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## Sharing Our Love With the Suffering

**I**saac Benarjee was born and brought up in a Christian family in Andhra Pradesh. When he was in the 10th grade, his mother died. As Isaac describes it, "That incident caused me great pain. I began to question God." By his own admission, Isaac lived in an ungodly fashion for some years after this tragedy.

However, at the age of 20, the Lord led Isaac to repent. When he did so, he received "a great joy and peace in my heart" and desired thenceforth to serve God.

Through the help of a Canadian missionary, Isaac obtained a degree in theology at Hindustan Bible Institute in Chennai (Madras). He taught for twelve years at the Institute, and then returned to Andhra Pradesh to serve as a pastor. Later, through his work as Director of the Voice of Love radio ministry, he became impassioned to preach to unreached people groups. This is what led Pastor Benarjee to establish India Abundant Ministries (IAM) in 1985. Isaac's wife died several years go, leaving him to raise their three daughters, who are now grown.

Like all of our partner organizations, IAM addresses both the spiritual and physical needs of those in its community. IAM maintains **four mission centers**. Each center is charged with reaching ten local villages and planting branch churches in their area. In one center, the local pastor's outreach program includes open-air preaching and having his congregation distribute tracts locally on Saturdays. From these efforts, their thatched-roof church is filled to overflowing with 250 worshippers. Another mission center has already planted three branch churches.

IAM's **Sheila Tailoring School** trains young women from poor working families in tailoring and basic business practices. Upon completion of the rigorous six-month program, each woman is given a treadle sewing machine. IAM follows up with the graduates as they launch their careers. The school can accommodate about 15 women at a time and, since its inception in 2003, 75 women have completed the program and found

work. In March, IAM hosted a one-day spiritual retreat for the Sheila graduates. Sixty-six women enjoyed a day of food, fellowship and worship.

IAM also cares for widows. When her son died from AIDS, "Variya," a local widow, shouldered the responsibility of looking after her daughter-in-law and grandchildren. She became distraught and discouraged. Then IAM provided monthly financial support and spiritual nurture. This concrete

help turned Variya's life around. Pastor Benarjee writes, "When she tasted the love of Jesus Christ, she gave her life to the Lord. She realized that she has a great big wonderful God with her now. How beautiful it is to share our love to the people, those who are suffering with different problems in this world."

*There are many ways to share your love. Sponsor a widow like Variya through India Partners today. Help IAM to provide a secure future for young seamstresses. Partner alongside IAM as they establish churches in villages. With your financial gifts and prayers, IAM will continue to minister abundantly: one widow, one seamstress, one soul at a time. Thank you and God bless you.*



Pastor Isaac Benarjee welcomes you to a village church. Flower petals adorn the floor.

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### Mission Statement:

Partnering with the people of India in ministry by cultivating relationships, sharing resources, and encouraging self-sufficiency through the compassion and wisdom of Jesus Christ.

India Partners is a Christian international development and relief organization committed to supporting self-help ministry projects in India.

We believe in helping the people of India help themselves, with God's grace. All are served regardless of caste, religion, gender or creed.

Activities include orphanages, church support, Bible training, schools, disaster relief, literacy, livestock loans, vocational training, medical ministry and agricultural projects.

India Partners also manages short-term teams, speakers and sponsorship programs.

India Partners pledges to use your gifts in the most efficient way possible to help suffering people, and to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

Our annual report and independently audited financial statements are available upon request.

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# Change One Life in India—Become a Sponsor

To sponsor a deserving child, widow, school teacher or pastor in India is, for many of our donors, one of the most rewarding ways to support India Partners. That's because *your* support goes directly to help *your* sponsee. The one-on-one relationship between you and your sponsored friend makes a life-changing difference in his or her life—and in yours! This month we highlight teachers and children.

**Annamani**, a pastor's daughter, is very happy to teach history and Telugu (the regional language) to 8th and 9th graders at Hample High School. The school is run by Orphans Faith Home, one of our partner organizations. Annamani's parents, following custom, are looking for a suitable Christian man for her to marry. She prays that God will provide a good husband.

**Jeevan**, along with his mother and two siblings, entered Orphans Faith Home when his father abandoned the family and his mother could not feed the children. Jeevan is

in the fourth grade and doing well in school. He likes to play cricket.

**Gijjivarapu** has had a tough life. Her father, a former rickshaw puller, drinks all the time and is abusive to his wife. Both of Gijjivarapu's parents cannot work or feed her any



Annamani



Jeevan



Gijjivarapu

more. They are in poor health, and Gijjivarapu herself has had stomach aches. Orphans Faith Home took her in. Now she is flourishing in seventh grade. She wants to continue her education and learn more about Jesus. She asks us to pray for her parents' health.

Three snapshots of people at different stages in their lives. What they hold in common is their need of your financial help so that they can reach their fullest potential.

*Your support of \$30 a month will help Jeevan and Gijjivarapu reach their stride. And sponsoring Annamani (\$30/mo. for a shared teacher sponsorship or \$60/mo. for a full sponsorship) and other teachers like her is your investment in their lives and in the lives of their students—children like Jeevan and Gijjivarapu!*

## Join a Team to India

You are cordially invited to join an India Partners volunteer team. Our next two teams will be around Nov. 28–Dec. 13, 2006, and Jan. 3–15, 2007. You will share the love of Christ with the poor and needy, and assist our partner organizations with their ministries. Our teams are coordinated jointly with DELTA Ministries International. To apply, or for more information, call Brian Stark: 1-800-533-5822, email him: [brians@deltaministries.com](mailto:brians@deltaministries.com), or contact India Partners.

## Double Your Donation

Our **Spring Matching Fund Drive** is in full swing. *All gifts to our Where Most Needed fund, received in our offices by May 31, are being doubled by a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous.* Whether you are a long-time supporter or a first-time donor, this is a great opportunity for you to double your investment in the ministries of India Partners. Please use the enclosed envelope to give generously to our Where Most Needed fund today. May God bless your kindness to others.

## Learn about India Partners

India Partners staff members will be speaking at the following locations:

- **Ontario, California**  
**So. Calif. Missions Fest:** May 19-21
- **Eugene, Oregon**  
**Central Lutheran Church:** May 21

To request that an India Partners volunteer or staff member speak at your church, club, or event, email [info@indiapartners.org](mailto:info@indiapartners.org).

## Attend a Fall Banquet

You are warmly invited to attend an India Partners' 2006 fall banquet, to be held in the Seattle area on Sept. 30, and in the Portland, Oregon area on Oct. 21. Please consider sponsoring a table at one of these events. Tables in Seattle are \$500; those in Portland are \$400. Thank you!