

GIU (Galilee International US) Newsletter July & August 2022

Dear Friends and family, peace to you all!

While July and August this year have been extremely hot, our hearts have been burning as well with passion for God's glory! We would like to share with you how we have been experiencing God's grace.

1. **God has been bringing in new workers continuously.** We are using various ways and means to train them and provide care for them. In September, we will send some of the new workers to one field to provide pre-field training.

2. **Thank God our Father for enabling many fields to hold their retreats over last two months.** Many of the mentors participated and were able to serve them providing member care, counseling and teaching. The workers' responses were very positive, and all expressed great appreciation and gained much in the way of being renewed and empowered. At the end of September, there will be another field retreat in South Asia.

3. **Thank God for blessing and increasing our workers families.** This year we have had 12 pregnancies among the workers, and three of them have already safely delivered! We also have provided MK education tuition support for 30 children for the first half of this year, and have also provided health insurance for 30 units to the end of August of this year. From September we are hoping to be able to continue providing the insurance coverage for another year. GIU desires that all MKs be able to attend school and have adequate health insurance when medical needs arise.

4. **The first board meeting of Galilee International Ventures (GIV) was successfully held.** The meeting acknowledged the board members and executive team members, and started the application process to register as an entity. Through this new BAM (Business as Mission) platform, we hope to develop more BAM projects, especially in closed access countries, and to provide good products and services. Through these BAM projects, we hope to enter into their communities to build indigenous local networks and connections so as to share the Gospel and disciple local believers and church leaders.

5. Over the last two months, we have faced several challenges; many of the workers experienced physical illnesses; some of them contracted Covid; one family contracted Dengue Fever. Thankfully, at the moment they are all on their way to full recovery.

6. Because of severe global inflation, field living costs have increased greatly. Additionally, the workers from time to time have been caught in various types of turmoil and unrest. Some of the workers have had great difficulty renewing their visas, which has been very stressful.

Prayer requests:

- Please pray that we may be able to continue to provide them with emergency funds, health insurance and MK education tuition support,
- Please pray that GIU will be able to find more volunteers. Right now, we need someone who is able to help with creating videos and communication (writing ministry reports and newsletters on the website, etc.), someone who can do administrative work, as well as someone who has an accounting background.
- Please pray for our board members and co-workers' retreat on 9/15-17. Pray that everyone will be able to come together safely.
- Please pray that God will provide us more mobilization opportunities and a strategy to connect and network together to participate in God's global mission.

