



December 2006

Hi friends,

How thankful I am to the Lord for a safe and successful trip to India this fall. I just returned last week and appreciate so much all of you who lifted me up in your prayers.

I am so thankful for the group of Pastors who accompanied me to visit and encourage some village ministries that SERVE India supports. The Pastors included J Kumar Paul, Titus, Vijaya Kumar, Solomon Raj, and assistants Ramana and Gopi. The whole team has been a wonderful blessing to these churches that we visited. I could definitely feel the prayers of all. In one outreach meeting, in Santhapuram Village, the whole village gathered because they had never seen such a joyful group, singing and praising the Lord. I preached for 2 hours sharing about the uniqueness of Jesus Christ and that He answers our prayers and that He is real. There was a husband and wife who immediately surrendered their lives to the Lord and accepted Him as their personal Savior. The Lord was working in the hearts of many people that came. They stayed for a long time and talked with our Pastors and received Gospel booklets. We distributed Gospel tracts with contact information if they wanted any further information. Praise God!

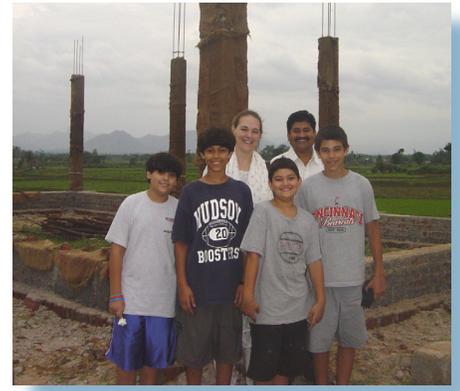
With your help and the generosity of God's people like you, the Gospel is advancing in India and the people are coming to know the true Living God. As you have been faithful in praying and providing these many years, please continue your partnership in winning multitudes of souls for the Lord in India. May the grace of our Lord be with you all.

In His Service, Pastor John R Nanda

Jeeva Jalam News

I was so happy to visit Jeeva Jalam where we installed a water purifier last January. They greeted us with such joy. They are continuing to use the purifying system. It is a blessing for all. We have now started to distribute rice to them each month to help provide for their needs. The society does not allow those with Leprosy to work in the community so the only way they usually have to provide for themselves is to beg. We hope to help them with other ways to be able to make a living for themselves. They all send their heart felt greetings to you.

PRAYER LETTER



Lasting Results from Medical Camp Ministry

It was such an exciting opportunity to return to some of the villages that were visited last January by the team from America. The free medical camps have an ongoing impact on the local ministry. It was such an uplifting experience to see the gratitude in their eyes for the help they have been given. The Pastors report that many people have come to them for answers about who God is and what Christianity is all about. They come to the local Pastors for help and prayer. The churches in each village are growing.

Glory to the Lord!



Fun Fact: Christmas is one of the most open times in India to tell others about Jesus. It is still included as a one-day public holiday, left over from when the British ruled, so many people feel that it is acceptable for them to ask about Jesus around this time just out of curiosity, and many people do! Please keep this in mind as you pray for India this Christmastime.

Update on the Building Project

As you know from our many previous prayer requests, we have had a difficult time finding an underground water reservoir at the site of the training center. It must be large enough to sustain the needs of all the people, and so far we have been unsuccessful in locating water. After considering several options and seeking God's direction, we 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. We had hoped someday to have a Christian camp/retreat/youth center on this land. 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 accessible. We will have to extend the road we have already laid to allow easier access. One advantage to the location is that 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. No material supplies have been used at the original site. 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!



New Meeting place in Tuni

We are so grateful that we have had an opportunity to purchase training center. We have a group of about 50 Pastors working in the surrounding villages that needed a place to meet, so John was checking into leasing the building. 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 land and use that money to help with the purchase of this 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.) We are so excited about this! Please praise the Lord with us for His plans which are always beyond what we can even imagine!



Pastors Training Extension Class

The building in Tuni needs a little work which the team coming in January should be able to help with. We think it will be ready then for holding classes. We hope to be able to start with an extension class for the Pastors' training in the Fall of this upcoming year. In the meantime Pastor Emmanuel and his family have moved into one portion of the building, reaching out to the surrounding area with the Gospel. It is also used for the monthly meetings for the Pastors of that area. We are so thankful for this blessing!



Children in the Villages

The building in Saluru where the children were living recently became unsafe for them to stay in. There have been some repairs needed so until that is taken care of they returned to the village they came from and will live with the Pastor's family from that village.

Several Pastors who are in villages without schools are spending time helping children to give them at least a basic education. Some of them also feed them their noon meal so that they may be provided for so they will not have to be used to work in the fields. Pastor Solomon Raju, is working with 40 children, Pastor Shalam Raju, 37 children, Pastor N Rao 45 children. This is a wonderful way to care for the children's needs and have contact to love their whole family.

The children living in the children's home in Dwarapudi with Pastor N Moses are all doing well. During this Christmas season they take a week off of their normal school to celebrate with Christmas dramas and outreaches to the surrounding villages.

A Widow's Story

While Suriavarthi was still young she lost her husband, and she was left to provide somehow for herself and 4 children. Everyone abandoned her because they thought she was cursed and she, too, thought she was cursed. She went to the priests at the Hindu temple and all they could say was that maybe in her next life it would be better. She was living miserably in fear that her cursed life would affect her children. This is a common story for widows in India and why we are so happy to love with them the message of hope we have in Jesus. We are continuing to help care for 17 widows through our Pastors in their local churches. You can read the whole story of Suriavarthi on the SERVE India website at www.serve-india.com.



Prayer Requests: Please pray...

For the people in the villages who received God's word in the Bible, booklets or Gospels given to them by local Pastors, that they would surrender their lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

For the building work of the Pastor's Training Center to continue without any obstacles.

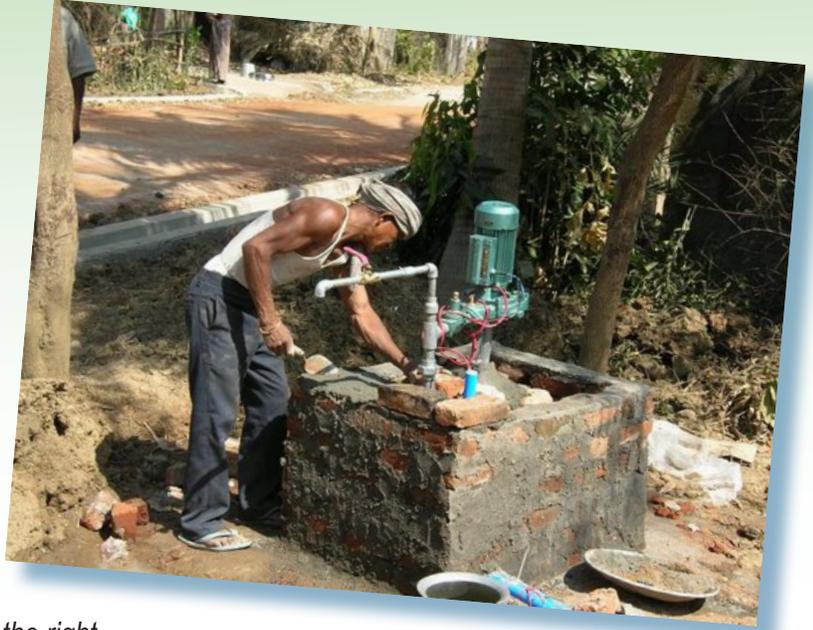
For our Pastors to be kept in good health and operating in the power of the Holy Spirit.

For the leadership team within the Pastors.

*For the team trip at the end of January through
1st week of February*

Special Prayer Request...

For many years we have been praying for the Lord to bring us someone to share the responsibilities with John of preaching, teaching and serving the pastors in India. We are seeking the Lord's guidance to find someone who has a heart that is pure for God's purposes above all else, and who is loving to his own people. He would need to have higher education, including Biblical training and skills in English, as well as knowledge and experience in working within the Indian culture. We KNOW that the Lord has just the right person for this job, and we are just trying to be patient as we wait!



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 and send the check to:

[SERVE India, 777 Carmichael Lane, Hudson, WI 54016](#)

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution for
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Thank-you!