

Heerahs Update

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Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy endures to all generations. Psalm 100 NKJV

We thank God for sending His Son Jesus to die in our place on the cross, so reconciling us to Himself. We give praise to the Father also for raising Jesus from the dead, so declaring us righteous and His forever when we put our trust in His Son. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of our faith for this life and the life thereafter. As we get ready to celebrate Easter, please join us in thanksgiving for the resurrected Savior, Jesus Christ, who has opened the way back to the Father.



The Family

Each member of the Heerah household would like to thank each of you for your faithful and loving support, your genuine care, and your fervent prayers for our family.

We praise God that we are all doing well despite some very trying times.

In Trinidad, we are just beginning to see the rolling back of restrictions and the full re-opening of the country again. Even though there have been bouts of the flu and Covid scares with the family, everyone is healthy.



Justin who turned 25 last October, now lives in La Grange Wyoming, where he attends Frontier School of the Bible. He has had his share of struggles physically with the cold weather and the flu. Praise God he has weathered the winter and is now enjoying some warmer weather. While we were enjoying the warm weather of 85-90 degrees F, Justin was facing temperatures in the high teens and low 20s F. It has been a hard winter for him.

However, he continues to press on and the Lord continues to shape his heart for the work of ministry. He has been given many opportunities to serve in worship at the school during chapels and student retreats and he also serves on a worship team at Mitchell Berean Church in Mitchell,

Nebraska. This is about 45 minutes away from school. We are praying for the Lord to provide a car for him so that he can have more flexibility and availability to get more involved in the church. Things are really spread out in Wyoming with nothing much in between towns. Justin has also been asked to be a RA next year at Frontier. He is really humbled by this but very excited to serve as a student leader for these young men coming in the Fall.

Joseph, who is now 22, continues to work 6 days a week as a Content Creator at an Online School here in Trinidad. Even though he really enjoys his job, Joseph is sensing a strong calling by the Lord on his life to go into Missionary Aviation. Please pray for him for direction in this area and for the Lord to provide for him as he seeks to prepare his heart for this.

When Justin left Trinidad last summer Joseph picked up the slack with the church's online ministry. Now that we are meeting in person again, he has these added responsibilities on his plate. We are praying for helpers for him in the audio and media areas of the ministry.

Charissa is now 16 and in form 5 (10th grade). She is presently preparing for her regional CSEC examinations in 8 subject areas which begins in May. It has been very challenging for her emotionally and mentally being out of school for the last 2 1/2 years, but we are trusting the Lord to sustain her and give her true peace and good success in her exams. We will truly appreciate your prayers for her.

These last 9 months have been a time of rebuilding for us as a family and as a ministry. In 2021 Ronnie took a sabbatical for 6 months to care for his own soul and bring a sense of balance and some much needed boundaries back in his life. During this time, the men in leadership at our church did an excellent job shepherding the people and filling the pulpit. God has been faithful and this time away has done Ronnie well. Meela has been his main support and encouragement during this time away. Time in the Word and prayer together as a couple, reading some good books, as well as a trusted counselor and a close friend in ministry were keys to bringing healing and rebuilding. We are doing much better with a greater sense of where the boundaries are to guard us from spreading ourselves too thin as well as doing proactive soul care. Thank you for your faithful prayers and love.

The Ministry @ Hope Community Church

The last 2 1/2 years have certainly been a testing season for the church but God has been faithful to sustain a core group of believers. We were online, then in person, then online again, then in person again and then online again. We are now in person as the Covid infections as well as the fatality numbers have dropped drastically. Quite a few families have lost loved ones, and many continue to hurt deeply. Some families have even lost jobs and many students and teachers have really struggled with online school.

The fellowship within the church, which is a core value for Hope Community Church, has truly been hit hard by lock downs and the believers have felt the effects of this. However, we have kept the online teaching and prayer consistent, and God has added a few believers to the church. Last month we had five baptisms - 3 adults and 2 young boys, 14 and 12 years old respectively. These dear ones all trusted Christ during the last 9 months.

We have restarted our small group online which previously met at our home and we are hoping after the Easter season to meet in person again. About 15 women have been faithful

and consistent to complete 2 bible Studies on Zoom and Meela has been very encouraged by this. She is truly looking forward to meeting together again after Easter for another study with these precious women. We have also restarted our Leadership Development Sessions with our men in Leadership. Please pray for more helpers for the Kids Ministry, KidZone, now that we are back in person. This ministry has struggled during the pandemic, and we are hoping to restart this soon as God provides workers with a heart for these little ones.

Prayer requests

- Pray for the health and spiritual wellness of our entire family.
- Pray for Justin to complete his online bachelor's degree through Lancaster Bible College and for the Lord's provision of a good working vehicle for Justin.
- Pray for Joseph as he explores Missionary Aviation that the Lord will provide for him and lead him to the right organization.
- Pray for Charissa as she prepares to write her regional exams in May, that God will give her peace and good success despite the lock downs and online schooling.
- Pray for us as a couple that the Lord will continue to strengthen our relationship and that we will be a good example to our kids and others.
- Pray for the believers to recommit their lives to the LORD as we reset after a long time of not being in person.
- Pray for the new people coming to the church that God will use us to faithfully disciple them in the way of Christ and the apostles.
- Pray that the believers would give faithfully again to LORD now that we are back together. The giving dropped considerably during the pandemic.
- Pray for our church family as we continue to grieve the passing of our Worship and Youth Director - Justin Singh. He was only 25 years old and like a son to us. He was also our Justin's best friend.
- Pray for his parents and 2 younger brothers as well who are really struggling with this loss.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up another person to fill this ministry position.
- Pray for the Lord's provision for us as family as we are beginning to feel the pinch financially with the rapid increase in the cost of fuel and food.

Giving Opportunities:

If you wish to give to the ministry here in Trinidad please visit:

www.tentmakersbiblemission.org (for options to give)

Please note:

To give **towards us** personally via TBM, please designate gifts to: **“Trinidad Project”**

To give **towards the church** via TBM please designate gifts to: **“Living Hope Ministries”**

Checks made payable to Ronald and / or Meela Heerah can also be mailed directly to us using the address at the top of the newsletter.

Thank you all so very much for your faithful love, fervent prayers and continued support to us as family. May the Lord continue to use you for His glory alone as we all live for the audience of ONE.

Ronnie, Meela, Justin, Joseph and Charissa