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Dear Prayer Team,

Special Prayer Bulletin

There is a special urgent situation that I want to report on but first let me share a praise item. Praise the Lord that support for the trip has greatly increased to over \$7,000! This leaves about \$5,000+ for the Lord to bring in. Do join us in giving thanks.

Now, the urgent need for prayer.

~ Persecution outbreak in Orissa

I have visited Orissa at least three times. My heart is a bit sensitive to the needs there in Orissa (see short movie below). Earlier this year, persecution broke out twice. Just this week it has become severe and continues until now. It appears that the communists (Maoist in India) killed several Hindu priests, and the radical Hindus are using this to blame Christians for the murders and instigating hatred against Christians in the State of Orissa.

Right now the report says 6 Christians have been killed and 125 Christian homes have been destroyed. Fifteen churches burned. Things are even worse than this as totals come in. I suggest you watch this report by Gospel for Asia at the address below. Remember this is not a place where people have insurance! They need to run to the jungles for safety.

<http://www.gfa.org/orissa-update> (report Gospel for Asia; map also from there)

<http://www.foundationsforfreedom.net/Movies/STM06/india06.mov> (See the fervor of the Christians in Orissa from 2006)

Update on Orissa persecution news. <http://indianchristians.in/news/content/view/2332/45/>

Note: Please be at ease about our north and south India trips. Although the southern India trip to Andhra Pradesh is near the southern border of Orissa, there should not be any difficulty related to this persecution of the believers. Do pray, though, for safety as always!



 **Pray for Friday Aug. 29, 2008**

In response to this outbreak of persecution in Orissa, a large Christian organization in India is calling all the Christian schools around the country to close on Friday to get the rest of the country's attention.

"We call for all church and Christian educational institutions of Catholic, Protestant, Independent, and unaffiliated Christian denominations in the service of society to close for one day," said Sam Paul, AICC National Secretary of Public Affairs. The AICC is supporting the call from church networks -- including the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India, the Evangelical Fellowship of India, and the National Council of Churches in India -- to close Christian schools on Friday, Aug. 29, 2008."

There are many good Christian schools throughout India as well as in public service. Pray that God would hold back the persecution. My prayer is that God would multiply the Christians in Orissa three fold.

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