

India Mission 2010
JANUARY 3 -17



WELCOME TO INDIA 2010

Empowering Grassroots, Transforming Communities

India Short-Term Mission 2010
Sponsored by United Evangelical Mission, India
and
United Evangelical Mission International, USA
January 3 – 17, 2010



UEM-sponsored children orphaned by tsunami – Nagapatnum, India

Testimony: “This was by far the best experience I’ve ever had in my life, and I can’t wait to go back!! I’ll never again (God willing) forget that the world is full of people in need of Jesus.” --Jessie Haas, teacher, Grover, MO

Purpose: Since 1997, a group of American Christians, interdenominational but with a core of Lutherans, have been making annual short-term mission trips to India in partnership with United Evangelical Mission (UEM) and its US partner, United Evangelical Mission International (UEMI), a member of the Association of Lutheran Mission Agencies (ALMA) which is an affiliate of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. We have assisted, supported, and served wherever possible with the indigenous mission work of UEM. This independent, non-denominational ministry, led by John Peter Kirubakaran, has reached over 3,000,000 persons in the last 18 years. Nearly half of these people have confessed Christ and, thus far, about 10% have been baptized and

are regularly participating in worship in some 600 churches in India and Sri Lanka. In addition to this amazing work of God, several micro-industries have been developed in order that new believers may support themselves. Over 1,200 children who have been abandoned or whose single mothers are unable to feed them, are cared for and raised in the name of Jesus in eight different children's projects in various parts of India. On the first mission trips, only pastors made the trip, but since then we have been able to meaningfully include almost anyone.

Some who go on these mission trips conduct conferences for Indian Pastors and church planters, and a VBS for children. We also conduct medical and eyeglass clinics in towns and villages in various locations across south central India. Prayer ministry at these clinics, attended mostly by Hindus, is a highlight. The entire team will make visits to the new church plants in villages and interact with the local indigenous missionaries. The Pastors on the team preach in these churches on the weekend, and all members of the team have opportunities to witness and teach.

Teenagers who participate in this mission must be at least age 14, and an adult person also making the mission trip must agree to take responsibility for each youth. Medical personnel are always needed on the team including anyone with experience in any medical field. However, there are many roles for others with no qualification other than a compassionate heart. An Indian doctor will also be present to oversee the clinics as well as several language translators.

Additional details of the ministry events will be provided to all who wish such information, and will be sent automatically to all who register. The following information will help you understand what you will need to do if God touches your heart to participate in this mission.

Visas and Passports: A US Passport is required. You can apply for your Passport at many US Post Offices. Allow about **one month** for this application to be processed. In addition, the Indian government requires a **visa**, which will require another **ten days** after you have obtained your passport. If you anticipate going to India more than once in the next ten years, it is more economical to obtain a ten year multiple-entry visa. Otherwise, a one year multiple-entry visa is sufficient.

You must be careful to **apply only for a tourist visa** and to make no mention of a Christian mission. **Pastors** should list their occupation as **self-employed** (which is the way the IRS defines them), otherwise the visa may be denied. **No vaccinations are required, but we recommend contacting your local health department or the CDC for recommended preventive care.**

Costs: Roundtrip airfare will probably cost around **\$1,500** depending on your location in the US. This amount is only for travel from the US to Bangalore and return. If any in-India air travel is undertaken, an additional amount will be required. In-India airfare is generally about 80% of comparable distances in the US. A **\$350** per person **registration fee** will be used for ground transportation, catered food in locations where there are no "safe" restaurants, bottled water, and expenses of the UEM staff who accompany the team in India.

Your individual costs for **food and lodging** will average around **\$50** per day if you have a double occupancy room or **\$75** if you do not. We will be glad to pair you up with a

roommate. Because of the quality handcrafts and low cost of clothing in India, travelers usually do some shopping as well. These additional costs are therefore at the traveler's discretion. **Average total will be about \$2,200/\$2450 per person, plus shopping expenditures.**

Travelers may choose to either make their own airline reservations, or to join in a group purchase with the majority of the team, using a travel agency specializing in Christian mission trips. **Please contact Lynette Sproul at: 1-800-599-2925 ext 7683 or email: lynette@afctravel.com.** Possible savings may accrue from using the latter approach. Airport pickups in Bangalore will be made by UEM staff.

Travel Time: Travel time is around 24 hours to India, plus or minus two or three hours depending on departure cities and the number of connecting flights. The time differential is 10 ½ hours later than EST, 11 ½ hours CST, 12 ½ later than MSt, and 13 ½ hours later than PST. Thus, it essentially takes two days to go to India and one day to return. **We ask that you check in at the Ashraya hotel no later than 3pm on Tuesday, October 27. You will be met at the airport in Bangalore by UEM staff.**

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Schedule is a relative term in India. We will operate according to the "Indian Schedule" and will notify you of any changes.....hopefully ahead of time.

Sunday, January 3

Leave from your city to India.

Tuesday, January 5

1.30 a.m

Arrive in Bangalore

6.00 a.m - 12:00 p.m.

Rest

12.00 p.m - 1:00 p.m

Lunch

1.00 p.m - 3:00 p.m

Free time; Shopping for Sarees, etc.

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Meeting of UEM and UEMI Boards

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Opening worship, review schedule and orientation to the mission plans and purposes

6:30 p.m

Dinner at Ashraya

Wednesday, January 6

7:00 am - 7:30 am

Devotions and prayer

7:30 am - 8:15 am

Breakfast at hotel

9:00 a.m - 12:30 PM

New Life Children's Home

12.30 PM to 2.30PM

Visit Talitha Cumi women's project.

Women host a fantastic Indian lunch and listen to women give testimonies.

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

United Christian School

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Visit the new building construction site and prayer walk the project.

5.30 pm - 6.00 pm

Travel to hotel

6.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Free time

7.00 pm - 9:00 pm
9.30 pm

Ivory Tower restaurant
Return to Ashraya Hotel

Thursday, January 7

6:30 am - 7:30 am
7:30 a.m - 12.00 pm
12.00 pm
12.30 p.m.- 1:30 pm
2.00 pm - 2:30 pm
2:30 pm - 6.00 pm

Devotions, prayer and Breakfast
Check out of Ashraya, travel to Vellore
Check in Surabi International Hotel
Lunch at the Hotel restaurant
Worship with CTC missionaries and wives
Two team members give 20 minute teaching about Christian marriage (translated). CTC missionaries share testimonies, with Q & A.
Dinner at the roof top restaurant

7.00 p.m

Friday, January 8,

7:30 am - 8.00 am
8:00 am - 9.00 am
9.30 am - 12.30 pm

12.30 pm - 1.30 pm
1:30 pm - 5.00 pm
5.30 pm - 6.30 pm
7.30 pm

Devotions and prayer
Breakfast at hotel
CTC conference, Pastor's wives conference, Children's conference (VBS) Session I and II
Lunch at Darling Restaurant
Conferences continue with Sessions III and IV
Fellowship time with missionaries and wives.
Dinner with Pres. Samuel

Saturday, January 9

7:00 am - 7.30 am
7:30 am - 8:30 am
8:30 am - 12.00 pm
12:00 pm - 1:30
2.00 pm - 6:00 pm
7.30 pm

Devotions and prayer
Breakfast at hotel; check out of hotel
Travel to Madanapalle via Tempo Traveller
Check in at Horsely Hills hotel, lunch
Medical and/or Eyeglass Camps (VBS)
Dinner

Sunday, January 10

7.30 - 8.30 am
9.00 am

Breakfast (No devotions)
Pick up box lunches, travel to village churches.

10.00 am - 1 pm

Visit new church plants, teams of 5 people. Pastor's and/or other team members preach, share testimonies, sing, have prayer time, visit village homes

1.00 - 2.00 pm
2:00 - 5:00 pm

Lunch
Group A leaves for Bangalore Railway Station to catch train to Tanjore and another team (Group B) goes to Bangalore Airport to catch flight to Agra.

7:00 pm Group A arrives at train station for departure by sleeper car for travel to Tanjore.
11:00 pm Group B arrives at Agra Airport, travels to hotel and checks in.

Monday, January 11

Group A

5:00 am Train arrives at Tanjore
5:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Travel to Nagapatanam by Tempo Traveller
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Check in to Hotel and rest
1.00 p.m.– 2.00 p.m. Lunch
2.00 p.m.– 6.00 p.m. Visit Kallar Tsunami Rehab Program
7:00 p.m. Dinner. Mr Rajendran testimony and orientation to Kallar work.

Group B

7:30 am - 8.00 am Devotions and prayer
8:00 am - 9.00 am Breakfast at hotel
9.30 am - 12.30 pm CTC inauguration and conference, Pastor's wives conference, Children's conference (VBS) Session I and II
12.30 pm - 1.30 pm Lunch
1:30 pm - 5.00 pm Conferences continue with Sessions III and IV
5.30 pm - 6.30 pm Fellowship time with missionaries and wives.
7:00 Dinner

Tuesday, January 12

Group A

7:00 am – 7:30 am Devotions and prayer
7:30 am – 8:15 am Breakfast at hotel
8:30 am– 12:00 pm Medical and/or eyeglass camp at New Kallar;
12:00 pm – 1:00 Lunch
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm Medical and /or eyeglass camps continue
6:30 pm Dinner at hotel

Group B

7:00 am – 7:30 am Devotions and prayer
7:30 am – 8:15 am Breakfast at hotel
8:30 am– 12:00 pm Medical and/or eyeglass in or near Agra
12:00 pm – 1:00 Lunch
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm Medical and /or eyeglass camps continue
6:30 pm Dinner at hotel

Note: At this point in the trip, anyone needing to return to the US early will depart.

Wednesday, January 13

Group A

7:00 a.m.	Devotions and Prayer
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast at hotel
8:15 a.m.	<u>Group A</u> pick up box lunches and Travel to Kallar
9:00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.	Medical and/or eyeglass clinic
6.00 p.m	Visit historic Catholic Church
7:00 p.m.	Dinner at Hotel

Group B will visit one of the wonders of the world ‘Taj Mahal’ and Agra Fort

Thursday, January 14

7.30 - 9.00 am	Devotions and Breakfast
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Group B continues sightseeing and shopping in Agra. Group A will either travel to Chennai, visit various Christian ministries and sightsee or shop, or if any of Group A members wish to remain an extra day or two, please let us know. In past visits, some team members have chosen to travel to Jaipur and/or Agra in the State of Rajasthan, capitol cities of the Mogul Empire. Both cities have spectacular Forts and, Agra has the beautiful Taj Mahal. The two cities are about 75 miles apart, so one could do both, though travel between the two is slow. It would be good to have four days to do both cities, including flight time from Bangalore and travel between Jaipur and Agra. Two or three days would be required to do only one of the two cities. You would then fly to Delhi and return to the US from there. Since these are World Heritage sites, the cost is comparable to resort areas in the US. Airfare would add about another \$300. There may be an opportunity for pastors to remain a few days extra and do some teaching in a CTC or possibly in the seminary in Nagerkoil. If you wish to sign up for such an extension or would like more information about it, please contact Rev. Krupanand in India, uemictc@gmail.com.

Friday, January 15

1:00 am	<u>Group A</u> departs from Chennai (those not traveling elsewhere), arriving back in the US in the evening of the same day, due to the time difference.
7.30 am - 9.00 am	<u>Group B</u> devotions and Breakfast
9.00 am - 5.00 pm	Delhi, the Capital city of India, siteseeing. Return to the hotel and rest until Airport drop.

Saturday, January 16

1:00 am	Group B departs from Delhi airport, destination USA, arriving same day due to time difference.
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Important Contact Information in India

UEM Office Numbers (Calling from US) : 011-91-80-25436679;

011-91-80-25436683; 011-91-80-25436685; 011-91-80-25436687;

Fax: 011-91-80-25436681

Email: uemi@blr.vsnl.net.in , uemi@vsnl.net

Hotel Ashraya International: 011-91-080-22261921

Infantry Road, Opp. Commissioner Office

Bangalore-560 001

To register for the mission, print and fill out the next page and mail it with your \$350 check to: UEMI, 700 South Franklin Street, Denver, CO 80209. More information and details will follow after you register.

Registration Form for 2010 India Mission
Please return by Sept. 15, 2009

Name (as it appears, or will appear, on your passport)

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work: _____ Cell:

E-mail Address: _____

Church Name: _____

Pastor: _____

If a youth participant, your age: _____

Name(s) of your parents _____

Name of parent or adult sponsor who will accompany you on this mission trip

Please mail this form with your \$350 registration fee (checks made out to UEMI) to:

UEMI
700 South Franklin Street
Denver, CO 80209

Want to talk? E-mail Pastor Greg Snow at pastor.snow@stjohns-chaska.com, or call him at (952)448-2433; Pastor Ferd Bahr at Ferdobahr@aol.com, or call him at 414-481-9502; Pastor Don Miles, secondmile@aol.com, or call him at 303-743-0777.