

Dear Friends of GPMO,

It is good to be able to write this update just as Hemant returns from a 3-week trip to India.



NANDA

It has been a quiet year in the Kandhamal District of Orissa (now Odisha), which means it has been a very good year! Overall, the children have been healthy and are growing strong. They are doing well in school, and 16 students are currently enrolled in higher education. This year is also remarkable because the local police provided protection so that everyone was able to worship and celebrate Christmas openly and safely.

BELGHAR

The tribal village of Belghar is a different place since some of the children came to Nanda. In addition to bringing the Gospel back to their village, they are also returning home with an education and leadership skills. The children took responsibility for organizing a huge feast for hundreds of people the day Hemant visited!

CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CHURCH

This fall, support was provided to build the Kambarikia Church. In addition to holding worship services, this building located in the mountains near several villages, will serve as a school and community center. Hemant was able to be part of the dedication on January 9, which was a day filled with worship, children dancing and performing biblical skits, and a feast for all who attended.



ON THIS SIDE OF THE GLOBE

The current members of the GPMO Board have been serving for 10+ years, and it is time for others to step in and walk alongside Hemant and Saima. Graham Upton, Todd Mansfield, Jan Devine, and their spouses, will be moving into a supportive role as John and Sara Gartman, Shawn Dell, and Pastor Will Hampton (Two Rivers Assembly) join Hemant and Saima to set the course as GPMO moves forward. Being involved with GPMO and traveling to India several times has changed the lives of the outgoing Board members. We are able to tell you with certainty that your gifts and prayers over the past ten years have made both an immediate and an eternal difference! Your generosity has helped:

- Expand the Nanda campus and provide food, shelter, and medical care for the children and staff who live there.
- Provide basic education for the children at Nanda, and increase the number of graduates who are able to go on for higher education or job training.
- Bring the gospel to the Kutia Khonda, an unreached tribal group in Belghar, where there are a growing number of conversions and baptisms.
- Help support a small community of lepers and their families.
- Rebuild tribal churches after they were destroyed by persecution.
- Build new churches as the gospel is shared in the region.

*Sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
- 1 Chronicles 16:23-25*

We are deeply grateful for your support-

Hemant/Saima, Graham/Ann, Todd/Kristy, and Jan/Tim