

Our paddy field today : green, healthy
will be ready for harvest month time

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The year 2020 has brought in so much of changes for all of us that we are all pushed to readjust our radar to the changes that is taking place. This change generally has brought in so much information, fear, doubts, apprehension, isolation, economy hit hard and we are introduced to a lifestyle of no hugs and handshakes, social distancing, face mask and hand sanitizers obsession. Who would have ever imagined a pandemic will one day affect us to this extend. Many lives have been very badly affected not just by the fear of the pandemic but their source of livelihood been gone. And sadly many of the girls/women we serve are also among the badly affected ones. But this difficult season also gave opportunity for so many people to extend love, support, kindness and help in varied ways and we as a ministry are humbled and beyond blessed to have tasted so much of God's goodness and generosity through many of you.

The lockdown sure did crippled our business income, social contacts, interaction and intervention especially in the outreach work with movement restricted but this did not deter our spirit and so we shift our focus on works and things we can meaningfully invest in such a time as this. It was an opportunity for the Ministry to evaluate the work and upgrade our skill trainings and focus on leadership capacity building. The girls learnt the skill of candle making, upgrade tailoring training, gift box, gardening, fishing and many learned and practiced organic healthy way of living

Another heart lifting experience is we were able to plough a small portion of land in our backyard and convert it into a Paddy field. It was very hard work tilling the soil but worth the wait and the labour. For many of us, it was a first time experience, transplanting the paddy in the field. We are excited and we look forward to do more in the following years.

A small awareness program in commemoration of World Day against trafficking in persons was held on 30th July keeping in mind the possibility of aggravated injustice due to the vulnerable season we are all in. We mostly targeted the youths and young returnees from cities for this very important program. Other important trainings on table etiquette and Covid 19 awareness was also conducted at different times. We also had a fun time of sharing and learning sessions through drama.



Skill upgradation and capacity building trainings



Human Trafficking awareness program/
Table Etiquette and Covid 19 awareness trainings





God has His own way of doing things which many times it is very hard for me to understand and accept. With the dawn of 2020, I had a very different plan. Never in my wildest dream have I thought that a pandemic as this will jeopardise all my plans. Initially I was disheartened. But this gave me and my team the opportunity to pray, focus and explore possibilities to continue the half done work – the first floor. The ground floor and the top floor was completed but the first floor was just lying bare untouched. We all agreed that we will not push ourselves very hard to complete the first floor. But God wanted us to finish that which He began through us as a team. This realization scared me to death because I just didn't know how it's going to be done. But with courage and "simply faith" we started the journey of building the first floor. Initially we just plan to lay the brick walls for protection but slowly God opened ways and made it possible for us to do one after the other. There are still so many details that needs to be completed, but we are very grateful for what we have and how God provided. We are happy that it is now not just a bare empty floor but a floor that serves some of our most important needs: **an indoor recreational room, two big rooms for workshops, rooms for inmates that needs special medical care, 3 apartments each with balcony overlooking the beautiful green fields and a prayer room.** Had it not been this lockdown, nestled in our fear of how to do it, I don't know how many years we will wait to complete one floor with such needed facilities. We have had our own share of many challenges, disappointments, grieved by the death of our dear friend, sleepless nights thinking about where and how to generate income to pay the women, fights, disagreements among the girls in the shelter home and run away instances. So it has not been easy on us but in all these it only taught us to be more dependent on Him. We are encouraged to focus on the hope of eternity and not too much on the temporal difficulties. So this season sure has been a life transforming season for many of us, it has enriched our experience and our camaraderie as a team has blossomed beautifully yet again.



Education Support Program:

Under the initiative of Toli & Duan, the two vibrant hard working outreach supervisors, children under the Miqlat Education Support Program were able to have a conference call and connect with

their sponsors. This was a very encouraging experience for the ministry, the children and even for the sponsors. We thank you for your encouragement and support to the children. Because of “YOU” this one child educational future is secured. This child has hope to dream again. Thank you for been a part of this life changing movement.

Reading and Growing together in and through the Word of God

For the past 10 years, we been reading scriptures (3-4 chapters) every morning together with the girls. Sometimes it takes hours for us to finish these few chapters since many don't know how to read and so we help one another. Our goal is simply that we will all grow in the habit of reading God's word, that the Word will be rooted in us and that we will also finish reading the bible every two years together as a ministry. This practice has been going on and as much as possible we have not missed it. Even during holidays we keep up the reading through video/conference calls in small groups. Many who have never gone to formal school can now read and understand. Many when they share their problems, they end up saying” **but it was this/that particular verse that lifted my spirt, that helped me not to give up, that stop me from going back, committing suicide etc.** I cannot express the joy inside me when I hear such testimony. This truly has been a life changing experience for many of us. So this year we move up one level and commit to memorise one verse every week. It is not easy for many of the girls but what a delight to see them helping one another to read, memorise and understand the meaning of the passage. This experience is one of my biggest joys and most fulfilling moment of each day.

**“The world is changed by example, not by your opinion”
Paulo Coelho.**

Praises & Prayers

- We are also very encouraged by the visit of one of our Association leaders (ABCC). As much as I remember, this has been the first formal visit from the general association. So Dr. Atsi Dolie & team, thank for blessing our hearts.
- Your prayers, support, visits, encouragement and every small act of love, care, concern is engraved in our hearts. We thank God for each one of you.
- We are prayerfully prepared and expecting new clients from October. Journey with us in prayer as God brings in new lives into our hands to heal, mould and build this season.
- Pray that our run away girl will be safe wherever she is and that she will meet God again even in the dark alleys she walks around.
- Pray for protection, wisdom and favour as we slowly resume the outreach ministry.
- We are grateful that many of you support our work by buying and selling our products. But we sure need to increase our income again through business to be able to provide timely payments for the women. Pray for markets to bloom for us.
- Words are limited to express the everyday battle we go through. Pray for breakthroughs over physical, emotional , mental, social, spiritual abuses.

**Our prayer for you this season is that”
you will not just count your blessings.
But be the blessings other people counts”.**

Asha sanchu & Team

