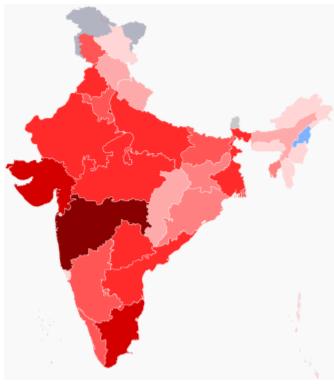


News letter May 2021 India

Dear Friends and Supporters,



India is hard hit by Covid-19 now – the darker the color the worse.

Through Swedish media, we know that India has been hit hard by Covid-19. A touching letter came from the mission head in HCC Hindustani Covenant Church in India. HCC has its origin in the Swedish Missionary Society, nowadays the Equmenia Church. The SB Foundation has also cooperated a lot with HCC and helped pay for hospital equipment, schools etc. Here is the bishop's letter:

With great sadness in our hearts, we want to let you know that our church leaders, pastors, and parish *members have been taken from us forever – the* reason is Covid-19. Today an elderly pastor died, Sudan Kodolikar. We cannot cry any longer, our tears have dried up. HCC is going through a tough

I perform last rituals for them, one by one, on whom I had earlier laid my hands to ordinate them for duty. Nobody wishes to experience these days. We feel crushed and broken-hearted.

But this is not the end. Their widows and fatherless children turn to the church hoping for an answer. They ask again and again, what shall we do now?

Their questions are painfully true, for now they have to leave the parsonage where they have lived until today. There is no survivor's pension, which could have solved the question of their continued survival. This is a big responsibility, which we must handle with compassion. The church must take some action to ensure their rehabilitation.

But that is not all. Now comes the need to appoint new priests in the congregations, where the pastors and priests have died. And it is up to us to elect good pastors in this emergency. That is a big task we must shoulder.

We have also lost parish members and young people who had taken on different kinds of responsibilities in various HCC congregations. Join us in prayer for the new people coming in to take over and pray for the families so that the Lord Jesus Christ can comfort them during this time of grief. Think also of HCC so that the church can carry on with the inevitable tasks they must also shoulder. Greetings from Hindustani Covenant Church, India, Steven C. David.

The Equmenia Church contributes SEK 100.000 to HCC as support to a staff fund. The SB Foundation might be able to help the fatherless children to get their schooling paid during the coming school year. Feel free to help us with an extra gift. And now Hans Hammarfors, who manages our website, has arranged a QR code, so if you have a smartphone, this is a simple and quick way of giving a gift.

Greetings from the Stiftelsen Brödet / the SB Foundtion and our board members, Arne, Elisabeth, Ivar, Lena, Roger



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