

Dear Prayer Partners,

Please continue praying for NAN (see details below in Terry's email), his family's salvation, and protection for all. Thanks to your prayers, he and his family are still OK.

Praise for the visa officer transfer (see below). He was against missionaries (yes, we have missionary visas) being in the Sindh and was going to investigate the need for our hospital. God is in control! The new visa officer seems to be a believer! PTL!!!

Praising Him,

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Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2008 10:17 PM

Subject: An urgent request

NAN

Fortunately, not much has transpired in NAN's situation since I last wrote. NAN's brother was allowed to go back to Hyderabad, contrary to their threats of keeping him there in the village till the matter was settled.

Please continue to pray for **NAN and his family**. Please also continue to pray for **A**, the key **fellow stirring up the opposition**. Pray that God would supernaturally change his heart.

NAN tells me that this same fellow has on numerous occasions stirred up private inquests into what NAN is doing in an effort to "catch" him. My talking to A simply tore the scab off yet again. Until he's is removed from the scene (by a change of heart or by some other means), the troubles that NAN is facing will continue.

Visa officer - Rejoice!

Some of you will remember the great difficulties we experienced early this year getting our visa extensions. We and other missionaries were facing serious opposition from a chief gov't official in getting visas renewed. At that time, we asked you to pray that God would either change this man's heart or remove him from his seat. God chose to transfer him out of that office and replace him with a man from the nominal Christian community who is apparently a believer! PTL!

Shidis and Water Filters

Since the water filter training, we have been able to go 3 times to tell Bible stories which are eagerly attended by 7-10 adults each time. Pray that we will continue to have an open door there and that God will bring salvation to these families.

In Him,
Terry

May 23

NAN's brother's visit to the village was a very difficult one. As soon as he arrived, he was introduced by, "Here's the brother of the blasphemer who's worthy of death!" He received a very lengthily and difficult grilling, but no final decision was made by the kangaroo court.

Meanwhile, things in the village remain unsettled. NAN's brother is not allowed to leave until a

final decision has been made.

NAN told me that **his wife** has really been impacted by all of this. Many of their relatives often stay with them when they come from the village to the city – NAN helps them with going to the hospital, giving them hospitality, taking them shopping or getting necessary work done, putting them up overnight sometimes for days on end in their tiny little apartment; and NAN's wife does all the cooking and serving them, even during Ramazan when she has to get up at 4:00am to make pre-dawn breakfast for them. During this situation, many of those same people – blood relations whom they have served so much – have turned on them and joined the group of the accusers. She's been amazed at that on the one hand, and amazed on the other hand by how we believers who are not her relatives have been so supportive of them – encouraging, counseling, praying for them (she's been esp. struck by this). Tonight, NAN got a call from a relative who was in town. He was a bit nervous - this was one of the relatives who was part of the "caravan" (his words!) lined up against him. "Are you alone?" "No, I have my wife and several ladies with me. We are coming to the hospital. Can you help us?" He left to go help them. NAN already sees how God has used this whole situation for good and the testimony that is coming out of it.

Please continue to pray for this whole matter. With the passing of time, tempers are cooling down some, but he is definitely not out of the woods yet. Some of the people involved are a very dangerous bunch and committed to purging the place of blasphemers.

Grateful for your continued prayers,
Terry

May 21

NAN

The situation with NAN has taken a very serious turn today.

5 people came to NAN's house to see him – 3 from his village, 2 from Hyderabad. NAN was out, but his brother who lives just above NAN was at home and met the men. The 2 from Hyderabad seemed to be Pathans and were very obviously with a jihadi organization. They asked many questions about NAN – Where does he live? How big is his family? Where does he work? Where is his office? Where do they get their support from?

The Pesh Imam (head religious leader of the mosque) and the villagers have given NAN an ultimatum – either he comes to the village or his whole extended family will be kicked out of the village – his uncles, cousins, parents, etc. They made some comment about giving NAN the same treatment as Daniel Pearl. The brother tried to calm things down but they weren't interested in taking a light view of things. They were with NAN's brother for quite some time before they finally left.

NAN does not feel he can go to the village at this point. However, his brother plans to go there tomorrow and try to assess the situation better. Things are definitely not good.

Please continue to pray.

In Him,
Terry