

February 1, 2005

Hello friends,

Thank you for all of your prayer for John's trip so far. It has made a difference! Already there have been a few potential hindrances to the work pushed out of the way! We know that the evil one tries so that is why we are so thankful for your prayer!

We wanted to let you know about the needs of the fishermen's families who were affected by the tsunami. John talked with the Pastor of the village of fishermen we know. They had some warning so the people were able to escape but they lost everything. The government has told them they will be helping them build their houses again when they can, but the people have many needs for right now. These are a few examples of how our money could help. They need to buy a few pots and pans (\$5/family) and rice (\$5/family for 2 weeks worth) and money for the village to buy clean water from the tanker that comes twice a day (about \$60/day). If you want to help with these needs and others, please write your check to SERVE India, with 'tsunami relief' in the memo, and send it into the address below. Thank you! And please remember the best way to help them is to PRAY! They need the hope and purpose of Jesus in their lives more than ever!

The medical camps are going well and the team (Scott, Sharon, Laura, Paul & Jolee) is keeping very busy. I have included some excerpts from the Karstenson's first hand-experience. Scott is a respiratory therapist and Sharon is a nurse.

'Join us in giving praise to our LORD! We have completed 2 medical camps in the Vizag area.

Our first camp was canceled as a precaution due to some civil unrest in many cities. We did not encounter any difficulty other than shops being closed but we were stocked up on water, so no problem! There have been several changes in the camps schedule also due to teams coming and going and other issues.

There has been significant difficulty in obtaining medications for the camps partially due to a new tax that will go into effect 2/1/2005 so wholesalers desire not to sell bulk so they can make a greater profit in the future and retailers are costly. At this time we hope that we can acquire more meds when John goes to Hyderabad on 2/6/05 to meet a construction team that arrives-so until then we are scraping and spending a bit more than desired!

One surprise is the increase number of doma (domaluu) mosquito's!!! Partially due I think to rain almost every day-which is really unusual-John and everyone says it never rains in January here!

We are really all doing well and no health issues for us-2 of the National Doctors have not felt great, but made it through 2 days of camp. Please keep Laura in prayer for motion sickness as next week there will be more travel again!

We are seeing some interesting topical & GI diseases this year. We go to an area swamped by the tsunami next week.'

Thanks for your continued prayer for the medical camps. Please remember also to be praying for the building project team (Rick, Dan, Brad, Rick, & Gary) who leave this week (Feb 3rd)!

Please continue to pray for John, too, as he works through the details to make the teams' time as effective as it can be and for the preparations he is making for the big Annual Gospel Meetings. Pray for hearts to be ready to receive and learn and for the Lord to be glorified in everything.

Thanks, again, for your prayer!!!

His peace & blessings,

Love, The Nanda's