

In Psalm 84:12, we read: “O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.” The title “Lord of hosts” refers to God’s authority over all of heaven and earth. He is Captain of the mighty angelic army and King over all of His creation. He is in control of the global pandemic that has brought mankind to its knees, and He alone will determine the outcome. While our ministries in India have been affected by the pandemic shutdown, these delays remind us that we are to fit into God’s plan and timing with a submissive attitude. His ways are not always what we expect, but there is no safer place to be than in His will. We know the Lord of hosts has a purpose in the pandemic, and He will bless us as we continue to trust in Him.

Heritage Baptist Bible College Online Classes

When the pandemic hit India, we followed government regulations and closed our campus. We are thankful all of our students traveled safely back to their homes across India before the government imposed travel bans between states. Those travel restrictions are still in effect. Currently, Trichy is considered one of the hot spots for COVID in India. In mid-June, we began holding all classes online via Zoom. Due to the lack of good internet connections, only 37 of the 69 students enrolled in the college are able to participate. Our students and faculty are in good spirits and are anxious to return to in-person learning. The government is hoping to reopen the public universities as early as November, but this might change based on the count of COVID cases,

have been spotty, we are glad for what we are able to do. The faculty and students have enjoyed the contact and content, and we greatly appreciate those giving us their time to teach.

Local Churches Helping Their Communities

The local churches supported by HBC are also under restrictions. Since most of the congregation is from the neighborhoods, the pastors are still in contact with parishioners, but with reduced church attendance. The pandemic shutdown has been a crushing financial blow to some families, and the local churches are stepping up to meet the needs of basic food items, such as, rice and vegetables. If you would like to participate in buying groceries for some of the poor families, please let our office know. Contributions to HBC always go 100 percent to the designated purpose.

Property Purchase Update

The COVID pandemic has played havoc with communication and appointments, especially in the state of Tamil Nadu. Physical boundaries cannot be crossed without permission, so the last step of paperwork from the trustees is moving forward, but rather slowly. Please pray for God’s guidance in this area.

Praises and Prayer Requests

We are thankful all of our pastors, faculty members, staff, and students are safe and well—no COVID cases—and the work of God is continuing in new ways.

Please pray for:

- Continued safety and protection for our people.
- Opportunities and boldness to share the gospel. Many people in India are depressed over the pandemic shutdown, and some suicides have been reported.



Online Zoom Class

On Sunday nights, Dr. Philip Ninan has been holding abbreviated Zoom chapel sessions with the students and faculty who have internet access. A different pastor/teacher in the U.S. has joined us during each session to present a message. While the connections