

# Missionary Prayer Page

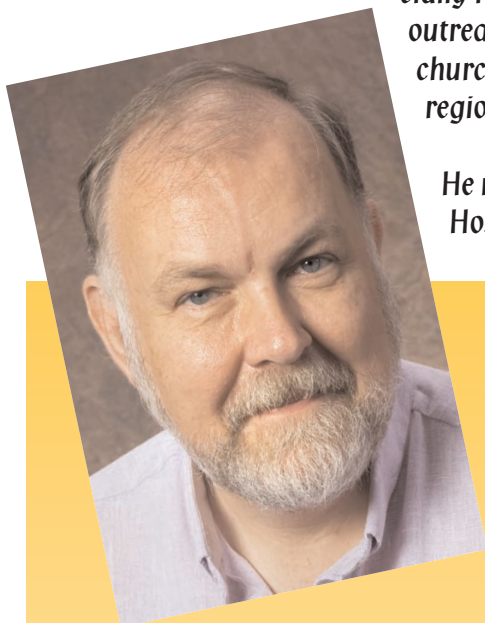
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PRAY FOR

## John Lunn

John serves at the Christian Medical College, Vellore, South India. About half of his time is spent with the Palliative Care Unit and Palliative Care Educational Center to help strengthen the educational programs, especially from a spiritual care aspect. He is also helping staff explore new areas of outreach and service. John represents ELCA Global Mission to our partner churches in India in the area of health care ministries, working along with the regional representative.



He remains connected to health care in Liberia through Phebe and Curran Hospitals. He is exploring different ways to enhance the services provided there.

BIRTH DATE

August 15

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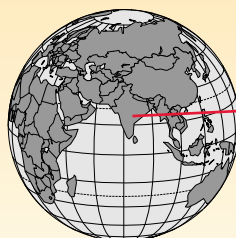
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South-Central Synod  
of Wisconsin  
Northeastern Minnesota

COUNTRY OF SERVICE

India

### Prayer Concerns

- † Pray for the further development of palliative care and hospice programs in India, to help meet the needs of God's children in a time of crisis.
- † Pray for the strengthening of Phebe and Curran Hospitals in Liberia and their schools that are training health care personnel in a situation of serious shortage.
- † Pray for the strengthening of the Lutheran mission hospitals in India and for the companion synods and others who are partners in this work of the healing ministry of the Church.
- † Pray that people with health care backgrounds will be called to volunteer service in the areas of teaching and provision of care.



India

(see letter from John on the back side of this page)

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*Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,*

*I write to you after arriving in India six weeks ago. It is a bit of a homecoming, as I previously served here for almost 3 1/2 years. I have returned, in part, to a program that I had the privilege to help start. I will continue working with Phebe and Curran Hospitals in Liberia. My work will also include relationships and travel to places that I haven't been to before.*

*About half of my time will be spent with palliative care at Christian Medical College in Vellore, South India. The hope is to grow the program, both in its outreach to patients other than those with cancer and by increasing the training programs for our own staff and the staffs of other mission hospitals in India. There is a great sense of joy and fulfillment in bringing this much-needed service to places where it has not been offered. My first outreach was to a mission hospital in New Delhi. There I had the opportunity to participate in workshops for nurses, doctors, pastors, and counselors.*

*Since arriving back in India, I've had opportunity to visit two of our Lutheran partner's mission hospitals. They are located in northeast India, serving tribal populations in remote areas. Mission hospitals have a challenge: Jesus predicted it in John 12:8, "You always have the poor with you." These are the underserved in India. Other patients, who have normally helped offset costs for the poor, have gone to private hospitals for their care, places where they will find more specialists and modern diagnostic equipment. Mission dollars for the care of the poor aren't what they once were either. The new challenge is to discern God's call for these healing ministries in the 21st century and discover how to provide finances, personnel, and equipment.*

*In Liberia, two hospitals, Phebe and Curran, have Lutheran roots and have had long-term Lutheran support—financial, mission personnel, and prayer. In the post-civil war period, both hospitals have worked hard to recover and continue their roles in providing healing ministry in rural Liberia. Both are short of professional staff—doctors, nurses and technicians. Both are actively involved in training paraprofessionals to help meet the needs of the country, while still needing additional qualified instructional staff. I have the opportunity to explore ways of helping to meet these needs and am hoping to find interest among medical professionals in the U.S. and to develop relationships with India.*

*These three aspects of my call require a lot of travel and flexibility. Please pray for me and for the exciting work as we respond to God's call to partner in healing ministries in India, in Liberia, and wherever we are.*

*Yours in Christ,*

*John*