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Praise:

For our wonderful supporters and intercessors! - Thanks you for praying for us and the support and love we receive.

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Summer Report & Upcoming India Project Updates

Anthony

It was a proud moment for Lisa and I (Eric) when Anthony stood up during the final meal at the training school in Denmark and shared his testimony of how he came to Jesus and how he came to do the training school in India and now in Denmark. It was powerful and brought tears to many! There had been months of trying to work out details, visa delays and red tape. We were not sure he was coming until the day he left which was just three days before the school started. **We thank God for all the prayers and support for him!** It made all the difference in the world. He did so well even though this was his first experience in the west. He jumped right in with a servant's heart and showed a real understanding of all that he was learning and doing. His enthusiasm was wonderful to see. Eric asked him one day what he thought of Denmark and his comment was, "Where are all the people?" It is quite a change from India! He did even better than we hoped and we are excited to see another leader being trained for India. His heart for sexual abuse is very personal because of the suffering his own family went through so he has a real passion. Passion is exactly what it takes to go through the work, pain and growth this type of ministry requires. He has lots of homework to do and another year of training, please pray. All the students in India are struggling with the homework component of the school. Only so much can be taught in lecture so they need the time in the books, which is not easy.



Anthony & us at the end of the school

The Big Day!

Speaking of homework...I (Eric) am done! After three years, and four summers of attending the ISARPAC school (www.Isarpac.org) I have graduated! I am excited!!! I finished the same school Lisa graduated from in 2006 and now I have completed the same studies. This is the only Christian Counseling school in the world that focuses on the sexually abused. This makes both Lisa and I licensed from Denmark which according to the laws in the U.S. (which licenses state by state anyway) does not mean a whole lot in the USA, but it does to us personally.



Lisa is teaching the second year students in Denmark

With all the attention sex trafficking is getting these days, and with even the conservative statistics being high for both men and women, the need is GREAT. It gives a great door for sharing the healing love of Jesus in people's lives where they need it most!

India Here we come (again!)

Getting Anthony to Denmark was a real challenge and it was so worth it. But more Indians need to be trained, so we need to go to them! We are headed back to India in late October for two weeks and need both your prayer and financial support. Sexual abuse is just starting to come out in the open but it is still rarely talked about. We are shocked to hear priests & pastors say things like, "Oh, we don't have that problem here..." even though the government is releasing the statistics that say India has one of the highest rates of sexual abuse in the world. They are where the West was a generation ago. So it is a foundational time for the church in India. We would like to see it equipped to minister to people with healing grace and prayer. The methods we use are so much gentler than most of what people do. It really takes time for the students to



grasp that God's peace can do a deep healing work.

*Our India Students from 2007—Asian School of (sexual) Abuse Related Pastoral Counselling
(Anthony is in the center, kneeling)*

One of the big challenges is for them to learn that praying for someone often needs to start with silence and waiting on God for direction. There are so many paradigm shifts that need to take place to really be effective in this work. Sexual abuse survivors need a lot of peace and grace to balance out all the shame that has been dumped on them.

Our goal is to see nationals raised up to minister the love and healing Gospel of Jesus in India, and this is a wonderful way to meet a felt need in this country. Governmental conservative estimates put the sexual abuse rate at 55% in India but some are saying as high as 70%. This effect both men and women. Anthony's own family story is a testimony to the increasing need. Lisa and I will both be teaching this year, and we will hold the school in Mumbai. Pastors, lay workers and other professionals will be coming from all over India to be trained in impacting the hearts and lives of the hurting with the peace of Jesus. **We need \$2000 for this trip for both of us, and we would so appreciate your prayers and covering during the time of October 21 – November 4.** Please pray also for the time between now and then because we often experience a lot of attack just before these trips.

Love Eric & Lisa

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