India Partners

Partnering with the people of India in ministry

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Back to School Blues?

It is hard to believe but another summer is quickly drawing to an end. Parents step a little livelier knowing that a consistent routine will soon return. Kids on the other hand get torn between the excitement of fresh school supplies and the back to school blues.

In India the school year has already begun, as it starts in July and ends in March. But for many children in India, attending school is only a dream, due to a lack of schools or a child's responsibility to labor and help their families. The back to school blues is a notion that would never cross their minds!

India Partners is proud to support a number of initiatives that help students thrive in rural India. Many adults rely on their children to help them read and do simple math. One of our partners shares this story:

Learning to Read

Augustin Raju is a teacher in the Galilee school. "Every morning I go to the homes of children who are not coming to school. One day I went to the house of Ramulu, the father of four children between the ages of 5 to 10 years. He goes to fish in small channel of the sea for their living. One day Ramulu received a letter saying that one of his uncles had an accident and was between life and death. Ramulu and his children did not know how to read the letter so they threw it to one side of their hut. Ramulu's uncle died. Two days later, one of his relatives came to Ramulu's house to tell him about the death of his uncle. Then Ramulu pick up the letter from his hut and requested that I read it. I read the letter and it said his uncle was in life danger. Ramulu began to cry. I told Ramulu the importance of education, learning how to read and write. Since that day, Ramulu sends his 4 children to the Galilee school. Now the children are learning to read and write. Ramulu is so happy about his children receiving an education."

Learning to Write

For many students living in remote villages, the distance between their homes and the nearest school is too far to walk. Our partners have begun supplying bikes for students who need help getting to school, as well as school clothes and supplies for children who do not have them. **You can help! Would you consider giving a child the gift of education?**

School Supplies & Clothes	$20 per child
Sponsor a Child	$30 per month (provides food, shelter, **education,** medical care and clothing)
Bikes for Keen Minds	$69 per bicycle

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A Perfect Taste of India!

Our Trip to India: August 2010

Team with Sahaara Staff and Kids

If you have ever pondered going to India, let me encourage you to start seriously praying about joining an India Partners Team. I promise it will change your life!

Our most recent team to India included Scott Jackson from Georgia, and Colleen Thompson, Margie Corlett, and Katie Letcher all from Oregon. When the West Coast met the Deep South, it was nothing short of a perfect combination!

Our first week was spent in Maharashtra continuing our work with Sahaara. Their tireless efforts to reach out to the women and children caught in the horrors of commercial sex work is humbling. Our team spent three days training the staff to work with children with learning disabilities, encourage Biblical financial stewardship and promote healthy family relationships.

Our final day in Maharashtra included a visit to Mother Theresa's home for the dying and destitute. These sweet homeless souls are swept off the street when they are too ill to care for themselves. Most of the residents are covered in open sores, receiving tender care from the Sisters of Charity in white and blue habits. We made our way through each wing of the building doing our best to reach out with God's love.

Scott with Boys at Orphans Faith Home

We then traveled by train to Andhra Pradesh to visit Orphans Faith Home (OFH). We were greeted by nearly 300 singing and smiling children who live and go to school at OFH. Many of these precious children are either full orphans, have been abandoned by their families, or have been given over to OFH by relatives.

While at OFH, we also had the opportunity to speak at several meetings as a way to reach out to the local church community. We spent one day in an extremely poor village going from hut to hut, praying for people who have nothing but are still so full of joy.

After a tearful goodbye at OFH, we made our way south to wrap up our time with a visit to Agape Rehabilitation Center. Daniel and Avitha Victor took great care of the team, making sure we could meet their latest batch of students and do some last minute shopping before heading home.

Come to India! You do not need any special skills or training, just willing hands and a loving heart. Apply for a team today by contacting Teams@IndiaPartners.org, and be ready for the adventure of a lifetime!

Thanks to everyone who kept us in their prayers! Team Leader Kaytie, Colleen, Katie, Margie & Scott

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