

Smithers' First India

Short-term Missions Trip

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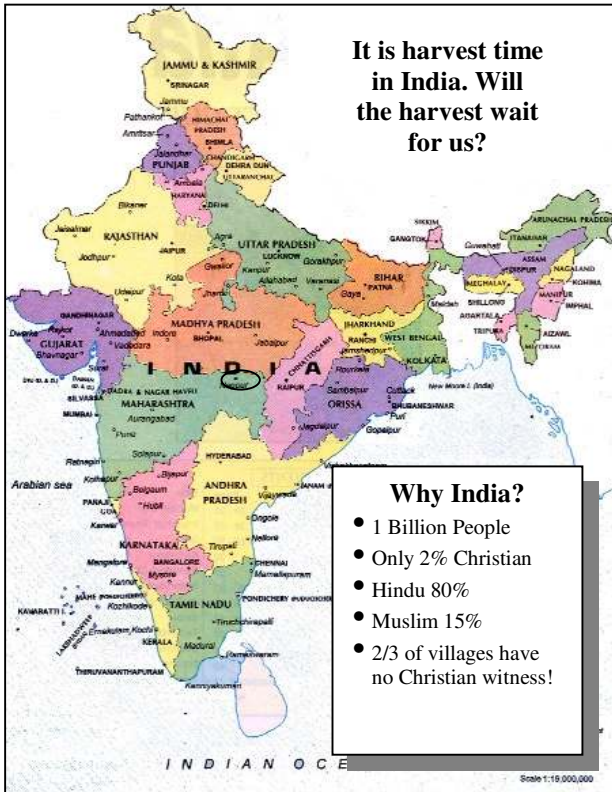
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At the end of 2000, I was laid off from my IT Programmer job. I did not know why it happened, but of course God had a better plan for me. In early May 2001, the pastor of my church, Rev. Sidney Miller, said he knew of an opening working with a local missions organization in my hometown. Since then, I have been working in the office at Reaching Indians Ministries International (www.RIMI.org).



The opportunity has now come for me to visit the India office for our organization to familiarize myself with the work in India and help the national office. RIMI's goal is to reach the unreached Indians in India and worldwide with the Gospel of Christ. They do this by training the indigenous believers with a call for being a missionary to evangelize and disciple in India. RIMI is currently training 176 students in 9 different Bible Schools in 9 states of India and there are 400 missionaries and they run about 1,000 house churches in various states of India. They also have 4 orphanages in 2 states.

I will be going to India for 2 weeks from March 13-24, 2003. I will be traveling with Rev. Saji Lukos, Founder and Executive Director of RIMI. We will be visiting our home office in Nagpur, Maharashtra – basically in the very center of India. While there, I will be able to participate in the graduation ceremony for our Nagpur training center. I will be visiting some of the other Bible schools and orphanages and assisting with setting up and configuring some of the computer systems.



This trip will give me the opportunity to meet many of the people participating in the ministry. I will also come back with a first hand picture of the needs and challenges facing the Indian people. There are 1 billion people in India, yet only about 2% of them are Christians. I am sure I will learn more in these 2 weeks of first-hand experience than I have in the past year and a half.

I would like to ask for your prayer and financial support for this trip. Please pray with me that my immediate need of \$2,500 will be available by March 5, 2003. This will cover the cost of the airline tickets, the money needed for meals, transportation, and housing while in India, as well as a little extra for any miscellaneous expenses. If you would like to contribute, please send the form at the bottom of this page, along with your check, to RIMI. You can also donate by credit card. Your contribution is tax deductible and tax receipts will be provided. I would be **highly grateful** to you for allowing me to go to India for His glory.

With a grateful heart,

Richard Smithers

RESPONSE FORM

Yes, I would like to help Richard Smithers' short-term India trip with RIMI.
 Enclosed is \$5 \$10 \$20 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 Other: \$ _____

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