

Prayer request for Week of December 30, 2007

Thank you to all who prayed for the Christians who fled to relief camps after tensions escalated with the Hindu's in Orissa, India.

Hundreds of Christians, fearing more clashes with Hindu nationalists, fled to government-run relief camps where authorities on Saturday were providing them with food, medicine and security.

The clashes left at least four people dead last week, including three killed when police fired on a group of hard-line Hindus that had torched a police station in Kandhamal district's Brahmanaon village. Another person also died in the communal fighting.

The killings and subsequent flight of nearly 700 Christians to four relief camps are the latest in a series of religious and political power struggles in the secular but Hindu-dominated India's eastern state of Orissa, which has one of the worst histories of anti-Christian violence. I

It is important to remember all of God's children in this tragedy and pray for a peaceful outcome, where all religions can live in harmony with each other.