

A BRIEF PROPOSAL TO SERVE THE NEEDY / INFECTED DURING THE SECOND WAVE OF CORONA PANDEMIC IN 2021.

Brief highlights of our help in 2020: -

From the help of the donor agencies, like Send Hope Now, OWK, etc, Calvary Chapel Trust was able to extend the following facilities during the first wave of corona pandemic in 2020. They are: -

1. Hundreds of migrant workers who were desperate to return back to their native villages were provided food & transportation to ensure that they were able to reach their places safely.



2. Hundreds of migrant workers who opted to travel back by train were provided food and drinking water to reach their destination safely. With special permission from the City Railway Station authorities, we were able to regularly provide for almost 50 days.



3. The sudden lockdown in 2020 saw many daily wage workers living in the slum losing their livelihood. Most of them earn daily for their living. Such of those had to face starvation and hunger. The Police authorities from Chemmannakere Achukattu Station had requested Calvary Chapel Trust for help. Hence, in collaboration with the Police authorities, we identified the most vulnerable people in the slums who were facing acute poverty and provided food commodities for sustenance of life. We extended help to 5 slums in and around the said Police Station limits.



4. With the help of our Church pastors and Elders of the church, Calvary Chapel Trust identified certain slums for providing food commodities and grocery items.



5. Calvary Chapel Trust helped in burying the Christian believers in the Christian Cemetery.



6. Our Pastors and Social Workers visited many slum dwellers and provided psychological support to those who were impacted very badly due to the sudden lockdown and pandemic.



7. Calvary Chapel Trust also provided mask, hand sanitizers and helped the slum dwellers to disinfect their place of living.



8. Specially identified HIV infected families were provided food commodities and grocery items since most of them could not go for work. This also was an attempt to sustain their lives.



9. Calvary Chapel Trust also provided food commodities and grocery items to lepers in Barugur and Yadagiri area. About 300 families were supported in Barugur and another 175 families were supported in Yadagiri.



10. We also extended help to our own Pastors and Volunteers for reimbursement of their medical expenses incurred due to the pandemic. Most of them took preventive steps to ensure that they are protected against the pandemic.

Our proposed intervention during the Second Wave in 2021:-

1. The Trust is receiving calls for help for-
 - i. Oxygen
 - ii. Procuring vaccines / medicines
 - iii. Transport facility for shifting corona infected patients to the hospitals.

To summarize the above help, it would be nice if we can have ambulances to shift patients to the hospitals.

It is proposed to procure 2 ambulances. One ambulance will be stationed in Bangalore and another in Koppal. The one in Bangalore will cater to the needs of calls from Bangalore slums and also take care of the children of all the 3 homes. Whereas another ambulance will be stationed in Koppal which will take care of calls from the villages in that area.

The cost of each ambulance will be around USD 20,000/-



2. We can ear-mark an amount for helping Corona infected patients in procuring vaccines. As notified, vaccines are costing around Rs. 600/- in Private hospitals; whereas others are charging Rs. 400/-.

It is proposed to ear-mark an amount of USD 3000/- for the purpose.

3. We see that there is a lot of hesitation to bury corona infected patients. (Christians only). This is because, there are lots of precautions to be followed for such burial – as per the Government directive. The depth of the burial pit should be 12 feet and the body must be completely sealed and only very few people are allowed to attend the funeral. There are also specifications for the coffin as well. (As I am writing this proposal, I am travelling to bury a believer of our church)

It is proposed to ear-mark an amount of USD 5000/- for this purpose.

4. As it was done last year, we can support HIV/AIDS infected families, lepers, and families who acutely poverty stricken. This support is to provide food / grocery sustenance for about 3000 families for a period of 2 months in 10 states of India.

The estimate cost will be Rs. 1000 x 3000 families x 2 months= Rs. 60,00,000

It is proposed to ear-mark an amount of USD 80,000/-

5. Our Pastor / Evangelist / Social Workers are also infected with Covid-19. At present around 10 of them are infected. It is proposed to support them with medical bill reimbursement.

It is proposed to ear-mark an amount of USD 3000/- for the purpose.

Conclusion:-

The above are felt needs. Based on availability of funds or donor's commitment, you may provide directions to Calvary Chapel Trust to devise plans to implement these "help assistance".

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