

August 8, 2008

Hello dear friends,

We are grateful to have arrived home from India safe and sound. The boys and I, and my mom and brother, arrived about a week ago... thank you for your prayer!

Our last month went by so quickly! We had a wonderful and fun time with my mom and brother. :) The whole trip was really wonderful! We only had one real frustration. One weekend when our family was away from the house someone broke in and robbed us. Thankfully, they didn't take many personal items but money, cameras, cell phones and a little jewelry. Every time we started to feel frustrated about this we would remember that it could have been worse! They did not take our passports, credit cards or drivers licenses (which were in the same bag as the other stuff) or get our laptop which we had decided at the last minute to take with us. /Thank You, Lord!/ ***Please pray with us for whoever took our stuff and for the police as they try to bring him/them to justice.*** We know that the Lord always uses all things for our good, so we are trusting Him with all of this. Thanks for praying!

John will be in India for another month. He is getting everything arranged for a medical training seminar for 25 of our Pastors that signed up. This is a 4-day seminar taught by a ministry that does this all over India. It will equip the Pastors with a basic medical knowledge that will be very helpful for them in their remote situations in their villages where medical help is not easily accessible. ***Please pray for the Indian trainers, for our U.S. friend, John, who is an EMT here and will be helping, and for the Pastors who will be taking in a lot of information in those 4 days. Please pray for all of the details to work out smoothly and for relationships to grow as the Pastors spend this time together. Pray that the Lord will be glorified in everything they do.*** Thank you! :)

We wanted to share with you a few thoughts of our visitors this past summer and just thank you again for your part with us in this ministry and the awesome work the Lord is doing in India!

Excerpts from the K Family's report...

"We also were especially touched by how SERVE India reaches out to the leprosy population. In India, an individual afflicted by leprosy is completely shunned by society. This means that every member of the family—even those that are healthy—are treated as outcasts. Their children can't attend school, and it is impossible to find work. Even if they receive treatment and are cured, they will always bear the stigma. We held a medical camp for members of one of two leprosy colonies supported by SERVE India. We also visited and brought supplies to Jeeva Jalem (meaning "Living Waters") which is another leprosy colony. We were reminded of Jesus' words, that whatever we do for the "least of these brothers", we are actually serving our Lord Himself.

Another highlight of the trip was being able to witness the baptism of two women in a small, muddy river. While it is true that Baptism is a monumental moment in every Christian's life, it is hard for us to comprehend just how life changing the decision of baptism is for Indian believers. In some cases it can cause the new Christian to be ostracized by their families and some people have to start their lives over. Many Hindus are named after gods and so another important step with Baptism is changing their name to a Christian name."

Excerpts from an email Rich sent...

"Our first stop was a small church on the outskirts of Tuni. We were greeted by the Pastor and his wife and a few of the church members. A lot of the members moved to the land around the church to be closer. They all put their money together and bought the land and built huts on the land. The surrounding people there are Hindus and they don't like the Christians. They burned down all the hut homes to get them to leave. The government stepped in and actually gave money to the people to rebuild their homes. With the money from the government and help from Terri and John's organization, they were able to build some small cement dwellings so they can't be burned down.

We visited with them in the church and a man came to us and asked if could sing a song for us. He said he is not good at speaking to people, but he could tell his story through song. He sang this beautiful song that he had written about his path to God. He was a drug abuser and was dying from what he had done to his body for so many years. The pastor heard of this man in failing health and came to him to pray for him. He sat and prayed for this sick man day and night, and slowly this man got better and better. A miracle in many peoples eyes that not only did he live but is well. The man sang his song to us with so much emotion and conviction it was hard not to well up and cry. He held his Bible so tight and put it to his

cheek and a comfort would come over his face. A very moving experience...After a few swallows to get the lump out of my throat, I thanked him for his song. We said our goodbyes and proceeded on our way.”

His joy and blessings,
Love, The Nanda's :)

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