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# Serve the Children News

## India through Kyle's Eyes

Kyle Bristow, a member of the 2008 India Mission Team, is staying in India through April 2009. He is teaching English and computer classes to the children at Ankoor Children's Home in Lasina, India.

In his first week, Kyle wrote about the differences between life in America and in India. In India, you "drive as fast as you can, honk your horn as you fly past pedestrians and cut off other drivers. . . and you do all this while trying to avoid being hit by a semi truck . . . kind of like Frogger, except you're playing with your life." And through the window, you see flashes of both unbelievable poverty and colorful beauty.

After a short time to "acculturate," Kyle started his daily English classes to three groups of kids and computer classes to the high schoolers. When thinking about the task at hand, Kyle responded, "I have to be honest, I have no idea where to start. Kiron just wants me to work on spoken English with them so they'll at least be able to

communicate." To make it even harder, he realized that "I don't have anyone to translate."

His English classes are quickly becoming a favorite of the kids. He takes picture books and "instead of reading it I just tried to teach them English by pointing at a picture and asking what it was. They caught on pretty fast." He shares songs.

"All of the kids love singing the days of the week song. I think that's awesome." And he plays games, "The high schoolers really enjoy the game four corners I taught them yesterday. They also love cheating at it." Through play and fun, the kids are learning the conversational English that will help them succeed later on in life.

Kyle's "first impressions of India are that India appeals to all of your senses. All the wonderful colors, the sounds of all the chaos and the aroma of spices and amazing food tell me, 'Welcome to India.'"

To read more about Kyle's experiences in India, read his blog at <http://kylebristow.blogspot.com>. You can also add your name as a friend under Facebook, just search for Kyle Bristow.



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## *Interested in Missions?*

Are you interested in experiencing another culture? Would you like to see what it's like to drive down a road "Frogger" style (as Kyle describes in the article above)? Would you like to see the beauty and strength that typically accompanies dire poverty? Would you like to see how others praise and worship God?

Mission teams are forming now for both India and Liberia. Both countries offer memorable driving experiences, incredible people, and inspiring worship services. You need no special skills or job experiences. God is able to work through everyone. Though you will go to impact others in the name of Jesus, the trip alone is guaranteed to make an impression on you as well.

Two teams are going to Liberia. The first, which will primarily be seminary students, will be in country May 9<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. The second trip is leaving June 22<sup>nd</sup> and returning July 7<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, please contact us! The timeline for visas and shots starts soon.

Another mission team will be going to India from November 27<sup>th</sup> to December 13<sup>th</sup> of this year. For more information about either mission trip, please contact our office at (253) 851-1794.



Cleveland with kids  
2008 India Mission Team

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*Pencil in Saturday, May 30th for our Annual Spring Auction.*

## *Annual Spring Auction*

Mark May 30<sup>th</sup> down for our Annual Spring Fundraiser in the Rotunda on the University of Puget Sound campus. Watch your mail for more details.

We'd love for you to join us for a fun evening and help provide access to education and basic needs for children in India and West Africa. Tickets will be on sale this Spring.

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## Thank You

In 2008, you blessed Serve the Children with \$181,480 in donations. 95% of every donation goes directly to work in India or Liberia. The impact of every dollar is truly felt by our staff and children. The board, staff, and children of Serve the Children appreciate your sacrifice and generosity.

## Sponsorship

Our overall support from 2007 is down 13.7%. While the economy is tough for Americans, can you imagine the difficulties for a family living on less than \$1 a day? Many of our children in India and Liberia face this reality on a daily basis. Please consider joining us in our efforts to help them. For just \$25 a month, you can ensure that a child can go to school, get basic medical care, and eat a warm meal at least once a day.

## Meet Annie Dolo

Meet Annie Dolo. Annie is 13 years old in enrolled in Kindergarten at our 15 Gate School in Liberia. She loves Math and wants to be a teacher like her father. She walks to school with her brother and four sisters. Her father works at the school, and her mother works at home. There are no public schools where Annie lives. Without support, Annie's parents cannot afford to send her to school. Annie, her siblings, and hundreds of other children are waiting for sponsors. Can you sponsor Annie or another child?



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