

September 2, 2008

Hello friends,

School started for the boys today... wow, did this last month go by fast! John is still busily working in India and hopefully will be getting back here to the U.S. in the next few weeks. He may have to delay his return to be able to finish some things up. **Please pray for all of the work to go smoothly and that he will get back with plenty of time to be able to watch some of the boys' football and soccer games.**

Now that we have had a month back in our lives here and time to process our trip a little, I asked the boys their thoughts. I wanted to share some with you...

Daniel... “One thing I thought was amazing was when we were at the Tuni Training Center for the Pastors Conference and we were doing a drawing to see who would get a drum or lantern or a PA sound system for their church. One Pastor really desperately wanted a drum and sound system so when he found out about it he started fasting and praying about it. When they drew the name, it was him! He was very excited and happy. He came up to the microphone and told his story of how he had fasted and prayed and then he started to sing with his new drum and praised the Lord. I thought it was cool how God made that happen and that his name was drawn out of all the other Pastors!”

Jake... “We were out visiting churches near Tuni and at one church there was a member that was an older man and who was very happy to have us there. The fans weren’t working because the electricity was out so he was fanning us. He asked the Pastor if he could share his story with us. He had a really messed up life before he met God. He was on drugs and a lot of people thought he was going to die because his body just couldn’t take it any more. He was dying in the hospital, so the Pastor started coming everyday to pray for him. He became closer and closer to God. He started getting better with no explanation. Eventually he was fully healed. He started attending this church. He had his Bible that he kept in his bag and he held it so closely to him like it was his best possession in the whole world. He wrote a song that told the story of his life. We couldn’t understand the words because it was in Telugu, but you could tell by the way he was singing that it was the real thing. It was showing that God does really change things for real, that it is not just something that we say.”

David... “India this summer was amazing, learning more about the culture, making new friends and meeting old ones I haven’t seen for years, helping with the Pastors and their churches, but my favorite thing was playing with the Pastors’ kids. They had so much fun with all the toys and prizes we gave them. We all went out to an open field and played for hours. They all were so excited and had huge smiles on their faces. Probably for all of the kids the toys we gave them were their first toys and could possibly be the only toys they will ever get. It was awesome watching the kids have such a fun time and it felt so good to know that God was using us to create all this happiness for all these kids who have to live really tough lives. I think all those Pastors’ families really need a lot of encouragement and us just being there was a great help for them to keep going.”

Josh... “Our trip to India this summer was an experience that I will never forget for the rest of my life. Though I have been there a few times before, this last summer stood out quite a bit from the others; the main reason being because of the different perspective that I have as I’m moving closer to becoming an adult. I appreciated so much more the difference between the culture and the people of India and those of the United States. Also, as I’m looking for a direction to go with my life, this has opened my eyes a lot more towards ministry as an option. Having visitors there was also extremely exciting, and always adds a lot of fun to our trips. It’s always nice to have friends your age to hang out with, and to have my Uncle and Grandma come was special and brought a lot of entertainment to our experience. Overall, I would say it was an excellent trip and an excellent way to spend our summer!”

Thank you so much for your prayer for us, We couldn’t do anything without you all by our side in your care and prayer for us! Please keep praying for the requests below. Thank you! :)

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

Praise the Lord for... (more details next epray)

- Medical training seminar went very well
- Ability to give bicycles, drums, gas lights to Pastors, and a few rickshaws to some families in the churches

Projects to be praying for...

- Addition for the children's home for dormitory space and classrooms
- Finishing the building of the homes in Jeeva Jalem (leprosy colony)
- Finishing the homes in Pastor N. Rao's village
- Putting in the wells in the mountain village and their neighboring village
- Building of Pastor Thomas' church in the mountain village
- Helping suffering believers' families in the mining community

Continuous prayer for...

Godly Indian men to join John and the Pastors in serving the Lord through SERVE India (and especially for an assistant for John, who needs good English skills along with a great heart for God and the ministry)

Thank you for praying!

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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