Dear Friend,

Greetings of love and peace from Father Ben Chinnappan, founder of Dalit Solidarity, a nonprofit and tax-exempt charity, established in 2000. I pray that you and your loved ones remain in good health and enjoy the joy and peace of the holy season. The invitation of this Christmas is to let Christ be born into our hearts, learning to work as he works and speak as he speaks. In other words, we have the call to reveal Him once again to the world by living and speaking with both ‘kindness and truth’ and ‘justice and peace.’ Our hearts go out to those who lost their lives in the US tornado and survivors who face long recovery. I thank you and your family in a special way for being a friend and supporter of Dalit Solidarity family to make a difference for the poorest of the poor. Your generosity during the COVID time was something very special as you have not only touched their lives but also renewed their spirit forever.

Since the pandemic began, our relationship with local communities was both personal and communal. With the help of our volunteers, we paved the way for a huge comeback and led them towards recovery. Being mindful of the financial condition of poor families in the nearby villages, we have been distributing food packages, medicine, and PPE equipment to many families. As people lost their jobs and eventually their income, many struggled hard in providing meals for their families. Thanks for you all and specially for a generous donor who was able to provide food relief packages and medicine to more than ten thousand families in more than fifty poor villages. This was a huge blessing, critical of the hours, to keep them alive.

At St. Patrick’s school, we followed strict protective measures and sheltered our children safely on our campus. While this decision placed considerable burden and responsibility on all our staff, we continue to function and provide online education without any incident. Despite the isolation and the many difficulties faced, our children have only improved in their academic performance. Our goal is for all-around development in the children—academic, interpersonal skills, leadership qualities, and good character. Your support has been crucial in offering our students the opportunity to reach their potential. What our students achieved have no comparison elsewhere in India. They, coming from the poorest background in India are breaking all barriers. Thank you, dear friend, you are the reason for the change.
Our Children-Sponsorship programs offer incentive and hope for many children to stay in school and continue their education. I am very thankful to all those who have been a part of the lives of our students. Most come from families who earn less than three dollars per day, and who struggle to meet basic living expenses. These families cannot possibly afford to cover tuition and other costs, and they thank God for our helping hand. Thanks for your sponsorship that helps our children to continue their education without any interruption.

Our continued work in the vital area of education, healthcare, empowerment, and development relies increasingly on the generosity and support of individuals and organizations. We drilled more than fifteen borewells for rural communities who were struggling for drinking water. We continue to provide basic health care to rural communities through St. Mary’s Health Center. Thanks for our medical staff for making such a huge impact during this pandemic. With the help of a generous donor, we have added two more clinics for the poor communities. The poor and the marginalized always live-in hope – hope of bettering their lives and rising up to stand in equality with their fellow human beings. This hope is realized through people like you. We continue to work with 150 widows for the last two decades towards their empowerment. Many have improved their living standard and achieved self-esteem and confidence. Donated livestock such as cows and goats, are generating revenue and helping to support widows and poor families.

We believe every human being should have opportunities to succeed in life, irrespective of where or how he or she is born. Dalit Solidarity serves as a lifeline to those living at the fringes of society, encouraging, and educating them. You are truly the reason for our success. Thank you! As supporters and friends of Dalit Solidarity, you can be proud of what you have made possible, even as we look forward to what comes next.

Please join the Dalit Solidarity family today by making a year-end contribution, sponsoring a child, or offering a loved one the gift of a donation in his or her name. Many companies offer plans to match funds for charitable contributions; if such a plan is available to you, enrolling yourself in it can help us even further. All donations to Dalit Solidarity are tax-deductible. Please mail your gift to Dalit Solidarity, P. O. Box 178995, San Diego, CA 92177.

May the peace, joy and love of the Child Jesus be with you and your family this Christmas and throughout the New Year, 2022! Praying for the victims and survivors of the tornado for speedy recovery! God bless America!

Yours Truly,

Father Ben Chinnappan

Remember DALIT SOLIDARITY in your WILL to continue our humanitarian works for the years to come.