



Food for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

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The country of India is a long way from my home located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Often events that impact India have no immediate bearing on my life and vice versa. The year 2020 changed that. As my world and routine was being shaken and aggressively changed whether I wanted it to or not, the people of India experienced the same thing at the same time. Thousands of miles of distance no longer mattered.

A difference remained, however, in that I had reserves to pull from and access to food to ensure the next meal. Many of the people who live in the poor, rural communities of India had neither reserves nor access to food. The Pastors and spouses who form the network of PPMI live in these communities. What could be done to assist these small communities where day-labor jobs no longer existed and cash reserves, if any, evaporated like water sprinkled on dirt in a hot climate?

When the network of PPMI Pastors were asked what was most needed during this crisis, the answer was clear and simple: food. In consultation with our President & CEO, Dr. Paulus Thalathoti, the decision was made to quickly gather resources from willing donors and double the amount of PPMI's normal monthly support to the Pastors, so they could purchase food for their respective **communities** as well as for their families. Because of established networks for communication and finances, this happened efficiently.

Even though PPML is typically not in the food distribution business, we used our network to make a difference by reducing the pain caused by the effects of a virus that was hitting Pennsylvania, just as it was India. Sometimes God calls us to action beyond our own comfort zones. Since May this year, it's been meaningful to be able to provide the next meal for many who live so far away.

We are grateful for the ongoing support that many of you provide to PPML. This ministry would not exist without you.

