



Note from Pastor John,

How grateful I am to the Lord for another safe and successful trip to India. I appreciate so much all of you who have uplifted me in your prayers. I am greatly encouraged that we all may be a part of what God is doing through the ministries of SERVE India. I want to thank the many of you who have responded to the needs by your prayer and by giving in so many ways. Praise the Lord, all the glory and honor to Him.

Team Visits and Medical Camps

We had wonderful people from Hudson and Milwaukee on two teams serving in India this year. Everywhere we went the Lord was honored and people were blessed. At the Medical Camps the teams worked with local Indian doctors helping literally thousands of people. The camps are held in villages where there is a SERVE India Pastor and congregation so the message of the love that God has for these people is carried on. The churches continue to express their gratitude for the love they felt and for the difference it has made in their villages.



Medical Camp at fishing village

Annual Gospel Celebration Crusade

Despite some desperate measures taken by a powerful Hindu man to stop our meetings this year, the Lord had His way and we were able to go ahead with our open-air Gospel Crusade. Pastor Marc and Steve B. along with several Indian speakers gave messages of hope to the crowds. One Hindu woman who did not feel comfortable coming to the meeting heard the Gospel over the loud speakers and came afterwards to tell us that she heard the message and believed the truth and gave her heart to Jesus. What a joy! The Pastors and their families and congregations also enjoyed a special time of teaching, meals and fellowship together.

PRAYER MEETINGS
June 2006



The New Jeeva Jalam (Living Waters) Village

The Leprosy Colony has a new name, Jeeva Jalam, meaning Living Waters. The people there are so precious! We all were there one day for a medical camp and the guys from Hudson started working to get a water purification system set up. They worked for the next two days, while the rest of us went up into the hills for a medical camp, church baptisms and church building dedications - all special celebrations.

The day before we left, we were able to hang out with the people of Jeeva Jalam while the guys finished up their work on the purification system. It was one of those times that we didn't plan but turned out to be so special just getting to know the people better. Their stories are hard and sad but they all have hope because of Jesus. They have more joy than many healthy people! Now we have their names and stories along with their faces in our photos and memories.

The next time John visited them he was greeted with big smiles and they told him of the difference they felt now. The Lord has shown His care and value for them through our care and value of them. They know they are not alone. They can rest in the hope that HE gives. What a privilege!



Eager for Training, Fellowship and Encouragement

We're so encouraged by the number of Pastors who have come and asked if they could work with SERVE India. John is careful to explain to them that we are not about just handing them money. He tells them that, in fact, our goal is to help them eventually become healthy self-sufficient churches, that are themselves reaching out to nearby villages to help start new churches. If they have this same vision for themselves then we invite them to come and take part in the Pastors' Meetings for prayer, training and fellowship. In April, before John's return to the U.S., there were close to 150 village Pastors who took part in the Pastors' Meetings. Many would like to become a part of SERVE India. Slowly, we get to know these new Pastors and the work the Lord is doing among them in their villages. Over time they will be considered for acceptance if they meet the necessary qualifications. *Praise the Lord for these men. Pray that they will continue to work with joy and dedication for God's glory and they would feel encouraged that they are not alone in their work, because we stand with them.*



Tribal Area Pastors



E.G. District Pastors



Tuni Area Pastors

Pastors under Persecution

Pastor Kumar and his family live and work in Tarapuram Village. Last summer while we were in India we visited their new, small thatched church building for a brief dedication prayer. The congregation of about 40 believers were so excited about finally having somewhere to meet for their worship. We felt blessed to be a part of their celebration. Pastor Kumar had been receiving threats by a fanatical Hindu group. Last month, after the Easter outreach service, they burned and destroyed the little church building. Thankfully Pastor Kumar and his family were not home that night. Since this was where the family also lived they were left without a home. They are now staying with their in-laws four miles away and continue to minister in their village.

One of our SERVE India Pastors, Pastor N. Rao, lives and works in the village of Thatagunta near Tuni. We recently helped build their church building. There are approximately 30 families in this congregation. They are from the lowest of the caste communities. One night as they slept all their homes were set on fire. Thankfully by God's grace, no one was hurt but all their belongings were destroyed. *Please pray for these dear Pastors, their families and congregations that their faith would be made stronger in this difficult time and that they would be comforted by the promises of God for His faith and provision.*



Pastor Kumar



Pastor N. Rao

Joyful Time for the Children

The children always love to have us come and spend time with them. They love to perform the songs and dances they have prepared especially for us. We were so happy this trip, to give them a special gift from the children of a Hispanic church in Milwaukee, WI. The children painted little canvas bags that we filled with a few small gifts. They felt very special! The children finished up their school year in April and are enjoying summer break. They will start back to school at the end of July. One of our SERVE India Pastors, Pastor Moses, has a heart for the children in the village where he works. He cares for nearly fifteen children who have been abandoned or come from very desperate family situations. They stay at the church and his wife teaches them school along with the help of a young woman from their church. SERVE India helps to meet the needs of this little children's home, call Nandika Convent Home (named after John's father). While the children have summer break, a few older children will be learning how to sew (tailor) for a future vocation. Also they are planning a two week vacation Bible School for the children in the village.



New clothes for the Widows

Each year during the Annual Gospel Celebration these dear women happily receive a new blouse and sari (Indian clothing). They take part in the meetings and this year Pastor Marc's wife, Nancy, spoke to them while Pastor Marc was with the Pastors. It was a special time because we were joined by many women from the city who have not had much opportunity, if any to hear about Jesus.

The widows continue to do wonderful work for the Lord, reaching out in their villages and churches. Some are working with the Childrens' Homes. It is a blessing for us to see them with smiles on their faces and feeling value in who they are because they belong to Jesus!



FUN FACT about names!

Many people in India are named after the Hindu idols they worship so that when they become Christians, at the time they are baptized, they change their name to a 'Christian name' they find in the Bible.

Truly a new identity in Christ!

Praise the Lord, O my soul, all my inmost being, Praise His holy name Psalm 103:1

SERVE India Center Building Project

The update for the building project progress always seems to be 'its going slowly', but at least some things are always happening. It just seems to be at a slower pace than we would like! The Lord keeps reminding me that it is in His time for His purposes and that I should continue to be patient! Please pray for all of the relationships that have been established during all this time and that they would grow more in care and trust and that someday soon they would know the reason that we truly care for them, because our Lord does! Please also keep praying that the water situation could be worked out soon so that the construction could go forward more quickly.

Prayer & Praise

Please praise the Lord for:

- * Wonderful **team visits** this past winter and God's protection and provision
- * Many **lives changed** because of God's grace
- * Our **trustworthy Pastors and workers**
- * The completed/ongoing work on the **village church buildings** and the joy felt by the people
- * The joy and opportunity for the children in the **children's homes**
- * The work being done in **Jeeva Jalam** (the Leprosy Colony) to love, care and bless those who live there

Please pray for:

- * Encouragement, protection and continued effective outreach through the **Pastors and their churches**
- * The Lord to provide more **capable, sincere people** to help in the many different ministries of SERVE India
- * The progress of The **Serve Center** building and for the contractor, Ashivrawdam
- * The relationships with **people who live around the SERVE Center** (building site)
- * A spirit of repentance to fill the **hearts of those in the grip** of idol worship ... that the true and holy God will reveal Himself to them
- * The **congregations of Tharaputum & Thatagunta Villages** who have been faced with heavy persecution
- * **The people of Jeeva Jalam** that all of their needs would be met and their faith would continue to grow
- * The health, faith, and well-being of the **children and widows** as they continue to learn, love and serve the Lord in their lives

*Thank you, again, for your part with us in serving and loving the people of India for the glory of our Lord Jesus. All for Him!
His joy and blessings, Love, The Nandas ☺*

How You can Help

- ✦ If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution for the **Ministries of SERVE India** (support for pastors, children, widows, projects, training center, make a note in the memo) write and send the check to: SERVE India, 777 Carmichael Lane, Hudson, WI 54016

- ✦ Giving for our **personal support** (support for our personal living expenses) remains through [International Gospel Outreach \(IGO\)](http://International Gospel Outreach (IGO):). Your gifts to us 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**). Contributions are solicited with the understanding that IGO has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds. IGO Address: P.O. Box 491173, Minneapolis MN 55449-1173 (Telephone: 763-757-3239) Direct personal correspondence for the Nanda's to 617 Cherry Circle N, Hudson WI 54016 Telephone: 715-381-5671 E-mail: tjnanda@sbcglobal.net Web Site: www.igo-worldwide.org

Thank-you everyone!

