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Hello friends,

I just wanted to send you a note to let you know that John is still in India. He was in the middle of some paperwork that if he did not complete it before he left he would lose all of the work he had done on it. He has finished what he can do and is waiting for the other people to do their part, so, we are still not sure how long it will be. He is thankful that at least through all of the running around he is meeting several leaders of different communities, which is always helpful. We know that the Lord is at work. J

Please just continue to pray for John's work to be finished soon and that he will be able to get a flight soon after his work is done. The boys and I are holding up fine, with your prayer and the Lord's grace. I shared at a women's meeting recently and many of them asked how I feel about John being gone for so long and isn't it hard? I usually struggle to answer this question because I could never seem to express what I felt. I cannot deny that it is very hard at times, and, especially when it comes to the boys, we definitely feel the sacrifice of his absence, but it always seemed so shallow to answer that we're okay with it, really.

It has helped for the proper perspective to look at what the military families are living with these days. One day I heard a military wife asked a question about how she felt about her husband being required to stay longer on his tour of duty and when I heard her answer I thought, THAT'S IT! That is how I feel! She said, 'I love this country and believe in the freedom my husband is fighting for. I am in this with him. We are in this together. I am here doing my part so he can be there doing his part.' THAT'S IT!

I am so excited about what God is doing in India and feel so privileged to get to be part of it. We are in this together and the boys and I are doing our part so John can do his part. The battle we are in is for more than freedom, it is for the lost and for our Father's kingdom to prevail against the kingdom of the evil one! J

I do have to mention though that we wouldn't be able to do anything without the prayer, help and support of our Family, including you, doing your part! So thank you again for your love for us and your prayer and care. We love you, too!

His great peace and blessings,

Love, The Nanda's