

Bless India Summer 2010 Trip

Serving, and experiencing life with those we serve.

August 4th – 25th, 2010 · Visakhapatnam, India

During our time in India there are many possibilities of ways we will be called upon to serve the ministry there. Our goal is to use the gifts and passions of each team member to come alongside the Mekala family and Christ the King of Kings Ministries, to provide ourselves as valuable tools increasing and expanding the work God is currently doing in India. There are many facets to the ministry and the following information is provided to give you an idea of how your talents may be used, and to pray with a servant's heart of creative ways you can make an impact!

Orphanage

- Plan to attend early morning prayer time at least once. You will not only be blest, but your participation will be an encouragement to the children and family.
- Morning and evening chapel are ideal times for us to interact with the children by telling stories, teaching songs, sharing object lessons, and more.
- Visit with children during their evening free time. This could include playing sports - learn Indian games or play games like soccer, helping with chores cleaning the campus or working in the garden, or simply visiting with children. It is a great time to love/invest in children.
- Tutoring during daily study hour - helping children practice their homework or simply practice their English or reading with them.
- Mending (by hand) the children's clothing or just helping with things like sorting, cleaning and serving meals.
- Scrapes and scratches always need attending to, attending to the physical needs with antibiotic ointment and Band-Aids is a very practical and powerful way to show children attentive love.

School

- Ride on the bus which picks up the children for school, see where they live and show a real interest in who they are and where they come from.
- Open class periods during the day are opportunities to teach an enrichment class on a subject that you feel would be beneficial and easy to communicate. A wonderful opportunity to share a Christian worldview in a creative way.
- Assisting the teachers in the younger grades with their English lessons or substituting for the upper level English teacher are great ways to invest in lives and use skills we all have – speaking English!

Church Ministries

- Women may be called upon to speak to groups of female Indian believers as the Mekala family is very involved in Women's ministries.
- Many pastors and churches are supported by Christ the King of Kings Ministries and are provided with both training and ministry support through pastors meetings and church visitation. Think of ways you may be able to strengthen the local churches through investing the lives of their pastors.
- Outreach to local villages. This is something that children from the orphanage will often do with staff and Bless India team members have participated in. Would include any kind of crowd gathering skill - juggling, making balloon animals, etc. (gather a crowd so we can then preach) as well as singing, giving testimonies, and sharing the Gospel.
- Street children Bible Clubs – the ministry is involved in running Bible clubs for several hundred children in the Slum areas. This would include singing, skits, etc.
- Church services - special music (singing or instruments - big encouragement to Indian Christians), sharing testimonies (men and women), preaching (Indian worship service included meditation on a Psalm AND a sermon)
- Three Day Crusade/Christian Retreat – This would be a large event (several hundred people!) at the main Campus. A day of meetings for women, youth, and pastors. We can help by sharing special music (whole team and individuals), testimonies, and messages.

Medical Clinic

Even if there are no medical personnel that come with the team the Mekalas are very connected to the medical community and often sponsor clinics on their own. Ministry involvement could be helping with actual medical care, logistics and ministering to those who come - praying with people, counseling, sharing the Gospel, playing with children/entertaining those waiting, etc.

Bless India Support

Various projects to help Bless India Ministries support the Mekalas which might include some of the following:

- Getting updated pictures and information on all orphans, Bible students, pastors, widows, etc.
- Interview pastors, family members, children, widows, etc to gather information for the ministry to be used in promotional material, website, newsletter, etc.
- Any gifts in photography and video could be utilized to build a database of images/video clips about the ministry.