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Vice President's Message



Dear Friends and Well-wishers,

The year under review has tested everyone. Families struggled with the COVID-19 pandemic and personal loss. People, especially the people from rural area grapple with a steep decline in their economic status as lockdowns have closed all the doors of employment.

The new realities of working from home, unemployment, online-schooling and physical distance with other family members, friends and colleagues caused lot of worries. Adapting to lifestyle changes such as these, and managing the fear of contracting the virus and worry about people close to us who are particularly vulnerable, are challenging for all of us.

All these events have increased uncertainty about the future, and they raise important questions about the role of Social Wing of the Church in society. How does the social worker demonstrate responsible leadership? How can organization like Social Initiatives for Growth and Networking (SIGN) deliver on our commitments to provide food security to all stakeholders? What are the opportunities to rebuild trust in farming with a purpose to control migration?

Against this background, SIGN showed tremendous resilience and responsibility to support one another and the rural population and in doing so, have built confidence among the farmers to restart farming. They also motivated and gave courage to the mothers to go back to Village Health and Nutrition Day (VHND) centres.

At the time of writing this message, the pandemic is ongoing, but the arrival of vaccines suggests the health crisis will wane. I am confident, the time will defiantly change and humanistic values will transform challenges in to energy to create positive value.

I would like to extend my high appreciation to all the funding partners for supporting us at SIGN during this challenging time to be the part of vulnerable people's life.

Finally, while paying homage to Late Fr. S. Christu Das, the founding member of SIGN, I quote Abraham Lincoln "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years". Though Fr. Christu Das was there with us for a short while, but he did a tremendous work for the development of tribals in Jharkhand. May his Soul Rest in Peace.

God Bless us all

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