



## **COVID-19 Crisis in India**

Grace and peace to you through our good Lord,  
Jesus Christ!

This past December, we shared about the great need that arose in the rural communities of our pastors in India. Due to the pandemic and the associated containment measures, many families did not have reliable access to food. We asked for funds that would allow us to continue the food distribution program at \$2,500 per month through April. Thanks to the generosity of many of you, we were able to meet this goal! Each month, around 30 of the pastors have been able to share the love of Christ to around 450 families through bags of groceries. The photos

below are from last month, showing several pastors distributing the food to those in need.

The conditions of the pandemic had been improving in India, so we were planning to only extend our gratitude to you for partnering with us in the ministry through donations and prayer. However, in recent weeks, India has been overrun by an explosion of new Covid-19 cases. Last week alone, there were over 2 million new cases in the country, making up over 1/3 of the new cases worldwide! This new wave has pushed hospitals well beyond capacity and critical supplies are already running out, so the impact on the people of India will be devastating.

In response to these conditions, we ask for your continued prayers for the people of India and the pastors and congregations associated with PPMI. We also ask for continued generosity as your donations will allow us to continue the food-distribution program for the next several months as the virus continues to bring food insecurity that compounds the health crisis. May we keep our eyes on Christ our Rock as we navigate the challenges of these times knowing that our Lord is faithful to His people.

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