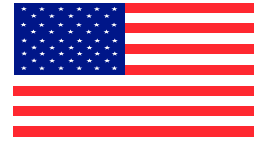




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Each year, we send out graduates for community development and church planting in villages and cities throughout India.

Pray for Orissa

Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; [and] them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body." Hebrews 13:3

Dear Partner in His Mission,

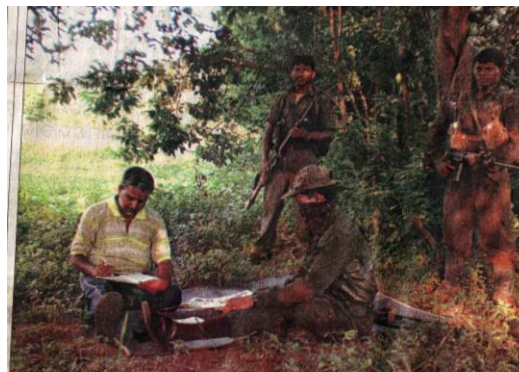
Warm greetings from the Maranatha World Missions family. We thank God for your valuable prayer and contributions for the ministry. I am writing to solicit your urgent prayers and help for the suffering Christian population in the state of Orissa, in the nation of India. For the last six weeks, an unprecedented rampage of enormous scale as been tearing through this state, which includes the mass assault and killing of Christians and the burning of their villages. The Hindu militants responsible for the rampage blame the Christian minority for the assassination of the Hindu priest Lakshmanananda. The truth of the matter is that Christians did not kill anybody and were not involved in any such criminal activity. In the nationally broadcasted news, the Maoist-Communist group known as the "Nexalites" revealed that they were the parties responsible for the deaths of the Hindu pujari reformist Lakshmanananda & his disciples (see photo below). In the Orissa Sambad, an Oriya newspaper, the Nexalites gave a full report on the killing of Lakshmanananda, but because Hindu militant paramilitary groups and the passivity (and suspected cooperation) of the local state government, many churches and villages were burned and looted. The authorities have not assessed the number of people dead. The Orissa Sambad also published the story of a burned Christian victim (see photo below).

Many of our pastors were severely beaten, and two are still in the hospital (see photos to the right). Many of our believers are homeless as I am writing this letter. The government machine is not moving at all to stop this rampage. Pray for the suffering believers in Orissa. Any help of any size will benefit the poor people. To build one temporary shelter, a minimum of \$100 is needed. 100% of your contributions will go only for this purpose.

Yours in Christ,

Handwritten signature of Pastor Bethel P. Jacob

Pastor Bethel P. Jacob



Nexalites talking with Orissa Sambad newspaper agent, admitting their responsibility in the killings. Picture by: Orissa Sambad, an Oriya newspaper

MWM Pastors, Orissa



Pastor Jogeshwar Naik
Stones were thrown at his church, causing roof damage. He was forced to leave.



Pastor Jamdhar Nag
In the hospital with head injury. Church believers' homes were destroyed.



Pastor Damurudhar Suna
In the hospital. Church and believers' homes were burned down.



Pastor Rajesh Digal
18 homes of believers, including his own, were destroyed. Church destroyed as well.



Pastor Lakendra Beneva
Home, church, and believers' homes were destroyed.



Christian girl burned by Hindu militants
Picture by: Orissa Sambad, an Oriya newspaper