

Dear family

Perhaps your wondering, where the Arnolds are? Why haven't we heard from them for so long? Here we are by the grace and mercy of our God. The year 2017 was very hard year for us. Challenges in our finances, burning on in ministry and stress in the family have all contributed to an extremely difficult time for me. By the grace of God 2018 saw many of our friends reach out, love and encourage us. These friends have fed my soul with the gospel and helped me marvel at God's continuing abundant and marvelous grace in my life by pointing me to the cross and their love for us. Running on empty wasn't fun or easy but I am grateful to God for many lessons learned. His Spirit has been enabling and filling me with joy as I have renewed desire to draw near to Him and study His word. Today we stand as a family with a clearer vision and burning passion for His will to be done in our lives as we serve. This picture of us was taken after our Christmas service. Missing from this picture is our eldest son Jesudhas who spent Christmas with his classmates from Covenant College, he is in his junior year. Elsie is finishing up her 12<sup>th</sup> grade and Joseph is completing his 9<sup>th</sup> grade (yes he is the tallest in our family).



In the midst of the valleys God enabled us to translate and print a gospel tract written by my first roommate at Covenant Seminary, TE Sam Yoo from CA. We have translated this into Tamil and Kannada. Later we started to conduct trainings for pastors to introduce and train their congregations to use this tool in their church's outreach. We have exhausted our first printing and are looking forward to printing a larger quantity in the 2<sup>nd</sup> printing. We continue to follow up our initial training with visits to these congregations in our presbytery who have requested us to train their members in Evangelism. God willing we will soon translate and print these in Hindi and Telugu. Please pray with us for this to be completed soon.



I continue to serve the congregation of Bangalore Presbyterian Church as its TE and am amazed to see God use this little congregation for his glory as a strategic launch pad for Church planting in India. In less

than two months a family supported by our congregation to study at Presbyterian Theological Seminary will return to serve as the Associate Pastor of BPC. We are hoping and praying this will enable us to reach out into our community with the gospel.

Our children's ministry to abandoned and abused children God willing will restart in about 3 to 6 months. We have been talking to our partners to restart Jan's Home in an existing structure on the property that was purchased for it with little renovation and an addition of three rooms. Do pray for us that we will get all the needed permissions from the Children's Welfare department of our state. Our staff are eager to serve after a long delay and they need our prayers. Pray also for the children God will give us the privilege of loving and caring for.

In some ways it feels like we are relaunching our ministry in 2018 so it only fitting that I come and meet with you what God is laying on our hearts. God has provided an opportunity for me to travel to the States this April. I am hoping to meet with each of our supporting congregations and friends during this visit. I am reaching out to each of our partners to help me set up meetings with you or your church. You can reach me at [pbaatpmi@psmail.net](mailto:pbaatpmi@psmail.net) As soon as I get my US phone number I will communicate that to you as well. I would love to get the opportunity to visit with you individually or as a congregation and share with you our joys and are struggles.

Please continue to pray for us. We are extremely grateful for your partnership in the gospel.

With love and prayers,

Paul Billy for Shirley, Jesudhas, Elsie and Joseph

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