

Missionary Paralyzed After Wild Elephant Attack

Missionary Ashu Suthar was attacked by a wild elephant Thursday while walking through the jungle back to his village. Suthar is in critical condition and is totally paralyzed from the neck down.

Suthar, along with GFA-supported missionaries Lidane Nadave and Peter Muraj, were walking through the dense jungle on their way home after attending a regional meeting. There are no real roads in this area, so they were navigating their way through the jungle at about 8 p.m. They had stopped to rest when, suddenly, they came under attack by the giant beast. Nadave and Muraj managed to get away, but the elephant grabbed hold of Suthar and dragged him more than 300 feet, then trampled and crushed him.

When the elephant finally abandoned the injured missionary, who was near death, his fellow missionaries got him to the hospital. The doctors say he has a broken neck, and it is possible he can recover. He is in critical condition.

Suthar is 25 years old. His wife is five months pregnant with their first child.

Please pray for complete healing for Suthar. He desperately wants to recover and resume serving the Lord. Also pray for God to comfort his wife.