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Dear friends,

I hope you are well this spring. Let me share the story of something that happened in Chennai which brought me great hope this past month. During the International Justice Mission's annual prayer gathering in Washington, DC, thousands of IJM supporters prayed boldly for the end of slavery. About three weeks later, the Indian government referred a case to us. This referral resulted in IJM's largest rescue ever and the Indian government's demonstration of their capacity to advocate on behalf of bonded laborers with excellence.

My friend Belinda wrote a beautiful piece on the case:

<http://www.ijm.org/newsfromthefield/more-than-500-free-from-slavery-in-ijms-largest-operation-ever>

Indian Television also covered this amazing operation here:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hk_QDA_9gOE&feature=share

I have included some of my personal reflections on my blog here:

<http://karenelizabethpaul.wordpress.com/2011/05/24/the-advocate/>

God's faithfulness to answer the prayers of the thousands of people who asked God to end slavery left me hopeful. Please pray for our aftercare team as we provide rehabilitation services for these released laborers. This hope will carry me through the hard work it will take to rehabilitate these clients and through my last two months here in India.

I would love to hear what has brought you hope this spring.

With joy,

Karen

