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HEALING IN KANDHAMAL



I want to share a joyful story that happened during our November 2015 trip.

During the 2008 riots in Kandhamal (state of Orissa), my hometown Muklinga was also a victim. This village is surrounded by mountains and connected with 5 other villages, where everybody lived with and helped each other. But the riots made those villages become enemies of each other. Since 2008, there had been no social interactions. But during this trip, with the support of the JIMM fund, we arranged a big peacemaking event with those 5 villages. All the village leaders worked together to coordinate it. The villages cooked together and ate together. Then some of our USA friends spoke about forgiveness and the love of Jesus Christ. The bitterness those villages had carried for almost 7 years went away. We had a chance to pray with them, and now they are working together again. I can feel that there is no more fear or hesitation, and they are connected again. I want to thank the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley for the work they put into this.

-Saima Naik Tandi

*O LORD, you will ordain peace for us, for indeed,
all that we have done, you have done for us.*

Isaiah 26:12

