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November 2016 Update

Our dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving for your love, prayers and partnership in the ministry of the Gospel. We know God

is faithful and He has shown His faithfulness by bringing all of you alongside us as we labour in His harvest. As some of you in the US get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving Day and the rest of us here in Trinidad get ready for Christmas 2016, we take this opportunity to bring you greetings and update you on the work of God in the Heerahs' home and at Hope Community Church.





We are continually reminded of God's commitment to us to be a good good Father who will take care of His children in all ways. We are all doing very well.

Justin turned 20 on October 28. He completed one year at a local university (UTT) and has decided that he wants to pursue studies in the field of worship and audio / video digital media. He is presently working for his uncle at a restaurant and has applied to Cedarville University in Ohio. Please pray for him and for us as this is a huge endeavour

for all of us in so many ways. We will need God's amazing provision to make this happen. Pray also as he prepares to take the SAT in December.

Joseph is now 16 and in Form 5 of secondary school (10th grade). He too is preparing for a major season of exams from May - June 2017. He is working hard but his teachers have all



encouraged him to press harder for the next 6 months. Both he and Justin continue to serve at the church and have big hearts for ministry. They are such great helpers!

Charissa is now 11 and growing into a fine young lady. She also is in exam mode as she prepares for a national test in May 2016 to determine which high school she gets into. This is big nationally with a lot of unnecessary stress on families and especially on the kids. Thank you for your prayers regarding our children, their upcoming exams and their future.



Ronnie and Meela continue to work at protecting and building a strong marriage and we are thankful for God's amazing grace in our lives. We sold the maxi taxi (minivan) back in September and are now full-time again in the church. We are very excited about this and so is the church. The church has agreed to pick up some

of the support the maxi would have brought in. We are amazed at their love and generosity.

Hope Community Church continues to grow deep and wide. We now have about 120 people who regularly attend our worship services, a thriving KidZone environment which Meela oversees, 4 small groups happening in homes and 2 more small groups starting up in January. We are also praying about a Young Adults ministry to kick off in January as well.



HCC's first elder couple – Ed and Chandra Bhopa



We installed our first elder, Ed Bhopa, in October and started a Leadership development process with 4 other men. We will be adding at least 2 more men to this pool in January 2017. The goal is to have 2 more elders and 3 deacons installed by end of 2017.

The HCC Youth Ministry (BLAST) kicked off in September and they now have about 25 teenagers who have started coming regularly and inviting their friends. A team of 4 vibrant young adults, who are also very involved in the Worship and Kids

Ministry, are leading BLAST – which stands for Building Lives Around Solid Truth.

Our Family Deeper life SOD (School of Discipleship) classes on Tuesday nights have attracted a sizable crowd with elective classes offered for adults and a home-work centre for the kids. Here we teach foundation classes for spiritual growth (Panorama of the Bible & How to study the Bible.) We will be offering Marriage and Parenting classes in January 2017.

Our church celebrated our 6th Anniversary on November 13 with a crowd of 138 people who came to celebrate this with us. We had about 15 visitors and many expressed the desire to return and be part of what God is doing here. A huge blessing for us is to see the believers take the responsibility and ownership of what happens at HCC. We have approximately 80 % of the people involved in ministry. Praise the Lord.

This weekend we will be having a **Family Day and Baptism** at the beach where 7 adults will be following the Lord in water baptism. We praise God for these dear ones who came to faith in Christ over the last 3 months.

Prayer Requests:

- 1. Our family's health and progress in building a strong unit.
- 2. Joseph and Charissa as they prepare for exams
- 3. Justin as he pursues his studies in the US and all the preparation for this.
- 4. The men preparing for leadership to have hearts that are humble and ready for service.
- 5. God's protection over His church and the believers' vigilance in these last days.
- 6. For the outreach opportunities this Christmas to see more people trust in Christ and connect to the church.
- 7. Our finances as we are now full time (a couple of our supporters for the last 20 years have indicated that they will not be able to continue doing so after the end of this year).

We are truly thankful to all of you for your constant love, support and prayers. You have been an integral part of all that God has been doing here in this great work. We pray that God would continue to supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:19

We would love for you to visit us and share in this amazing work first hand. May God continue to use you to build His kingdom here and wherever He wants you to. You can stay further updated with us on our FB page - hcctrinidad (Hope Community Church).

As we see what's happening in the world today, we know that the time of Christ return for His bride is quickly approaching. Without a doubt, we know our redemption draws near. In light of this certain truth, may we do as Paul says in Colossians 3:1-4 and seek Christ and the things that please Him and not set our hearts on the cares of this world that will lead to a carnality of mind and heart. Let us be vigilant and watchful.

For the sake of the glorious Gospel, Ronnie, Meela, Justin, Joseph & Charissa