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Dear Friends:

Peace! Joy! Love of our Risen Lord!

Today I would like to give you many good news. Just before the Holy week, we the SOJASI team and the young trainees set up twenty one square meter vegetable (smvg) beds in Rupamani's house.



When we go to villages to set up square meter beds (SMVG) for poor families, we called it our Village Outreach project. This is Rev Fr Abraham's extension work for the poor. He always used to say give poor people meaningful work so they are happy and can take care of their families.



Rupamani is slightly physically impaired widow and a mother of two teen age children. When SASAC closed down, she had to leave home and work as a house maid in Kurseong to feed her young children. During that time the sickly husband hung himself at home. She had to quit her job because with her children without any income.



Luckily around that time Ms Jenny Cafesso, late Rev Fr Webb had come to India to negotiate with the Provincial and late Rev Fr Abraham for the birth of SOJASI. So we were able to employ Rupmani at SOJASI as a casual worker. She is a hard working woman. She has a 15 year old daughter, Dikcha a(just wrote her grade X exams) and a 14 year son, Nikesh (who is staying in grade X).



The good news is young Dikcha wants to grow vegetables at home using our Square Meter Vegetable gardening system to help the family. These days everything is expensive including food/vegetables. At present Dikcha with other five village young boys who have just wrote their exams are getting training at SOJASI on SMVG and Oyster mushroom production along with computer training and English speaking course.

Late Rev Father Abraham built many homes for the poor. He built Rupman's home nine years ago. Her house is on a steep hill. Arran Pradhan(ex sas poultry boy) now Fr Arroan, supervised the construction of the house then. When time came to bless the house, Fr Patrick Pradhan (ex Poultry boy) now Novice Master, blessed her house.

When we finished setting up twenty-one SMVG beds for Rupmani and her family, Fr Patrick Bhutia, who is an admirer of Fr Abraham, blessed the vegetable seeds and SMVG beds and the family.

And the last good news is everything good is happening here is because of you, your love, kindness, generosity, sacrifice and support. May our Risen Lord bless each one of you and your family there and our family here! Thank you so much. Praise the Lord!