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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is a great day to serve the Lord! We are in wonder of how God blesses us beyond our needs while we are in His will. I am very thankful for His provision as well as His direction. Without God's guiding hand I tend to make terrible decisions!

We are currently still in the United States playing the waiting game for baby Charlotte's paperwork. Charlotte is already 3 months old and does not yet have a passport in hand.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Clear **direction** for our path in India. And **wisdom** in what He would have us do. Whether it would be to **work with the Werner family** or not.

Prime Minister Modi's salvation and for **India to stay open to Americans**.

Paperwork concerning baby to go **quickly** and **smoothly**.

Language and **schooling** options.

An **unspoken** for Lavona.

An **Ipad** or **laptop** for Matt.

We've been having issues getting Charlotte's social security card which is needed for many of the steps in the paperwork process. Lavona has been down to the office multiple times trying to expedite the process. The last time she was in there, the man remembered her and although he wasn't supposed to, wrote down Charlie's number for us so we could at least begin the one paper. Because a crying baby was in tow, she did not look at the number before she left. After she got home and finally had time to view it, she realized it's completely illegible! And everyone asked to read the number has given a different variation... What we thought was finally a step forward turned into more waiting.

I am chomping at the bit to return to India, but we know that this is all part of God's plan. I've learned a while back through much worry and grief that the timing that I think is best, in hindsight, never is. So, we are trusting God as we wait. It is easy to get impatient in the flesh, but He knows.

Next week we will be headed to Michigan to visit some family and several supporting churches. The family is excited to see the littles and we are excited to see everyone! Evelyn said today "They've been at their house a long time." In other words, she misses them!!

We have been asking for prayer for quite some time now about who God wants us to partner with in India after the passing of Justus Banuel. We are now seeking God's will regarding working with a young family, Zachary and India Werner, in the city of Mangalore in the state of Karnataka just north of where we were in April. Doing

this would allow us to start working toward accomplishing what we had previously set out to do when we started deputation. We are fervently seeking the Lord's will concerning this decision as well as counselling with some pastors we love and trust. Please pray that God would either open or close this door very obviously for us.

Please pray that India would stay open to Americans. Be in prayer as there is talk that Prime Minister Modi wants to revoke all visas of anyone who is not Hindu. Pray with us as to what language school we should select and for us to learn the language quickly when we finally return. As well as prayers for wisdom for us as we choose the best schooling option for Evelyn. We are currently in search of a laptop or tablet that Matt can use exclusively for his notes, bible studies and sermons. If you would be in prayer with us about which would be best to purchase, we would appreciate it! Continued prayer for good health, safety travelling, Charlotte's paperwork, an unspoken for Lavona, and of course, wisdom in our decision making is also very much appreciated.

Love,

The Gerber family

