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Greetings to you all,

Hope and pray you are all well. It has been quite an eventful few months here, as I know it has been in other parts of the world, especially in the United States. The Coronavirus has taken its toll in more ways than one. Among other things, it has affected people's health, finances, education, and social life. We were on a 75-day lockdown here in Mysore; they are now easing some restrictions, but there are still some things we can and cannot do.

Please pray for the students in the Bible institute who were not able to go back to their homes, they miss their families but they had to stay back in Mysore. Nevertheless it has been good because on weekdays we are having a great time studying the Word of God. From the middle of March, we were not allowed to have services in our church building; however, this past Sunday the government allowed churches to reopen with only ten people at a time in attendance, and with a lot of added restrictions. Therefore, for the present time, we have decided we will continue with services online for the next few weeks. Let me tell you, it has been a blessing. I preach four services in the week, two in English and two in the Kannada language. Not only do we have our local church folk online, but several from other parts of India, as well as folks from England, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Australia. Without going into too many details, I will tell you, we have been able to share the gospel with people who would otherwise never be able to listen to us. Please pray that the contacts we have made will be willing to listen to more as we follow up with them.

Our home church, Stanley Heights Baptist in Chattanooga, had services online; Michael and Stephen were thrilled to be a part of the youth group for a few Wednesdays. They would wake up at 3:00 am to be a part of the Zoom meeting at about 4:00 am India time. Also, I want to say what a great blessing our mission board, Baptist International Missions Inc., has been to us. They have seamlessly taken care of our finances and other needs for which we are so very thankful. Our area director Brother Steven Maldoff has been in touch with us through this whole season of uncertainty. I also want to thank all our supporters who have been so faithful at this time, thank you for praying for us and thank you for the financial support you send our way. We along with our church folk here in Mysore were able to feed 400 migrant workers for two days (that's 800 basic meals all together) before they were able to board special trains and go to their homes in their respective states. We are thankful to the Lord that we are able to feed the hungry both physically and spiritually, thank you for your part in this.

In Christ,

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