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While all of us were told to shelter in place, we still had freedom to do much of our day to day responsibilities and work, or had access to unemployment or state programs for food. In India, people were not allowed to leave their homes and could be beaten if they did! The people in India have limited means to shelter in place if they have no food, no home to shelter in, and no access to medical care. Eating and surviving became one's first priority.

2. Why did COVID disproportionately impact the poorest of the poor?

These people earn wages daily and with lockdowns they were unable to go out and earn money for that day's food for their family. The working class were restricted from working in others homes and could not make their wages.

3. What types of areas does Sanju serve in and what does daily life look like for those people?

Sanju works in the dumps amongst people called "trash pickers". They go out daily to earn wages by digging through the trash to find any items they may be able to sell or trade.

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Moved by compassion, Jesus met their physical and spiritual needs.

Matthew 14:14-21, "When Jesus landed an saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick and preached [...] As evening approached [...] Taking the five loaves and two fish he gave thanks and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples and the disciples gave them to the people."

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