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Dear all

“The Word was in the world, and though God made the world through him, yet the world did not recognize him. He came to his own country, but his own people did not receive him.” John 1:10

This newsletter comes from Devon as we are midway through our home assignment where “home” is the key word, and the assignment part has become virtual. At this time of year many of us read John 1 and as we reflect on what it has meant for us to not see people during our home assignment, we wanted to celebrate with you the profound mystery of worshipping our seen and yet not seen God.

As we are in the UK, we thought we would keep our news brief and use this opportunity mainly to say thank you to all of you for your support, interest and prayers.

We had been looking forward to meeting everyone who writes to us, prays for us and supports the work of BMS through their generosity. We like travelling and our hopes had been for a giant road trip catching up with old friends and visiting new places and churches. At the beginning of our house bound home assignment, we were unsure how we would ever build relationships if we couldn't visit and how we could ever convey anything meaningful about Bangladesh over a short video.

The surprise for us has been how good it has been to be in virtual fellowship - the evening zoom prayer meetings, zoom coffee afternoons and pre and post service zoom catch up's have helped us to feel that we know you a bit better. We may not have communicated with you in the way that we would have liked, but we certainly feel supported by you. We hope that once we are back in Bangladesh we can continue to develop our relationships with you in the same way.



At a personal level we are feeling the loss of time with the boys, our siblings, and friends the most. In this we know we are no different to the rest of the country. Thank you to all of you who have asked about the boys. We continue to feel immensely proud of them and the way they have got on with life and been so supportive of us.

With our eye on the 7th January 2021 (the date we return to Bangladesh), it feels more and more important that we can make use of the weeks of leave we are taking after the 13th December.

If it has felt a little strange to be having virtual conversations with people in the UK it has been really positive that we have been able to carry on progressing work and having virtual conversations with our colleagues and friends in Bangladesh. We would like to thank all of you who joined with us in praying for John Sagor Karmakar, the assistant general secretary of BBCS when he was in hospital and very ill with COVID, Dengue and Pneumonia. He is now recovering at home and we give thanks to God for sparing him and we are continuing to pray for his full recovery.

As we think about returning to Bangladesh we are aware that it will be the first winter of the pandemic and therefore there is heightened anxiety about how this will impact the spread of the virus. We give thanks that so far the death rate has been low in Bangladesh but would ask that you join with us in praying that there will not be a second wave and that millions of people will not be plunged into poverty .

It has been business as usual for BBCS over these past months and we feel we have a lot to catch up on. We will be returning to a busy schedule of preaching, teaching and travelling, so we will need to be ready, after another 14 days quarantine, to hit the ground running.



We will need a COVID negative test result 72 hours before catching our flight back and please pray that when we land in Dhaka, we will be permitted to home quarantine and not be sent to a government facility.

As these weeks have passed and as we approach Christmas, there is a lot we are thankful for. We will sign off with some more words from John's gospel and give thanks for the blessing of God who is seen among us in Jesus Christ.

“Out of the fullness of his grace He has blessed us all, giving us one blessing after another. God gave the law through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the only Son who is the same as God and is at the Father's side, He has made him known”. (John 1:16-18)

As we often say in Bangladesh to greet our fellow Christians: “Emmanuel” .

Happy Christmas

Pete and Louise

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