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KERALA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (UK)

Communique

Dear KCF Supporter,

Over the last few months, each and every one of our lives have changed in ways we could have never imagined. As spring makes way for summer here in the UK, we have found ways of adapting to the 'new normal'. In these unprecedented times, we have seen the rise of heroes all around us. We have seen the likes of **Sir Tom Moore** achieving the unimaginable, raising over £34million for the NHS. Meanwhile in Kerala, health minister **K. K. Shailaja**, (known affectionately as *Shailaja teacher*) is being applauded the world over for her approach in tackling COVID 19 and her commitment to ensuring resources reached the people that needed it the most.

We as the KCF, wanted to thank you for being a hero, in your own way. You have contributed to making an impact during this pandemic. Through your support over the years, you have helped empower a whole generation of nurses that continue to serve on the frontline. Nurses who have made a difference in various forms during the time of pandemic.

In this newsletter, we wanted to highlight four stories of people connected to KCF, who share their experiences in working through these trying times. Two of them are beneficiaries, and the other two are supporters, but all send heartfelt gratitude for your role in supporting a cause that supports 'superheroes'!

As you read through this update, we hope you are filled with joy, knowing your support and prayers have empowered several frontline nurses. We hope this encourages you to continue to support KCF, both in prayer and through financial giving, despite our annual event being cancelled this year.

We hope this pandemic will soon be over and look forward to being able to gather together again, but until then, we pray safety and protection over each one of you. Stay safe.

Do get in touch with us with feedback, questions or any ideas you may have to keep the light of KCF shining.

With every blessing,

The KCF Committee

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Queries / Feedback ?

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Drenched in tears of hopelessness, came a mother's plea for help to support her daughter Revathi in 2011. KCF supported Revathi for four years (2011 – 2015) as she completed her nursing degree from PSG College in Coimbatore. Revathi's mother, a Malayalam teacher lived in small house situated within a remote colony meant for the homeless, where she also cared for her own aging mother. With the burden of educating her daughter lifted, she was able to make ends meet and save a little. In September 2017 Revathi completed her IELTS and succeeded in getting a job at University Hospital Limerick, Ireland. With the money her mother managed to save, she managed to find a suitable match and got Revathi married. Today, she and her husband live in Ireland. We got in touch with her and this is what she had to say...

"The pandemic is an incredible opportunity to serve those in need. I had a blind patient under my care for three days. After his recovery, he sent a card and some chocolates, addressed to me at the hospital. He was extremely grateful and thankful for the service and personal care he received and wanted to acknowledge my role in it. This is just one of many stories of situations where I am able to make a difference because of the support you provided. Please continue to pray for the peace of mind of healthcare workers as we have worries and concerns about our loved ones, just like everyone else."

We also reached out to two other nurses, sisters Reshma & Roshen, who work at the Sagar Apollo Hospital, Bangalore & DY Patil Hospital, Pune respectively. While they are not directly involved in the treatment of COVID patients, they still play a vital role in caring for sick patients. This is what Roshen had to say when we asked her to share what her role entails...

"I serve, love and care for others who are weak psychologically, mentally and physically. Please could I ask that you pray for the physical health of those caring for others and prepare them for all that is to come."

We are so grateful for your support over the years that has allowed us to equip students like them to pursue their dreams and now serve others in need.

Amongst our supporters, we have a number of front-line workers who continue to work tirelessly to support communities, patients and loved ones. Here are some of their experiences...

A paediatric physiotherapist reflected on the sense of community during these unprecedented times. An elderly couple who saw her walking to work one day, thanked her for the work she was doing. 'We'll be thinking of you when we clap for the carers tonight', they said. Her prayer request for frontline workers is that they find peace and comfort in the midst of the situations they are faced with each day. And for protection of them, as they care for others.

A clinical respiratory and sleep physiologist told us of her deep appreciation for every breath we take and how it can determine the quality of life that we live. Her prayer request is for emotional strength for the care workers and for their families to be able to support them. To also pray for acceptance of God's will when things don't go according to 'our plans'.