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Dear Brothers and sisters at Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Warm Greetings to you from Ranchi, India !

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” (Romans 8:28)



Nijhar with some of the 55 boxes that were sent.

We are keeping well and hope and pray that you are well too. We think of you and your mission partnership with gratitude and keep you in our prayers.

We are thankful to the Lord for we are busy in many activities. Recently we received a book consignment from US. While in US we had collected many books which were sent by friends. It took many days of intense work in Calcutta to clear the consignment in the custom department. We thank God for his grace and mercy. We thank you for your prayers and support.

The kids are busy in their school. School does not give them much time to have fun. They miss their school in the US and their friends. Jhumpa is still learning Hindi. They remember their trip to Our Savior's especially how they played in the open space.

We pray for Pastor Bob and Brenda and all the brothers and sisters and that God would continue his work there and around the world.

We enjoyed Sunrise service in the cemetery a unique tradition that Lutherans have in this part of India. The service started at 4 am. It is great fun to shout 'Christ is Risen' when you are surrounded by graves. You can see in the picture that the graves are cleaned and whitewashed for Easter celebrations.

Kids are enjoying their new classes. Maani is in 7<sup>th</sup>, Urbas is in 5<sup>th</sup>, Puna is in 3<sup>rd</sup> and Jhumpa is in Prep. They are looking forward to Summer vacation which starts from May 13<sup>th</sup>.





On 7<sup>th</sup> of April we celebrated our 3<sup>rd</sup> Convocation. There were 18 graduates. The chief guest for the convocation was Prof Khathing who is the Vice Chancellor of Central University of Jharkhand. It is rare in India to find a Vice Chancellor of a government university who is a Christian. It was a great day to celebrate with these young men and women who are so excited to go into ministry.

As part of the convocation the teaching faculty washes the feet of the graduates.



After we got back from US we did a bit of landscaping and got the building painted.

We plan to travel to North-Eastern part of India and Nepal for few days to visit a mission field. We have sent two of our graduates who are working as missionaries in Nepal.

We are so thankful for your prayers and partnership in Christ mission in this part of the world. Please continue to pray as we plan to launch the construction of administrative building.

Please join us in thanking and praising God:

1. For 18 graduates who finished their training and are now being sent to different parts of North India for ministry.
2. For hearing our prayers for safe arrival of the books (55 boxes).
3. For the national church that supported the construction of the kitchen and dining building.
4. For good health for all of us and for Kids' new classes
5. For those who have applied for admission in the new session.

Please join us in praying for the following:

1. There are more students who have applied than we can take. Please pray that the Lord would guide us in selection process and also God would guide those who would not be called for admission this year.
2. For cataloguing of the library. We need resource for standard cataloguing. Pray that we find right resource and people to work with.
3. For God's direction as we also think of a children library for village children.
4. For God's guidance as we help the national church to undertake community health ministry
5. For God's continued guidance for ongoing construction of the kitchen and dining and also for the construction of our apartment in the campus and also a few incomplete parts in the existing building. For God's guidance and provision as we plan and undertake administrative building construction.
6. For safe and purposeful travel this summer. We will start on 19<sup>th</sup> of May and will be back on 2<sup>nd</sup> of June. For mission work in Nepal and especially for God's provision as Christian brothers and sisters in Nepal are praying and planning to open a school for children. This is their biggest need.

Again we thank you very much for your mission partnership. Please share this prayer news letter with your friends and family and help raise people who pray for God work around the world. Please be assured of our prayers for you. May the presence of our God be uplifting to you, may the daily grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be sustaining you and may the working of the Holy Spirit our guide be your strength daily.

Together in Christ's Mission

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