George Family VISHAYSHUM

E-MAIL UPDATE – June 2019 "I thank my God upon every rememberance of you." Philippians 1:3

Dear Praying Friends,

This time last year, the torrential rains of our 2018 monsoon caused the worst flooding and destruction our state of Kerala had seen in over 100 years; however, this year, as the first month of our three-month monsoon season is coming to a close, not a drop of rain has occurred. Our Lord is the Creator, and we do not know what His desire will be for our state these coming months. We can only pray that the rains will begin soon to provide the hydroelectric power, as well as the necessary drinking water for the people of this land.

Puthencruz VBS at Fellowship Baptist Church was held from April 8-12. Over 110 children attended. It was a memorable opportunity for believers to minister as a church. Due to the heat wave this past summer VBS in Nedumkanny, Gilgal Baptist Church was held only for three days, April 15-17. Even though we didn't have the space to accommodate children for too long due to the heat, over 100 children from pre-primary through high school enjoyed the fellowship, song and VBS lessons. On April 20, Fellowship Baptist celebrated their 19th church anniversary. We used this day as a gospel outreach to invite guests to a special evening function of songs and skits conducted by all the classes of the Sunday school department. In previous prayer letters, we had asked prayer for Mr. Johnny, as he was battling esophageal cancer. The eve before Easter, the Lord called him home to glory. Although we were saddened at this loss, we rejoice that He is at home with His Saviour.

Once these ministry programs were completed, our family spent all of May and half of June visiting across the United States. Our first priority was to apply for Santhosh's permanent resident card. This ten-year visa was to expire in June of this year. Once the online application was sent in, we took time to travel as we waited for the biometric appointment. *He obtained a one-year extension only, so please pray that he will receive the ten-year residency card within this extension time.* During this waiting period, we reminisced, remembered and cherished various people and ways that God used to bring us to this point in our lives. We visited our children, saw dear friends, and attended a family wedding. By God's grace, the Lord provided perfect timing to attend the funeral service of Mrs. Guyla Nelson. We were not only blessed to be part of the bittersweet home going service, but also was able to see Sophie's former pastor, Dr. Ed Nelson, and reunite with church members from long ago at Red Rocks Baptist Church, previously known as South Sheridan Baptist.

Due to the uncertainty of our trip, we were able to only give ministry report to two churches, Woodside Baptist Church in Aurora, Colorado and Bethel Baptist Church in Hampton, Virgina. We praise the Lord for these churches, as they are both partnering with us in this work in Kerala. Through June, we continued being enlightened, challenged, and encouraged as we heard soul-stirring preaching at the 99th annual FBFI conference in Denver, Colorado. We praise the Lord for the new insights and direction obtained to do the work of the ministry with more fervor and diligence. Thank you to all our supporting churches and friends for your continued love and support by sacrificially financing this ministry and for encouraging us through email and letters.

Serving Him with You All, Santhosh, Sophie and Jonathan George

