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Serve the Children News

Missions

God wants to have a relationship with us. He has pursued a relationship with us down through time, beginning with Adam and Eve. Daily, in the cool of the day, God walked in the garden with Adam and Eve. When they sinned by listening to the serpent then hid in the bushes, God still pursued them by calling out to them during his evening walk in the garden. God showed his love by forgiving their sin and making coverings for them. His love for fallen people is the basis for missions.



In essence, the story of missions begins here: God reaching out to the humans who must choose sides. The conflict between the serpent (representing Satan) and God is not a dualistic battle, however. In other words, God and Satan are not evenly matched opponents. Satan's defeat is provided for in Genesis 3:15. This was the initial promise of salvation.

God started missions in Genesis and Jesus commanded that we go in Matthew 28. Visiting a different culture to serve God is a great faith building experience that you cannot duplicate by reading a book, watching video or donating money.

Our India team leaves on Thanksgiving night and returns on December 13th (Kyle Bristow is staying until April 12, 2009). We are visiting one of the most populated countries in the world, where most people practice the Hindu religion.

Hinduism is really a conglomeration of several religions and philosophies. The religion has no clear cut doctrines or set beliefs like Christianity does. It was developed by the original inhabitants of India, called the Dravidians in about 2000 BC. There are an estimated 330 million Hindu gods worshipped in India. The temples in India are not used for a gathering place for Hindus because they are considered the dwelling place for one of the gods. Hindus practice their religion at home or individually at a temple.

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Missions, cont.

While we are at the Ankoor Children's Home this year, we plan to play with the kids (Frisbee, water balloon fights, soccer), read to the children to help them with their English, visit some of their villages and spend time with the staff. Please pray for us while we are there, and while we travel.

Have you ever considered going on a mission trip? Many people do not believe they have the skills to go on one. At Serve the Children, we believe that all Christians should be involved in missions in some way and that everyone has something to offer. Please pray about joining one of our teams for next year.

We have two trips planned for Liberia in 2009. The first trip leaves on May 9th and returns on May 21st. This team is comprised of mostly students from Faith Seminary. The June team dates have not been scheduled. A team will also go to India in late 2009. Come make a difference in the lives of these children. Play with them, talk to them, read a book or teach a class. All of us have something to share with the staff at our schools and the children.



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Join us in Prayer

As the holiday season approaches, we are thankful that you continue to donate to Serve the Children, supporting our programs in Liberia and India.

“This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” 1 John 5:14 We pray for our staff and students in Liberia, India, and Indonesia, for their health, safety, and future. We pray for the India Mission Team as they travel and serve.

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