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Hi e-pray friends,

We are so thankful for your prayer and especially for praying for John's safe return. He arrived last week and we are all rejoicing! He was delayed for a week because of extremely heavy rains that flooded the airport and some areas of the train tracks. Please continue to pray for the parts of the city of Visakhapatnam where people lost their lives and homes, and for the congregations of six SERVE India Pastors who had much damage to their homes and churches.

The progress of the building project is still on hold because of the heavy rains. They are waiting to put in the electricity and dig the well. It will still take some time for the ground to dry enough for them to be able to get back to work on it. Thank you for continuing to pray for the progress of the building project. The 'winter' season has the best conditions for getting much accomplished. Its not too hot and there is no rain!

We are already making plans with the teams that are preparing to go at the end of January and beginning of February so please pray for us and the teams and our preparation. This week we will be spending time with many of those on the medical team as we attend the annual Global Missions Health Conference in Louisville, KY. We are looking forward to this busy week and spending time with members of the team!

We wanted to give you an update on the vote we were praying for with the Supreme Court making a decision on the Dalit civil rights case. Here is what we saw reported just recently...

In another delay, the Indian Supreme Court has withheld its decision on the Dalit civil rights case until sometime in November. This delay is a positive development, allowing the Court to take seriously this case of discrimination against Dalit Christians and not rush in judgment. It also allows Christians to have more time to intercede with prayer, asking God to guide the thoughts and decisions of the judges. Under the current law, Dalits lose some of their basic constitutional rights when they become Christians; they are no longer eligible for affirmative action placements in education, employment, government and many other areas-rights granted to Dalits who are Hindu, Sikh or Buddhist. According to a government census, some 20 million Dalits have become Christians. Equally important, there are many Dalits whose only hesitation to becoming Christians is fear of this legalized discrimination.

Pray our merciful Father will lead the Supreme Court of India to correct these injustices. Pray fervently on behalf of these millions of Dalit men, women and children who suffer unjust discrimination. Pray the Holy Spirit will open the eyes of Hindus to see every person is of value and precious in the sight of God.

...thank you for continuing to pray with us about this!

There are so many ways the Lord is working and we are so excited about all that is happening and all the potential of helping and reaching more people with the Gospel. The Lord is so good. J We are so thankful for you!

Have a blessed time of giving 'Thanks' this year to our God who is so good.

His peace and blessings,

Love, The Nanda's