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DTE Home under House Arrest

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The DTE (Development through Education) Home

Love Works Jewelry is a ministry aimed to create funds to benefit ministries/charities abroad that are in need. This is one story relating challenging circumstances that the DTE Home that benefited from the funds.

On Feb 19, 2010, at 6:44 PM, mimr dte wrote:

Dear Beloved Robin & Susie in Christ our precious Lord,

Greetings to you in the precious name of our precious Savior and Lord Jesus Christ! Thank you so much for your love and concern for the need of DTE home children. May the Lord be the source of supply in times of need all the days of your life on earth. Your mail has come to us as

the source of comfort and encouragement in times of trial and complex situation. I have a story to tell you. Please be patient to read our story and pray for us. Some of us were released yesterday and the rest just a few hours ago. The story is narrated below:

Two weeks ago, we (MIMR family) were preparing to go for annual picnic. The set day was on Saturday. In the course of planning and preparation, five DTE children fell sick on Thursday. We were all praying for their recovery telling them that if they would not get fully recovered, we would have to cancel the program, because children were the main concern for our picnic. We gave them medicines and they got recovered, but another five fell sick again the next day and followed by another four again.

So, we were worried and approached authorities of our local government clinic. They also came to our children's home immediately and gave them medicines. Our care-taker's wife was also coughing for more than two months and couldn't get recovered at that time. So, I requested the Doctor to take her and one boy of 12: Mr. W. to township hospital for a special checkup.

She happily agreed to my request and took them along with her and her medical team. The next day (Our Picnic Day) the township medical team led by the same Doctor came to our children's home again and brought the results of those tested previously days. They said four children of DTE Home are infected by H1N1 and the medical team called an emergency vehicle from government hospital and took our children immediately to the hospital.

Then, the news spread all over the country through TV, News papers and the top government authorities from Y. Division, District and township came into our DTE home and then to my residence. The next day the medical team found another four of our children including care-takers (husband & wife) infected by the same disease and took them to the same hospital where H1N1 patients are receiving care.

So, the government authorities ordered four houses, which are connected to DTE home, to be locked for complete 10 days to prevent the spread of the disease. My own residence, Bible College building, girl's hostel and two DTE home buildings were closed and locked.

We were not allowed to go out nor could others come in. The government authorities from different offices called me and asked me a lot of questions regarding DTE and MIMR. The security personnel were ordered to guard those four places days and nights every day.

We were in a dark and silent period. Our Bible College students got frightened and our DTE home children got shocked and feared. I couldn't contact either Bible College or DTE home.

My wife and I were very much worried for the situation. In this condition, many friends from Y. and other parts of our country called us, comforted us and prayed for us and we experienced peace in our hearts. Every time the government authorities came and asked me questions, the Lord gave me boldness and strength to answer them without fear. Finally, the Lord spoke to them on our behalf and they began to feel pity on us and started to request others to give donations for us. At the end, our sorrow and fear became our joy and blessing.

Now, the government authorities know us very well and they are willing to help. By God's grace through prayers of the saints around the world, we were released yesterday from a 10-day house arrest. From my house and Bible College, no one fell sick during this 10-day period. God took care of us and we are so thankful to the Lord for His amazing love and mercy shown to us.

Our DTE home children were sent back to their DTE home just four hours ago today from five different hospitals. The government opened two clinics nearby DTE home for 24 hours since last week and anyone who falls sick or feels sick can go to this place freely at any time.

This is God doing for us and we are so thankful to the Lord. This time the government becomes very serious about this H1N1 disease because recently they announced it to the world that there was no more H1N1 in My'. Soon after they announced this, it started to appear in My' and in Y. the disease began with us at DTE home.

At the outset, it was really alarming, but now it turns into a blessing for us and we are thankful to the Lord. We have been experiencing God's mighty love and mercy throughout these days. God uses heathens to feed us and bless us in times of need.

We saw God's grace through the unbelieving neighbors. We were kept as VIPs and treated as royal family. When I think of all that God did for us during the past two weeks, its such an amazing story for us to tell to the nations. That's why I'm sharing with you this long story.

May the Lord our God receive all glory, honor and praise! Amen.

Please pray for my wife of pregnancy. Pray for Bible students who are going to start their final examinations from Monday next week. Pray for DTE home children who will also write their final examinations from last week of February.

Thank you.

Today is another independence day for MIMR family! On this very Independence Day your mail came to us as a great source of comfort, encouragement and strength. On behalf of MIMR community, especially DTE home children I say "Thank you and thank you".

May the Lord Himself be your supply in times of need and discouragement. My wife and daughter send you special love and thanks. Our love and prayers are with you every day. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Yours in His amazing story,

D., L. & E.

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