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Our dear friends and supporters,

Loving greetings to you in the sweet Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us to His marvelous light.

Christmas is a time to say thank you and express our heartfelt gratitude to you for your continuous support and fervent prayers

for all these years. The most dreadful pandemic has covered almost all of this year. However, God's Word came to us as an assurance to keep moving forward. Deut. 31:6 says – "Be strong, courageous and firm, fear not ... for it is the Lord your God Who goes with you..." Our daily morning devotions became more meaningful for our staff as we have memorized Ps. 91 and have been claiming each promise for the Mukti community and our families.



Whilst everything around us was closed, Mukti became a tower of hope and a beacon of light to the hundreds of suffering and starving people around us. The Lord transformed your timely gifts and support to feed the many hundreds of people. They were satisfied and blessed as during the peak of the pandemic, many had lost their jobs and business, leaving them penniless. Mukti was able to add smiles on their faces and fill their growling tummies.

Sometimes, we doubted God's grace and favour but in the midst of all these fears, we are seeing great miracles among our residents and this made us stand in awe of the powerful Hand of the Lord. Even though the pandemic strength is weakening day by day, our hospital continues to meet the needs of our residents and staff. One of our delight is experiencing God's Hand of healing on our elderly, vulnerable residents who are admitted in our hospital.

Due to Sapphire's ill health, she had to go back to her home in Mumbai, but God provided Precilla, who is a pillar of strength to me in the office. Precilla came as a novice, having just completed her M.A. in English but now she testifies that the Lord has turned her cow dung brain into a diamond brain. I thought this is true humility of a young, 23 year old, whom God is using mightily as my right-hand lady and also a guardian of the Lily family.



As never before, the farming activities took a new impetus when fresh veggies and food grains have been coming to the kitchen, thus saving a lot of Mukti's resources on food supplies. Each flower family and women's section have started their own mini organic plantation and this has kept them close to nature, thus opening their minds to dream bigger. We are so pleased that much of the vacant land at Mukti is now being utilized and Caring for God's Creation is the new mantra these days.





The Mukti campus is so vast and with the above vision of Caring for God's Creation, we are drilling in everyone's hearts the importance of managing the garbage waste and how it should be segregated so as to maintain good health in our community and surroundings. With the knowledge and expertise of many friends and well-wishers, teaching us about organic farming, I was pleased to take a workshop for our staff with a demonstration of the different kinds of waste and how to manage it.

From June 2020, we have been having two services every Sunday, maintaining a good amount of social distancing, etc. and this has brought a lot of creativity especially in the children's services. They are short and the messages are on a power point presentation which has kept the children and young people focused during the service. For the Church members living outside, there are online services conducted.

We thank you for being our prayer warriors and supporters since many years and hence I placing before you one important prayer need. This little girl is Gauri from the nursery who is almost two years old. Gauri was born with a hole in her heart and we have seen God's hand of healing on her as the hole is slowly reducing. Please pray with us that God will block the hole totally and she would be restored to full health.



As the year soon comes to a close and our Vision for the next year continues in the area of farming and agriculture, the Lord has been laying on my heart from Is. 41:18 – "I will open rivers on barren heights..." It was a dream that came to me one night that I was sitting on a rock garden and enjoying a beautiful waterfall. The Lord is true to His promises and surely as we open the New Year with this theme, the Lord is going to do exceedingly abundant more than we can think or imagine in the area of our land utilization.



Some family news: Abigail, Aaron and Jonathan are doing well. We don't travel to Pune very often due to the virus which seems to be spreading in Pune city more rapidly than in rural areas. It was a joy to see Jonny after 7 months and we were amazed at how much he has grown and recognizes everyone. He is now 14 months and cannot be still with his new excitement of walking, keeping his parents on their toes. Amanda is still praying for the man of God for her and we too desire that she

finds someone of her choice and settles well. Anil's mother had her 80th birthday in June this year and by God's grace, she is in good health and actively involved with her daily routine.

Thank you once again for your love, support, friendship and care for us and our families. It's because you pray and support us, we can fulfill the calling and accomplish the Lord's plan here in Mukti. May you have a Joyous Christmas and a Christ-filled New Year 2021.

With much love to all of you in Christ,

Lorraine & Anil Francis

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