

india partnership

A ministry of University Presbyterian Church

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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Friends & Family Summer Picnic

Please join us for our second annual Friends and Family summer picnic! This year we've reserved the lower covered shelter area (closest to the water) at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. There will be 3 grills available to us, and seating at tables and benches for up to 50 people. Of course, children and adults of all ages are welcome!

* Date: Thursday, July 20, 6:00 pm

* What to bring: your own meat or other item for grilling, plates, utensils, and 1 food item to share

* Food to share: A-H salad; I-Q chips, vegetable or fruit; R-Z dessert

* We will provide: coals, lemonade, water, condiments (catsup, mustard, relish, salt, pepper), napkins, cups and paper plates

for dessert

* Facilities: park in the lower lot, and walk downhill to our shelter; bathrooms will be easily accessible

* What else to bring: if you'd like, bring balls, towels, beach chairs, etc.

* What not to bring: no pets, please

* What will we do? Enjoy time to visit, walk along the beach, get our toes wet, play a couple of games, learn some new things about India, and welcome your questions and feedback. If you are interested in learning more about India Partnership and becoming involved, this will be an excellent opportunity to talk together about our activities and the ministries we support.

* Cost: free

Electronics Recycling Fundraiser at UPC

This past year we collected used cell phones to raise funds for our ministry partners in India. This was quite a successful endeavor. Evolving from this concept will be a larger electronics recycling event in partnership with a local company. Again, all proceeds will benefit our six partners in India (see these listed on page 2). Please bring your unwanted electronics and help us support God's purposes in India!

- Date: Saturday, July 22
- Place: University Presbyterian Church north parking lot
- Time: 10 am to 4 pm
- Fees: \$15 - all computer monitors, printers (laserjet, inkjet)
- \$10 - all stereo/CD/DVD units, VCRs, fax machines, scanners
- \$5 - all computers and laptops, computer units (tower/CPUS), stereo speakers, computer speakers, keyboards
- Free - mice, cell phones, pagers and accessories, PDAs, pocket PCs, software, CDs, tapes, floppy discs

Upcoming events

Summer Friends and Family Picnic	July 20	More info above
Electronics Recycling Event	July 22	More info above
Missions Fest Seattle	Oct. 6, 7	Northshore Baptist Church and Eastside Foursquare Church, www.missionsfestseattle.org
World Markets Sunday	Dec 3	Larson Hall at UPC, 8:00 am to 7:30 pm.
Endurance	Jan 26	UPC Sanctuary, 7:00 pm. Live theater; one woman play. Ticket information will be available this Fall. www.singingelephant.com

Visit to our Supported Ministries

Three of us will be traveling to India this October and November, visiting and getting to know better all six of our partners. Sue, Aundi and Matt will also work hard to lay the foundation for future teams from UPC. This will be an important time to build relationships, evaluate our projects, and seek God for future involvements. India Partnership is partnering with the UPC Children's Ministries Department by connecting our Sunday school at UPC with Asha Kiran School in a stewardship project. We so value your prayers! More information will be shared at our picnic and in our next newsletter.

Volunteers Needed

Ways you can significantly be involved with us:

- 1-2 people are needed to help organize goods, create tags and organize inventory for World Markets, beginning this summer.
- 1-2 people to volunteer with the recycling event on July 22 (some heavy lifting may be involved).
- Several people to help promote the one woman play Endurance (IP fundraiser) in schools, churches, etc.

Plans for Disaster Preparedness

Dr. BJ Prashantham, Director of the Christian Counselling Centre in Vellore, India, has been very grateful for our financial support in providing long term trauma counseling to tsunami survivors. He has come to believe in the need for establishing a Center for Disaster Preparedness on the CCC campus. Architectural plans have been drawn for 3 buildings: a chapel, space for teaching and research, and a hostel to accommodate visiting/international teams. He has asked his Seattle friends to raise funds to build the chapel, at a total of \$55,000.00. Our first prayer and planning meeting will be on July 5, 7:00 pm, in Bellevue. Please contact sue@indiapartnership.org for more specific information.

UPC Deputies go to India

For the fourth year in a row, University Ministries at UPC has chosen to send a deputation team of university students to live and minister with Prem and Rita James in Bangalore, India. This is a very special team - full of hope, love, faith and energy. They will travel various places with Prem to learn more about Interdev; they will work alongside Rita, teaching and ministering to children with special needs at Asha Kiran School. Our India Partnership team had a wonderful evening with the deputation team - Brad, Erin, Alynena and Howard - just before they left. They shared fears, expectations, excitement. Please join us in praying for them this summer. They will return to Seattle in mid-August.

Moving to Tibet

Karen and Ron Stoufer of UPC's India Partnership team are excited to announce that they have accepted a position as project directors for a World Concern project in the Tibet Autonomous Region of China. They are actively beginning to build their support team for prayer, financial and logistical support now and are scheduled to depart for China in June 2007. They are excited to be returning to the Himalayan region of Asia. The project there focuses on development activities in remote rural communities near the slopes of Mt. Everest. These activities include micro-hydroelectricity, drinking water, school construction, literacy, teacher training, rural income generation, erosion control, bridge building, health awareness and animal health. Any one interested in receiving their monthly newsletter or being on their support team can contact them at stoufer@comcast.net

SUPPORTED MINISTRIES

Asha Kiran Special Needs School	www.ashakiran.net
Yavatmal College for Leadership Training	www.imtb.org
Emmanuel Hospital Association	www.aha-health.org
Christian Counselling Centre	www.cccindia.org
Bible Society of India	www.bsind.org
Interdev South Asia	www.ipassociates.org