

March 5, 2005

Dear friends,

We have felt very loved and blessed by the kind words and messages you have sent regarding John's father's Home-going. Thank you so much. John said that everything went very well for the service they had to remember and honor his father's life. All of his children were there and the relatives and many, many people (about 700) who have known him and whose lives had been affected by him and the ministry he worked in all of his life. It is very special to know that as he went to sleep that last night, not feeling well, he smiled and said, 'I'm going Home.' J

Thank you for your prayers for John's mother, too. As it is common in the culture to do, she will be traveling to her relatives' homes for the next month. They usually stay for a couple of days in each person's house. Then she wants to return to the compound to live. She knows she will be happiest continuing her life of caring for those around her. She always has many people coming each day to visit with her, which she loves. Thank you for your continued prayer for her.

John has returned to Visakhapatnam now that his mother is with her relatives. He was thankful to have been there to help with everything right from the beginning and to be able to be a support to his mother. He is busy again now trying to get as much accomplished as he can before he leaves, which is at the end of this month.

It was really a blessing to have the medical team and the building team there in India this year. They blessed the people of India in many ways and were an encouragement to John as well! We hope to include some of their thoughts and maybe even some photos in our next e-pray. I have been so encouraged to hear their stories and I have really enjoyed hearing them talk about what the Lord is doing there with such enthusiasm! They all had a wonderful time so thank you so much for your prayer for them. Please keep praying as a few of them may still be fighting some infection from there.

Please praise:

*For a wonderful service for John's father where God was glorified

*For a safe, fruitful and effective time for the teams from the U.S.

*For the provision of a Christian contractor to work on the building project

Please pray:

*For John and his family as they deal with the loss of his father and adjust to life without him here with us

*For John to be able to finish the main paperwork that he needs to accomplish before he leaves

*That enough progress on the building would be made that John can leave it confidently in the contractor's hands while he returns to the U.S.

*For our family as we are preparing to go to India for the summer! J (This will make it possible

for John to be there continuously for a longer period of time (June – November) so the building can hopefully be finished soon!)

We are always reminded of how blessed we are to have you all in this work with us. We couldn't do it without you and your prayer, encouragement, and support. Thank you!

Peace and blessings,

Love, The Nanda's J