

Dear friends,

John has arrived in Delhi, later than was planned because of a delayed flight which caused a missed flight, but he is there now, safe and sound. Thank you for praying for his journey and also for our past few weeks of getting all those last things finished before he left. We are so thankful for your prayer! ☺

We wanted to ask you to ***be praying especially for the next few days as he is going to be working on some paperwork, which has to clear the 'federal' office there in Delhi.*** This is a 36-hour train ride away from where we live in Visakhapatnam, so it is not in a convenient location for him to have to work on this paperwork with many visits. We really pray that it can be finished within these few days there. Thank you!

We wanted to update you on the building project as you continue to pray with us on its progress. As you know from our many requests of prayer for water to be located for the training center's use, in construction and in function, we have had a difficult time finding a reservoir large enough to sustain the needs of all the people that would be needing it. We considered several options, talked with people, and prayed a lot, and decided along with the SERVE India board (in India) that the best option would be to move the training center location over just a short distance to the land we have near the ocean. This is land that we had hoped someday to have a Christian camp/retreat/youth center on. There is plenty of good water and it is a beautiful location. The only 'difficulty' is that this land is set back from the main road a bit and not quite as easily accessible. We will have to add on to the road we already laid for it to be easier to get to. In a good way though, it will provide a quieter place with less distraction for the students studying there. We are thankful that the only work that was done was the laying out and digging for the foundation of the building, so that time is lost, but not anything material. The neighbors (village people and fisherman families) are still the same so most importantly the relationships are preserved. We feel excited that this decision has been made and now, ***please pray with us, that progress on the training center will be made!*** We know that the Lord always has His perfect time and reason for things, so we trust and move ahead with much hope and excitement!

We have also had an opportunity to purchase a building in the Tuni area, which is about a 4-5 hour journey from the training center. We have a group of about 50 Pastors in that area that needed a place to meet, so John was checking into leasing the building, but the owners really wanted to get it sold so they cut the price tremendously and agreed to a monthly payment that John thought we could handle! We will be able to sell part of the original building site and use that money to help with the purchase of the Tuni building. (The land prices have almost doubled since we bought that land so we will be able to sell part and keep the rest that has a cashew orchard to help fund the ministry.) This is also very exciting! ***Please praise the Lord with us for His plans which are always above what we can even imagine!***

Thank you, as always for working together with us in this ministry. We need your partnership or it could not go forward! The Lord made it to work like this and it is such a good thing. We can rejoice together for all He is doing through SERVE India. Thank you for your continued love, care and prayer for us!

His joy and blessings,  
Love, The Nanda's ☺