

# india partnership

A ministry of University Presbyterian Church

" I WILL GO BEFORE YOU AND WILL LEVEL THE MOUNTAINS " ISAIAH 45 : 2

## INDIA PARTNERSHIP MISSION

The India Partnership of UPC seeks to bring the living hope of Jesus Christ to India by:

- Maintaining strategic relationships with prayerfully selected indigenous ministries in India through friendship, prayer and financial support;
- Facilitating opportunities to educate our congregation and the broader community about India and encouraging involvement in prayer and ministry;
- Developing relationships with Indian people in our community;
- Supporting other churches and Christian organizations in their outreach to India.

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### Sunday Morning Classes

God prepares the way for us to share the Gospel with those who have never heard. Please join us for our Spring 2006 four-part series on Missions in India. Each class will be held at UPC in Geneva B, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

#### Sunday, March 12

Knowing Ourselves,  
Serving the Global Church

**Teacher:** Alex Araujo

**Description:** American cultural traits: how do they impact our view of ourselves in another cultural context, and how do others often perceive us? We'll discover things about ourselves that we need to be aware of as we go to India or anywhere else.

**Teacher Bio:** Alex Araujo is International Coordinator for Interdev Partnership Associates, a group of 23 missionaries specializing in strategic mission partnerships. He also consults on intercultural dynamics in missions, and on relations between Western/non-Western churches and ministries.

#### Sunday, March 19

Modern Indian Mission:  
Reaching Beyond Her Borders

**Teacher:** Paul Miller

**Description:** Modern developments in the Indian mission movement and how they impact our thinking about India today.

**Teacher Bio:** Paul Miller converted to Christ in India in 1972, served with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Afghanistan, Holland and England from 1972-1988, and currently resides in the U.S. He serves both as a lawyer and as an instructor with Interdev.

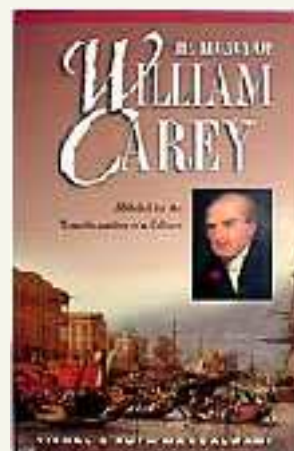
#### Sunday, March 26

The Legacy of William Carey

**Teacher:** Ruth Mangalwadi

**Description:** The story of a simple English cobbler turned missionary who began the transformation of Indian society in the 18th century.

**Teacher Bio:** Ruth Mangalwadi received a Master's Degree in Theology from Wheaton College. With her husband, Vishal Mangalwadi, she has advocated for India's moral, social and religious regeneration, and co-authored the book, The Legacy of William Carey.



Sunday, April 2

Today's Challenges in  
Mission to India

**Teacher:** Prem James

**Description:** India continues to be a challenge in world missions for the proclamation of the Gospel. With a growing population, multiple spoken languages, diverse ethnicity and the largest number of unreached people groups in one country, the challenge to serve the needs in India is huge.

We need to influence the whole of Indian society as salt and light. The global church has a part to play in making Christ known to this nation.

**Teacher Bio:** Prem James is Director of Interdev-India, an organization which promotes partnerships between churches, mission agencies and anyone interested in reaching a specific people group with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

No pre-registration is required for this series; free of charge.

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Asha Kiran Student

## Ministry focus — Asha Kiran

Asha Kiran is one of the 6 partner ministries of UPC's India Partnership. This ministry supports children with disabilities and their families by addressing their physical, educational, and spiritual needs. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

Asha Kiran began in December 1993 after its founder, Mrs. Rita James, completed her post-graduate Diploma with the British Open University, UK, equipping her to handle children with various disabilities.

Asha Kiran means "a ray of hope." It is known that some parents of special needs children, out of desperation, give up hope for their children. Asha Kiran's main aim is to bring back this hope to the hearts of parents and their children.

In December 1993, Asha Kiran was registered as a Charitable Trust under the Trust Act of India, with the following objectives:

- To give speech and auditory training to the hearing impaired
- To give remedial education to slow learners and the learning disabled
- To give basic education to intellectually impaired children
- To help socially and economically disadvantaged children continue their studies
- To counsel special needs children & their parents
- To give vocational training to all eligible children
- To hold seminars & workshops to train parents and teachers of special needs children

### Uniqueness of Asha Kiran

A few organizations in Bangalore cater to particular special needs in children, such as the Spastic Society and schools for the hearing and visually impaired. Asha Kiran is the only school, however, which promotes an inclusive system of education, having children with different special needs under one roof.

The student-teacher ratio is small (1:8), giving each child personal attention. Emphasis is placed on the total development of children. Parents, especially mothers, are involved in the training process at school so they can help their children meaningfully at home.

## SUPPORTED MINISTRIES

Asha Kiran Special Needs School

[www.ashakiran.net](http://www.ashakiran.net)

Yavatmal College for Leadership Training

[www.imtb.org](http://www.imtb.org)

Emmanuel Hospital Association

[www.eha-health.org](http://www.eha-health.org)

Christian Counselling Centre

[www.cccindia.org](http://www.cccindia.org)

Bible Society of India

[www.bsind.org](http://www.bsind.org)

Interdev South Asia

[www.ipassociates.org](http://www.ipassociates.org)