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## COVID -19 - DON BOSCO NERUL REACHING OUT

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It is a long wait for those who have been awaiting their turn to leave Mumbai on the govt. trains and buses. Once they have registered 3-4 week ago. There is a long wait first to get their names come up on the computer generated list. They are then called by the police to the local police station to verify their identity a good 4-5 hours earlier. They are then put on a local municipal bus to drive them to the railway station.



There again their temperature is checked, kept in lines waiting to be allotted their seating. The entire process takes about 6-8 hours if all goes well and their train finally leaves the platform.

It is difficult when their train is delayed by 4-6 hours or the train is cancelled. It is a nightmare, as they have nowhere to go...these are not ones used to living on the streets for the night. Don Bosco Nerul has been providing a nutritious pack to the migrants, which lasts them the entire journey. A good number on reaching their home have phoned, thanking us, and in narrating their journey experience home have said, **"There was no canteen on the train, no stalls opened for a cup of tea too on the stations we stopped, your food packet was what kept us going"** another said, **"Please thank your Father, your food packet was the only food we received on our entire train journey of 3 days, God will surely bless you'll and those that helped us"**.

When we have been wishing the migrant travellers Good Bye! be it in the days when they were travelling on the trucks or walking along the Highways or now on the trains, after giving them the food packets, We have been telling them, 'God be with you on your journey, pray for us and for those that have helped give you these packets' and as I've raised my hand in a blessing, they have always replied, **"Bhagwan apka bala kare"** (God Bless you'll) in a chorus, one feels the deep sense of gratitude for a small packet of food and water, as if it were their most valuable gift received for their journey.

Dear Well-wishers and Supporters, you have the prayers and blessings of so many thousands of poor migrants who have benefited from your prayers and your support! Thank You! God Bless You!

Happy Feast of the Ascension of the Lord!

Stay safe, stay Blessed!



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(For Don Bosco Nerul Management)

