

My Dear Friends and Supporters,

June 2022.



I hope you are well. Years have passed since I was able to visit the UK. 2018 was the last time. The main reason has been Covid.

In this rural part of India where my mission is situated, we have been spared the havoc of Covid. Although, I must say, the priest in a parish nearby, 30 miles away, did succumb to it. However, in the general population here, there have been some deaths, but not many. Each one is, of course, a personal tragedy.

However, in the mission we have been spared. By God's grace, I am in good health and fully active.

The worst victims of Covid have been our children. Not that they caught the disease.



They too were spared. But for eighteen months they could not go to school or attend college. The younger they were, the greater the negative affect. When well into the pandemic, schools and colleges began to give online classes. But really to benefit children need to have discipline and the ability to study

creatively. Among the school going children, I wonder how many followed and how much they learned. Teachers tell me that many even did not attend. Schools and colleges are now, however, getting back to normal. I educate 35 orphan or extremely poor children. This means that I pay for their fees in school and in the hostel if they need to attend. This year I need to pay £2,713.00. *(In the photo: I am with the children I sponsor)*



Apart from these I educate 70 college students and for them it costs £9,320.00. Before the pandemic, every month we would hold a day for human and spiritual development. Now we too are getting back to normal. However public examinations take place this month and so pupils and

students are actively preparing for them. We will conduct seminars for our students during the holidays, which will follow the exams. *(In the photo, I am with some youths who followed our retreat in June 2021. At the back is the priest who helped me and in the front is the coordinator).*

I am extremely grateful for all the assistance you give me for these young people. Over the years hundreds have benefited and many are well settled. They too are very grateful. According to their means they reach out to others.

In India, there are Government hospitals. However, for severe sicknesses, most people go to private hospitals where they believe treatment will be better. For this, of course, they must pay. Treatment is very expensive. I help two very poor people

who are suffering from cancer. One has brain cancer. The other with cancer on her face. One of them costs me £90 per week and we are into the third year! This treatment keeps her alive, but she doesn't seem to be getting better. Treatment for the other patient costs £200 a month. Fortunately she is getting better. Many people come to me. I try to help those in real need. Fortunately, we have a Protestant hospital here and the doctor is very kind and cooperative. For ordinary sicknesses he



treats our patients freely. Today, unfortunately, we are burying a young man of 27 with wife and child. He developed cancer in his throat. It spread to his lungs and also to his head.

Now in my eighties, I feel I am beginning the work of my life! As a missionary, I feel inspired

to set up a shrine to Our Lady the Mother of Evangelisation. I am now building the Grotto. When it is finished, we will have a solemn blessing by our Archbishop. I will place very visible notices in all the churches in Hyderabad and in all the rural parish churches and invite people to come, pray and receive the healing graces of Mary, our Mother. We will have regular services at the week-ends and in a lesser way during the week. I will strive to have many hundreds and thousands come and along with Catholics many non-Christians. I expect the Lord's Mother to work miracles for her devotees. This will give us the opportunity to meet and build relationships with non-Christian devotees leading to their becoming full Christians and Catholics.



**[photo: the place is marked out for the grotto]**

Every year on December the 8<sup>th</sup> we have a mega feast of the Immaculate Conception. One person told me last week of the favour she received. Her husband was a twenty-

year old case of severe psoriasis. He suffered greatly and his clothes, particularly his shirt would stick to his back with the constantly oozing fluid. She told me she prayed during the Mass so urgently for him. Within three days his body was completely dried up and with no signs of the disease. Since then, he has been completely relieved. **[ photo: the shrine taking shape!]**

With the shrine up and going, I believe Mary, our Mother, will work many miracles for people who come to her. This will be the door to bring the Good News of Jesus in full.

I will send a leaflet about it separately. One picture is worth a thousand words! Please join me in my missionary endeavour with your daily prayer.

**Thank you so much for your contributions to my mission for the poor and destitute and for the spread of the Gospel of Salvation.**

With my best wishes and prayers for you and yours,

Fr. Tim.

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