

October 9, 2008

Dear friends,

I am happy to be home with my family again. Thank God for His protection and provision for us. We want to thank you for your prayers and faithful support and involvement with us in reaching India for Christ through SERVE India. We very much appreciate it!

This past summer and fall has been a very busy time for me, mostly being with the family and visitors in India visiting many churches, some that have newly started, speaking, teaching, holding meetings and conferences and supervising construction.

Many churches that are working with SERVE India are growing in numbers and expanding in their outreach opportunities. It seems that there is always so much to do as the Kingdom advances. Praise God!

While we were there this summer we had several friends and family members visit us from the USA. Together we enjoyed many weeks of ministry to encourage and support the work of the native Pastors and their families in the rural areas. Around 150 Pastors came together for a 3 day family conference in our Training Center in Tuni. We had a great time of fellowship and learning together. We also conducted a training seminar for 40 Pastors in community health evangelism that provides practical tools and knowledge in diseases and prevention and treatment. It is most helpful for those who are working in a village without any medical clinics.

Pastor G. Philip, a pastor of a church with 55 believers in a tribal village, shared,

*"We are praying for 1000's of people in our village who do not know God. Many worship Hindu idols that cannot do anything for them, except take from them. People who live here live in a very primitive situation, suffering from the lack of basic things in life including clean water and good nutrition, and fighting infection. People constantly suffer with gastronomical issues because of contaminated water, food, and poor hygiene and sanitation. Our village is 3 hours away from any medical aid or pharmacy. Over the years we have seen little kids die from things like a high fever or women die as they give birth on the way to the hospital. We prayed to God and many times He spared their lives. As we share with these people how they can have eternal life in Heaven, we tell them that God loved us with an abundant life in Him. We desire to share that love with others. That was my desire and prayer for my people."*

*"I was excited when I heard Brother John announce in our Pastors Fellowship about Christian Health Evangelism Training. Along with another 40 Pastors like me I attended the training. We have learned many things. I was enlightened and educated in the health issues, the basic disease treatment and prevention, hygiene, and how to help people with their emotional, social, and spiritual problems. It was a profitable seminar as I received much valuable information and resource materials as well as receiving a first aid kit and pharmaceutical box, which will be resupplied as we need it. I thank God for His provision. We thank God for the teachers, John L. and Mr. P., who went through a great deal of preparation to equip us. I also enjoyed the fellowship and time together with the other pastors."*

We also provided about 40 Pastors with 'tool kits' that include a new bicycle, gas light, PA system, first aid kit and musical drum. We also provided each Pastor with a Telugu Bible Commentary Set. For those who cannot read and whose villages are illiterate, we provided a megavoice, which has 360 Telugu audio lessons and commentary from the Bible. We also gave 1000's of Bibles, Gospels and tracts for all the Pastors to distribute.

What a joy it is to support these Pastors that God has brought to us for His purpose. Most of these men have a huge work load because they are responsible for more than one village church. They are taking the Gospel to people who are waiting to hear. 3 John 1:7-8 says, 'For they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the Truth.'

What a joy it is to see wherever the Word is preached, the lives are changed and the families strengthened and the community transformed and God is glorified. Thank you for your concern for the people of India and your prayers and your team work and support!

In His Work,  
John Nanda

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