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**Pastor Arun:** Of course the Corona virus is big news in our world, but our God is greater than anything in this world (Isaiah 45:5-7). And...God is working all these things for our good (Romans 8:28):

- 1. At least momentarily the caste system is almost dead. In the war against this virus, everybody feels like family. As an example, the sewage cleaners are a low caste community, but now their services are much in want and they work night and day. As a result, at several places high caste leaders (generally weathly people) and the Brahmins (their preists) have humbled themselves to wash the feet of sewer cleaners previously considered by Indian society as untouchables. They are garlanded and presented with gifts for their timely service. To my knowledge, a thing of this sort has never occured in India.
- 2. Often Indians are branded as "a getting people and no giving people". But now this scene is reversed. The haves and have nots, go to the door steps of their neighbors with charity either in the form of money or helpful items and many even assist the government activities as volunteers without no reward or salary. A video went viral in which a lady police officer in a Vijayawada red zone saw an old woman dying of starvation. This officer ran to her help, washed her face and feed her with the food which was her lunch box.
- 3. Traditional churches are closed, but family house churches have sprouted spontaneously. As local pastor, I have 182 house churches in my neighborhood that I interact with by phone and through prayer. The Bible and Talking Bibles provided by our American brothers are ministering in these homes during this epidemic.
- 4. As a pastor during the lockdown, I wondered how I would spend the time without touring, meeting people and conducting special meetings. Providentially, I get a chain of people visiting my office almost every hour secretly with the masks on come to meet the pastor, these are not only Christians, but non-Christians and even Muslims. A thirst for God has risen from all groups of people in this troubled situation. Most of them accepted the Lord as Savior. Right now, I have a list of 55 people on my table. It is a miracle!

Serving Him,

Jene Carl

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