

Dear Friends,

Peace and joy to you in this beautiful Easter season!

As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, I pray that you and your loved ones are in good health and surrounded by His peace, love, and joy. May the hope and renewal of this sacred season fill your hearts with the light and grace of our risen Saviour.

In this time of reflection and gratitude, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank you for your generous support and steadfast encouragement throughout my journey. Your kindness has been a guiding light through my medical education, and I remain deeply grateful for your belief in me.

With God's abundant grace, I am happy to share that I have now completed my one-year MBBS internship program. This past year has been a profoundly enriching experience, offering hands-on learning across various departments. It has given me the opportunity to apply the knowledge I've acquired over the last four years in real-world medical settings. The journey has been both challenging and rewarding, and it has strengthened my calling to serve through medicine.

Another joyful milestone is just around the corner—my graduation day, which will be held on the 25th of April. This special occasion marks the official completion of my MBBS studies, and I am filled with gratitude and excitement as I prepare to celebrate this moment with my loved ones and fellow classmates. It is truly a moment to give thanks to God for His faithfulness and for the many people—like you—who have walked with me in prayer and support.

Looking ahead, I will begin a two-year rural service bond starting in August 2025. I have chosen to serve in the Chhattisgarh district of northern India, where I will work as a registered medical officer in a rural hospital. I know this mission will come with its share of challenges—including extreme climates and limited resources—but I embrace it as a meaningful opportunity to grow, to serve the underserved, and to walk more closely in the footsteps of Jesus, the Divine Healer.

My family is doing well, and I remain ever grateful for their constant love and support. My companions and the sisters in my congregation are also keeping well, and together we continue to uphold one another in prayer and mission.

Once again, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous financial support throughout my MBBS studies. Your kindness, prayers, and unwavering encouragement have made a profound difference in my life. You have been instruments of God's providence, and your support has helped me reach this important milestone.

As I step into this new chapter of service, I carry you in my heart and in my prayers. May the Risen Lord continue to bless you and your family with good health, joy, and peace.

With deepest gratitude and Easter blessings,

**Yours faithfully in Christ,
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