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REACHING OUT IN MANY WAYS

We have reached halfway into the year 2021 and the CoVid 19 pandemic is still ravaging in many countries surging mostly in Asia.

According to Reuters, Indonesia passed the 2 million mark in coronavirus cases after a record in new infections. Indonesia has been grappling with a spike in coronavirus cases this June and reported 14,536 new infections on June 21, taking its total to 2,004,445, among the highest case numbers in Asia. <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/indonesia-tighten-covid-19-restrictions-2-weeks-after-rising-cases-minister-2021-06-21/>

With the widespread effect of the pandemic on health and economy, our missions are as well badly affected. Many missionaries have gone home from their missionfields. Most ministries are put on hold because people are not allowed to go out. Other missionaries who stayed are being limited by quarantines and lockdowns in the areas. Churches were closed or limited to 30% on the number of attenders who can worship on site, while most of the believers are forced to worship and minister online!

But still praise the Lord! We have means to reach out to our beloved! The Lord provided ways to reachout through different means in the presence of limitations. And the 72nd issue of Asian Missions Advance have included stories, studies and experiences our authors have done to minister in this pandemic.

Drs. James Langteau and Timothy Dunham wrote about Sex-trafficking in Thailand and how we can help rescue and transform lives of the victims. It's a ministry that is difficult, but we believe God will make a way through partnerships with different agencies.

Dr. Jae Suk Lee touched the subject of Missional Teaching Ministry exemplified by the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that in this pandemic, teaching is mostly done online thru webinars. Teaching ministry goes on.

Dr. Lizzy Iweala wrote about prayer ministry while

Dr. Harvey Thiessen touched Migration Ministry. And Dr. Sadiri Joy Tira and Rev. Philip Yan wrote about online ministries and their experiences how it being helpful in reaching out and ministering to others!

Let us persevere to reach out even in these difficult times!

- Timothy K. Park
Editor

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