

# Update from India

June 2021

We continue to receive reports from Mary Grace and Thomas Jr. concerning the upswing of Covid-19 illness hitting India. Several pastors and their wives, as well as church members, have suffered and many have been hospitalized. Pastor Prasad and his wife have recovered enough that they are now back at the children's home. Pastor K. Yesuratham's wife has been admitted to the hospital and is in the ICU unit. Please remember her in your prayers.

We are thankful to report that the children are doing well in all of the Feed My People Children's Homes. They have been enjoying the extra protein drinks, eggs, vegetables and other nutritious food they are receiving.



Protein powder drinks and nutritious food help the orphans stay healthy.



Mary Grace reports they are busy distributing rice, vegetables, masks, and sanitizer to the poor, elderly, widows, street beggars, homeless and physically challenged in many villages. They are also providing meals to many in need as the lockdown period is extended and people are unable to leave their homes to work and obtain food. The Pastors are involved in the distribution in their home villages. Thomas Jr. and Mary Grace are working tirelessly to extend Christian love and compassion in this time of great need.



Pastor Jayarao and his wife, Jothi distribute rice and vegetables to those in need in their village.

We have already sent \$1,125 extra funds to help provide the needed food. We will be sending more relief funds in June. We will also be helping with the medical expenses of those who have been hospitalized. Thank you to all who have already responded to this need. We appreciate your prayers and generous support for all our brothers and sisters in India.



## Challenges in Myanmar



Pastor Cyrus and House of Refuge children

Our friends in Myanmar are facing challenges as the military coup continues. Pastor Cyrus at House of Refuge continues to have difficulty in obtaining funds as the bank remains closed. He has spent many hours in line at the atm machine only to have it run out of money before he can make a withdrawal. The children are set to return to school this week, and Pastor Cyrus is asking for help in purchasing school uniforms and other supplies. We will send funds by Western Union to help them until the banks reopen.



Children at Agape are learning even while schools are closed

Pastor Richard, leader of Agape Children's Home sends regular updates on the children. Even though the schools in Pone Htun village are closed, they have provided teachers to help the children continue their studies. These children had never attended school prior to living at Agape, so to be able to continue learning brings them great joy. They are also teaching them to be responsible members of the village, and are even models for others as they work together for the good of the village.



Agape children and staff work to improve Pone Htun village

Richard shared two urgent needs they have at the children's home. The first is for a water purifier. He explained the water from the well is plentiful, but contaminated with a large amount of lime. The water the village relies on from the mountain is now dried up and the entire village uses the Agape well. The water presents a health risk as they all use it for drinking, cooking and bathing. In a nearby town, the people purchase drinking water, but it is not available in the village. With a water purifier they may even be able to sell some water for added income. The cost for this machine is \$800. Another urgent need is for a refrigerator. They do not have any way to keep leftover food from spoiling. A new refrigerator that will last many years is only \$400. They greatly appreciate any help we can provide.



**Provide justice for the needy and the fatherless, uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute. Rescue the poor and needy; save them from the power of the wicked. Psalm 82:3-4 (CSB)**