

March 7, 2008

Dear praying friends,

I am happy to let you know that John made it safely back to us this week. Yay! He is now just trying to get his body turned around to our time here (11½ hours different) and get caught up on the latest with us. We will send more of an update from him next epray. ***Thanks for praying for his trip and please give praise for all the Lord has done!*** ☺

Thank you for your faithful prayer for the team this year, too! They had a good trip and we are including some of their thoughts and experiences.

Paul D ...

"After my second trip to India this year, again I am left absorbing all that we saw and experienced. It's hard to pin down one or two highlights as the whole trip was really one big highlight.

The most memorable thing for me was seeing SERVE India's new children's home on the site of the Tuni Training Center. I was somewhat surprised when I first heard of it because it didn't exactly fit with what I understood to be SERVE India's primary mission. I asked John Nanda how the children's home came about and he told me he hadn't planned on housing children but couldn't ignore the need that was already there. I was so impressed and touched by the flexibility and heart of the organization all over again.

These 25 or so children are so precious and definitely among the happiest children we saw in India. They are well cared for, physically, educationally, spiritually. I will always remember watching our team playing with the children and how much everyone enjoyed their time together. I have an especially vivid memory of Rick A. playing a patty-cake type game with one cute little girl. Despite her broken English and his non-existent Telugu, they shared time together that was so rich and full of laughter that I know neither one of them will soon forget. I certainly won't forget either."

Rick H ...

"As I think back to our trip, there isn't one thing that stands out for me. I think back to all the people we encountered on our venture. The first people on our trip to the Taj. Sometimes I think how insignificant going there was, but was it? I don't know, we all have our theories. All the train rides, at the train stations, in the villages, at Tuni with the pastors and the new lepers that we met. Jeeva Jalem, the mountain village, Saluru, all the miles and area we covered. What I am getting at is that where ever we go, we are surrounded by people that maybe God put in our path. We don't know if it's a 'Hi', or 'Namaste', or the shake of a hand, a smile or whatever it may be, we are a reflection of the God that sent us there.

I recall at the Tuni training center, introducing myself to the new lepers, shaking hands and asking their names, and just how one guy had a hard time looking at me and shaking my hand, I think because his arm was off at the elbow, and he was embarrassed by it. The others talked him into saying his name and shaking my hand which he did, but I felt sorry for his insecurity of who he portrayed himself to be, an outcast, no good to anyone, just no self worth. I pray that by them being there that they felt Loved, and that they do have worth, my heart goes out for them.

Another neat thing is we walked down along the beach road by John's house to call home a few times. There is a strip of shops along there and it's a pretty heavily traveled road. We called from the same place each time. There were 3-4 of us going down there so it took a little while for us each to call. The people that owned the phone kiosk also had a snack shop right next to it, so we usually had some snack or a drink while we waited. Their home was also just behind this. They would bring out chairs for us to sit while we waited, they made us coffee (for free). We would bug people walking by making them laugh or look, and the owners just laughed and thought it was great. They knew we had been coming to India for the past few years, and asked what month we will be back next year, and told us to come back. Lord willing we sure will. It's cool to make new friends in a foreign country, both sides trusting and giving to each other, it's just another relationship started. We don't know their beliefs or anything, but it might just open another door. I have come to believe that it's the little things that have big significance in others' lives."

We would like to invite you to hear more from the team and from John at our India Dinner this year. ***We will be having our SERVE India Dinner and Presentation Sunday, April 27, 2008.*** It will be at Faith Community Church in Hudson, WI, at noon, for an Indian meal and some sharing, then we will move into the worship center to watch a video one of the team members has put together of the trip. We would love to have you join us! ☺ Please sign up so we will know about how much food to prepare. You can sign up through our SERVE India website www.serve-india.com Can't wait to see you! ☺

One more request...please remember to ***pray as our family prepares to go to India for the summer.*** There are so many details to work out for us to be gone from here (especially finding someone to care for our pets) and the details of what our schedule will be when we are there. We are very excited to have some visitors come and spend time with us, (including my mother and brother!) and we just want to make the most of every moment we are there. Thank you for praying for the Lord's leading in our plans.

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

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution for the ministries of SERVE India (support for pastors, children, widows, training center, special projects) make a note in the memo, write and send the check to:
[SERVE India, 777 Carmichael Road, Hudson, WI 54016](#)

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution for our personal support (support for our family's living expenses, including our travel to India) it comes from your contributions to [International Gospel Outreach \(IGO\)](#):

Your gifts are tax-deductible if made payable to [International Gospel Outreach](#) only.
Please write "IM" (India Mission) on the check memo line. Do not put Nanda's name on the check.
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Thank-you! ☺