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Dear Friends, Supporters and Prayer Partners of Mercy Mission NZ

Greetings from Whanganui. It is a privilege to keep you informed of all that has been happening both in New Zealand and at the mission in India and there is much 'good news' to tell. We on the NZ Trust Board are so grateful to the many people who have responded to our call for aid for the flood victims in Kerala; to date we have been gifted \$6,948.00; I understand there is more to come. Thank you so much, for your compassionate giving.

Right now, Dr. Charly and his family are in the UK celebrating twenty years of God's provision for Mercy Mission in Vizianagaram. We too have much to celebrate in our tenth year of association with Charly and Mercy Mission. We are having an amazing year and acknowledge God's favour upon us here in New Zealand. Charly and I recognized this when he was here earlier this year and it has been confirmed with God's amazing provision for a tractor, implements and finance towards more land for rice fields from 'His Store House in Heaven' - the only way to describe what has taken place over the last few weeks. After a phone call from our benefactor's agent, we have had an unsolicited anonymous donation of \$55,000.00 deposited in our bank account from people totally unknown to us, specifically for this purpose! \$30,000.00 for a tractor and implements, and \$25,000.00 for an acre of land. Our benefactor's hope is that we will raise an equal amount of \$25,000.00 to purchase at least two acres of land.

At our meeting in June, we had decided that a tractor along with ancillary implements for the Rice Field and the Education Fund would be our major Projects this year. Without machinery, most of the planting and harvesting requires manual labour, which is not always available, reliable or cost effective. With their own machinery, and time permitting, they may be able to contract out and help other small farmers. The whole aim of the project is working towards Mercy Mission becoming self-sufficient in the future. We hope that will come before the borders close to Foreign Aid.

With the tractor already provided for, we convened a Board Meeting via telecommunication on 2nd September and passed the following motion.

'That: We will use our best endeavors, in conjunction with the UK, to raising the balance required of the \$25,000.00 to purchase extra land for Rice Fields to match that of our benefactor, within this financial year 31st March 2019 or as soon thereafter as possible. And further, we inform our supporters via a newsletter regarding the situation.'

Between Mercy Mission NZ and the UK, we have approximately NZ\$7,000.00 towards this project on hand and we hope the UK raise more towards the Rice Field during Dr. Charly's present visit.

This has been a great encouragement to us on the Trust Board and I hope, for you too, who give so generously. Your gifts have not, gone un-noticed in the Heavens and Galatians 6:9-10 come to mind. "Let us not become weary in doing good; for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." God knows what we need before we ask but when we pray, He is more than willing to provide what we need.

During our travel around New Zealand, in May/June of this year, we made many new connections, new friends and for the first time ever we were able to cover the costs of Dr. Charly's airfares, his insurance and our travel costs around New Zealand, amounting to \$2,900.00. This was mainly from funds specifically given for that purpose, and leaving a net income after expenditure of \$11,400.00 from the 'love offerings' we received. This allowed us to send \$14,700.00 in total for the Education fund at the beginning of the school year in July. We are so thankful to God for His provision and to those He has moved to contribute. We have to date 11 new child sponsors with a net gain of nine. This brings us to 39 children sponsored from NZ with a possibility of another four out on approval. The Education Fund has two more, regular sponsors and we have had several new donors for Capital Projects.

There is so much good news coming from the mission, because of the generosity of our sponsors in New Zealand. The solar power system has had a major influence in the quality of education in the school as a whole. With no interruptions in the heat of the summer due to cooling fans as well as running computers etc. and for the Mercy Home Children in their hostels allowing them to study at night in a pleasant atmosphere. The children are all doing well in their studies, 27 have graduated and have established in good jobs.

The Mercy Mission English Medium School is so highly regarded in the district, because of its quality English Medium Education and high pass rates, that the Local Government Education Board, who discovered funding for local under privileged children, has chosen MMEMS to educate these children. Last year there were 120 admitted to the school 60 of whom were boarders, this year there are 160 of these children with about 80 boarders. Due to the generosity of a UK donor Mercy Mission has established a large dormitory facility on top of the Bible College where they are housing these extra children. Although this funding does not make a profit for the school, it is covering the children's basic needs for uniforms, books, education and food and has provided an opening for the mission to work in the villages from where they live.

Because of the quality of education, there is no longer resistance from the wealthy Hindu families to sending their children to the mission school, without restrictions or compromise on the Christian nature of the School. There are now 750 students attending MMEMS; this is indeed good news. Charly has recently toured in USA raising funds for more classrooms to house the influx.

It was great news that one young man, sponsored by a New Zealand family, who had completed his two- year Pre-Degree Course, in May 2017, with a 94% pass in his finals, was given a four-year Scholarship, all his expenses paid, by a Pharmaceutical Company to Study BSC in Chemistry. He also receives a small salary of INR 10,000 per month, approximately NZ\$50.00 per month. Jagadish was 9 years old when he came to Mercy Mission from a rural area; his father had died and his mother was unable to earn enough from seasonal work from the local landowners to care for him and his sister. He would have lived in a mud brick house with a thatched roof with no running water or facilities, which we take for granted. He would have had no opportunity to attend school or learn English. The transformation in this young man's life is truly a fitting testimony, to the love, care and encouragement he received from Charly, Liz and the other staff at Mercy Mission Home. Also to the high standard of education provided at Mercy Mission English Medium School, and the character built into him to make him the responsible young man that he has become. When Jagadish received his first salary he brought the total amount to Charly for the mission (the first fruits) and has tithed his salary ever since. In fact, there were 300 applicants for 30 positions in this Pharmaceutical Company and all five students who applied from Mercy Mission were accepted. Indeed this is what Mercy Mission is all about.

There was much jubilation in early August for our Mercy Mission family with the engagement of Charly and Liz's younger daughter Jessica to Jeffrey, in Kerala, and their marriage at the mission campus in Vizianagaram a week later. A few of us watched the proceedings live on face book, what amazing technology. It was quite some event. I was delighted to catch a glimpse of John, sponsored by my church here in Whanganui, as they waited for the bride to enter the church.

Jeffrey has a day job in IT and is junior pastor to his father in Visakhapatnam. At present, they are living in Visakhapatnam, about 50 kilometres south of the mission; Jessica is the administrator for the mission and I understand they may well re-locate to the mission some time hence. We may well see them in New Zealand as they take responsibility over more of the mission work.

Banking details as follows:

For Rice Field: BNZ Project Account: 02 0152 0154770 **30** reference 11
For Education Fund: BNZ Project Account: 02 0152 0154770 **30** reference 02
For Kerala Fund: BNZ Project Account: 02 0152 0154770 **00** reference KF

Thank you all so much for your love and support of Mercy Mission.

May God bless you richly as we work together in this part of His Vineyard,

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Anne Martin (NZ Administrator for Mercy Mission NZ)