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CHILDREN

India LIFE Team Project

India is a land of extreme opposites. As the economy develops and the country becomes more and more similar to North America, hundreds of millions are left behind in slums of poverty and living on less than \$1 per day. In these situations, women and children become the most vulnerable. Combined with the overwhelming poverty in India, are cultural beliefs that women are less valuable are often abused or cast out of their homes. 53% of Indian kids face sexual abuse while of the 13% of all children engaged in labor in south Asia, India hosts more than half.

Mukti Mission is all too familiar with this reality!

Founded in 1889 in India, Mukti's aim has been to change the lives of young girls and destitute women through a range of initiatives that demonstrate the love of God, in a practical way.

By providing secure homes, these women and children have found stability, care, health, and acceptance regardless of their backgrounds. For some, these shelters were the first homes they ever had.

Mukti also supports the communities with other essential services:

- hospital and mobile medical clinic
- dairy and agricultural project
- community development and scholarship programs
- schools and vocational training courses

These programs and services provide a safe place for women and children to grow and live confident, independent lives. The result is that a new generation of leaders are being trained and that women are returning to their communities to be transformed and empowered to break the cycle of poverty and desperation.

For 120 years, Mukti Mission has been caring for Indian woman and girls from its main home and throughout India with smaller expansion homes. Now, you have the chance to be a part of bringing hope to those living at Mukti.

Join us...



TRIP DETAILS

Date: August 2-18, 2012 & August 16-September 1, 2012

*note; there is also an option to stay for a total of 4 weeks in India and participate in both projects

Location: India

Team: currently recruiting

Cost: \$3500 CAD + \$75 application fee (includes airfare, accommodations, transport in-country, translators in-country, meals, project materials and travel insurance (vaccinations are not included))

Application deadline: May 15, 2012

Purpose: This project can host a multitude of interests and skill sets as there are multiple opportunities to serve, such as: construction, working in the orphanage, teaching English or computer skills in the school, volunteering at the hospital or working with the agriculture and dairy project.



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