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH
AND THE LIFE.

NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER
EXCEPT THROUGH ME.

JOHN 14:6

WEDNESDAY 20

We had opportunities to share and pray for ex drug addicts of whom about 20 are going through rehab. They need to experience the transforming power that Jesus gives through the Holy Spirit.

David and Rodica, ROMANIA

THURSDAY 21

Matipora, a small village in North India, is currently experiencing a drought. Their needs is not only physical water but also the Living water. Sagar is another village known for its high criminal activity. The believers in the small churches nearby are living and following the Lord in poverty. In addition, they are surrounded by neighbours that actively oppose and persecute them for the faith. We want to see the next generation of believers become beacons of hope to the people around them.

Thompson & Sabitha, INDIA

FRIDAY 22

Most weeks, during outreaches in many poor villages with local churches, we serve hotdogs, drinks and provide chairs for the sick to receive prayer. Praise God for healings that took place through the power of the Holy Spirit.

David and Rodica, ROMANIA

SATURDAY 23

In many churches, youth ministry is yet to be given its rightful place. If churches engage young people in biblical and relevant evangelism and discipleship, they will understand that they are the future of the church. *Tassie, NIGERIA*

SUNDAY 24

Sabahat is suffering badly from arthritis on her hands. Their son Jonathan has a blood deficiency but is slowly recovering. May the family - Nasir, Sabahat, Jonathan and Jerome experience healing and good health. **PAKISTAN**

MONDAY 25

Pray with us that the new sewing centre will result in new skills, passion and enthusiasm. Sabahat is organising a ladies' seminar, an urgent need, as people are far from God and have no hope of eternal life. Several other widows are also waiting for help. *Nasir and Sabahat, PAKISTAN*

TUESDAY 26

Gautam and 5 other brothers have been bailed after being accused of converting people from other religions. They have an active case against them. We want to see justice upheld. Persecution in North India is increasing. This week a pastor and some church members were attacked inside a police station. **INDIA**

WEDNESDAY 27

We have been sending out clips of the Jesus film in the Pashto and Dari languages. Thousands have been reached and a few thousand more are responding on social media. Because the region is still littered with unexploded landmines and cluster bombs, the situation for local people is still very dangerous. *Thompson & Sabitha, INDIA.*

THURSDAY 28

The new school year has started with Rosalie attending for the first time and Marie-Lou taking the school bus for the first time. Pray that they do well, and that Mădălin does not become a target. It is very clear that he is a Roma which makes things more difficult for him to be accepted.

Tijs and Jessica, ROMANIA

FRIDAY 29

We are getting closer to the time when the construction work in Geoagiu will begin. The metal structure that was there has finally disappeared and there is a little more documentation needed before construction can start. It is also urgent that third parties fulfil their responsibilities. More funds are still required. *Tijs and Jessica, ROMANIA*

SATURDAY 30

Francis needs guidance as he is still looking for suitable land to build another Tender Heart centre. Sadly, due to Covid-19, several pastors have died so he also plans to help widows and orphans to start a business so that they can support themselves. **INDIA**

SUNDAY 31

Three men from an 'M' background gave their lives to Jesus. Ask the Lord for their faith to grow strong and for their protection. *Naphtali, NIGERIA*