

# INDIA TRIP ESSENTIALS

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## PURPOSES OF THE TRIP:

- (1) To partner with Indian Christian organizations to identify needs in India, and to network among American Christians in attempting, as servants, to meet those needs
- (2) To encourage racial reconciliation within multi-ethnic teams serving Christ together
- (3) To enable Christians to exercise their spiritual gifts in serving Christ
- (4) To encourage career missions, particularly among African-Americans, as a result of a short-term experience
- (5) To mobilize the African American church for global mission

## WHAT WE PROVIDE:

- (1) We will attempt to match individual gifting to ministry opportunities in India.
- (2) Training resources from leaders who have served several times in India
- (3) The services of effective Christian coordinators and translators (although English is widely used in India)
- (4) Fund transfers
- (5) Communication links with the field
- (6) Consulting on international travel resources and requirements
- (7) Discounted international and connecting air travel on quality airlines

## COSTS: (We will leave with the field ministry any Team funds not used on this trip.)

- (1) \$2,300 per person, which *includes*:
  - a. All in-country meals, lodging, and ground transportation.
  - b. Funds to pay for your specific ministry (conference or costs of medicines, for example)
  - c. Trip insurance (please ask for details of coverage)
- (2) The fee *excludes*:
  - a. Airfare to and from Nagpur, India.
  - b. Outfitting costs, immunizations, passport, meals to and from Atlanta and layover expenses (including meals), if any, en route to the destination country
  - c. Visa cost (currently \$73, plus postage).
  - d. Discretionary funds for personal use—souvenirs, gifts, emergency funds, sightseeing, etc.

## SCHEDULING:

- (1) The greater the time interval before your decision to participate and your departure date, the better. Time is needed to make numerous field arrangements, to obtain a passport (**allow 3 months**), get immunizations, and especially to obtain financial support. With churches, often months are required to obtain support.
- (2) Allow 1 month to schedule immunizations, and two weeks for them to take effect.
- (3) Plan to make a \$500.00 deposit upon acceptance. A date will be given to have the balance of airfare charges. The complete balance should be received at least two weeks prior to departure (we are not able to offer credit). **Checks in support of the mission trip should be made payable to RMNI and sent to POB 2537, Chattanooga, TN 37409-2206.** When sending funds, please be explicit as to the purpose of the funds (do not designate the recipient *on* the check—please use a separate note). Such gifts are tax-deductible. If your local church is willing, donors may donate to and be given a tax-deductible receipt by your church, and then the total forwarded on to **RMNI** by your church treasurer, according to the time schedule above.
- (4) Regrettably, tickets can only be issued after sufficient funds have been raised. Any cancellation fees incurred by **RMNI** will be passed along to the one canceling.

## QUESTIONS?

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