

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of our lord Jesus Christ. Hope you all are having a blessed Lent season. As our Lord has commanded in Mal 3:10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house". Here is an opportunity for all of us to share and care for our brethren in these lent days.

Here is the story of a poor lady named Mrs. Annakutty Varkey and her family in Kandanad Diocese. Mrs. Annakutty's son Benny is a Sexton at St. Johns Church, Panoor, Kandanadu East Diocese. They belong to Dalit community and Servants of the Cross. Benny is not getting paid by his church due to its poor financial condition. He works as a rubber tapper.

The family, with all their hard work built a house in a 5 cent land. This land was bought by taking loan of Rs. 150,000 from a bank. They have paid Rs. 70,000 in interest already. Still they owe Rs. 170,000 (around US \$2600) as of Feb. 29, 2016.

As they were unable to repay the loan, the bank is in the process of foreclosing the house. They are now struggling hard to prevent the house from being recovered by the bank. Life is really tough for them at this point where they are at the verge of losing their dream home which is the only shelter they have.

We request all the members of this group to open their hearts and valets to help this poor lady.
Money needed to pay off the loan: \$2600.00.

Let us do some good to the poor especially during this Lent season. It will be very much pleasing to our Lord. Kindly share this plea with your friends and family so that every kind hearted person gets to know about Annakutty and her desperate situation. Let us work together to help others which will definitely be rewarded.

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ICON donates 100% of the amount raised to the beneficiary. Donations are tax-deductible for US residents. ICON has the capability to accept donations in Indian rupees also.

Note: The application for Mrs. Annakutty was recommended by Rev. Fr. Abin Abraham, Vicar of St. Johns Church, Panoor, Kandanadu East Diocese.

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May our good Lord bless you all abundantly.

Many thanks,

Volunteers, ICON Charities.