



*touching lives, transforming communities*



Gift Catalog

Dear Friends,

**I'VE HEARD IT SAID THAT WE ARE NEVER MORE LIKE THE HOLY SPIRIT** than when we pray, never more like Jesus than when we serve and never more like the Father than when we give. After all, when God “so loved the world,” He gave His only Son.

You and I have the opportunity to share the blessings of the gospel, and many compassionate and humanitarian gifts as well, with people in extreme need. In my home country of India, many people live in the kind of poverty that defies description, the kind that brings gasps of horror and tears of empathy whenever we come face-to-face with it. Millions lack clean water, nutritious food, literacy training or even basic medical care. But the spiritual needs are even greater - 98% of the population in India needs the gospel and millions of these men, women, boys and girls have never even heard the name of Jesus.

We have an opportunity this year to give generously to meet these needs, to touch lives one at a time, leading to the transformation of whole families and even entire communities. And because of IGL's commitment to lead with the gospel and build sustainable structures for long-term impact, you can have confidence that our gifts are doing far more than “one time good” - you are really laying a foundation for transformation now and in years to come.

Will you consider giving a gift to one, or many, as God prompts you? Your contribution will mean new life, new opportunities and new joy for people who right now are living in hopelessness. And your partnership with India Gospel League could make a difference that stretches beyond this world and into eternity.

Because of God's great gift to us,



Samuel D. Stephens  
President, IGL



## BEGIN HERE

This catalog is fundamentally different than most gift-giving opportunities! Instead of ordering what you like and having it show up on your doorstep, the India Gospel League Gift Catalog allows you to “order” things you care about for the people who need them most. That means, instead of having a box shipped to your home, your “order” is really a donation that purchases the item for someone in South Asia. Then, you'll receive three things in return for your gift:

- 1 The satisfaction of knowing that your gift is changing lives across the world.** What better way to celebrate the love of Christ than to share His blessings with others?
- 2 A tax-deductible receipt.** All gifts given through this catalog (or generally to India Gospel League) are tax-deductible for income tax purposes, as we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- 3 A free copy of Sam Stephens' new book, *The Kairos Moment*,** releasing in early 2015 (if your catalog donation totals more than \$75). In this book, Sam not only tells compelling stories of changed lives and transformed villages, but he also opens the Scriptures to explain the “why” of India Gospel League's dramatic growth and how any believer, at any time in history, can step into their own “kairos” moment!

There are three ways to place your “order”:

- ➔ Tear out the form in the middle of this catalog and fill it out, then mail it in.
- ➔ Call 888.352.4451 (our U.S. office) and make your contribution by phone.
- ➔ Visit [www.IGLWorld.org](http://www.IGLWorld.org) and select the projects you wish to support.

### Mailing Address:

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Hudson, OH 44236

**“FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL, FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD FOR THE SALVATION OF ALL WHO BELIEVE...”**

- ROMANS 1:16

**EVERY BELIEVER IN JESUS CHRIST** knows the blessings that follow the gospel. There are struggles, persecutions and trials to be sure, but think of the words that define the life Jesus gave us:

Peace. Joy. Love. Purpose. Vision. The Church. Heaven!

And yet, in South Asia today, there are millions who have never heard the gospel – and millions more who have never even heard the name of Jesus. Many live under crushing burdens of poverty, induced by the forced inequalities of the caste system. Many pay homage to idols and are trapped in fear of spiritual darkness. Thousands of villages have no church, no place from which the light of Good News and freedom can shine, no place where the Word of God is taught.



India Gospel League exists to meet this great need; to proclaim the gospel to those who have never heard it, and to share the generous love the gospel represents. Over the past 25 years, nearly 80,000 churches have been planted as a part of this vision, and hundreds of thousands of families have been touched by the generosity of believers in India and across the world. This catalog is your invitation to partner with us, to be a part of the India Gospel League family; sharing Good News, sharing compassionate aid, sharing new opportunities.

*God,* we ask You, the Lord of the Harvest, to send forth even more workers into these harvest fields. We believe that South Asia represents one of the greatest opportunities in the history of Christianity – a region where millions have never before heard of Jesus, a region where the physical needs are greater than we can imagine, yet a place where You are obviously working. We wish to join You in that work! As we share love, compassion and practical help in the name of Jesus, please give us eyes to see what You see and a heart that beats with Your Great Commission vision.

*Amen!*

# EVANGELISM & CHURCH PLANTING



## BAREFOOT PASTOR SPONSORSHIP

You can join the ministry of a native church planting pastor for two years, as he establishes local churches in multiple villages that need a gospel witness. After two years, the pastors become self-sustaining, supported by their new church. Then they continue to carry the message throughout the region!



\$100

- monthly sponsorship
- full sponsorship
- bicycle for pastor
- motorcycle for pastor

\$100/mo  
\$2,400  
\$100  
\$950

*You will receive a profile, testimony, and picture of your sponsored pastors, along with quarterly updates on their ministry work.*

## CHILDREN'S GOSPEL CLUBS

These clubs are designed to reach kids with the grace and gospel of Christ! Children attend clubs that resemble "Vacation Bible School" but are organized into small groups that meet to study the Bible and pray for an entire year. Many children share the material with their parents. In 2015, IGL is working to reach 700,000 children through gospel clubs. How many of them can you help?



\$1

club materials

\$1 for one child for one year

## TOOLS FOR CHURCH PLANTING

For the average villager in India, the cost to purchase a Bible is equal to three days' wages. Your gifts can help church planters grow and multiply their ministry impact through outreach materials and worship aids.



\$5

- bible w/study guide and notes
- discipleship training material
- worship/prayer mat
- gas lantern
- musical instrument
- p.a. system
- gospel tracts

- \$5
- \$5
- \$10
- \$60
- \$75
- \$460
- \$8 for 1,000

## BIBLE STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

With your sponsorship, young adults who love the Lord and have shown particular promise in their Biblical studies will continue their training at a post-secondary Bible college. Your gift provides this student with tuition, room and board, books and supplies.



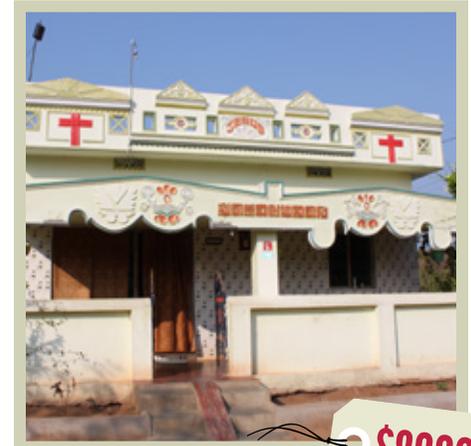
\$50

- bible student sponsorship
- \*one-year commitment*

- \$600 or \$50/mo for one year

## CHURCH BUILDING

Once a group of believers reaches twenty baptized adults, a new church is formed. And, as the congregation grows, meeting and ministry facilities are needed. A Prayer Shed is often a first step for a new village church, and a "Life Center" is a building that can be used not only for church services, but also for a variety of community helps, such as skills training, after-school care for children, and medical clinics. For a rural village, a "Life Center" definitely lives up to its name.



\$8000

- prayer shed
- life center

- \$2,650
- \$8,000

*Most Life Center buildings include a plaque referencing the partners who made the building possible. This makes a Life Center a wonderful gift to dedicate to a loved one or friend. In fact, some IGL donors even fly to India to be there for a dedication service! Ask our office for details.*

## TRAINING CONFERENCES

FOR PASTORS, WOMEN, & YOUTH

Many village pastors haven't had the luxury of theological education, and, due to the remote locations of many villages, these pastors have little or no access to fellowship, training or Christian resources. IGL provides conferences for pastors, women's ministry leaders and youth workers to help them network with each other, find encouragement, and do intensive theological and practical ministry training.



\$55

- conference costs for one attendee \$55

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



## SPONSOR A CHILD

As a child sponsor, you have the unique opportunity to change the life of a child forever. You will be personally connected with a child living in one of 22 IGL children's homes. They will write to you and pray for you by name. Your child's care includes family-style living, Christian house parents, nutritious meals, medical care and an education.



**\$30**

**child sponsorship**

**\$30/mo**

*You will receive your child's profile in the mail upon receipt of donation. Questions? Call the IGL office at 888.352.44 1.*

## GIFTS FOR SPONSORED CHILDREN

bible	\$5	soccer ball	\$5	*boy
water bottle	\$5	cricket set	\$10	*boy
stationery	\$5	necklace	\$5	*girl
board game	\$15	hair accessory	\$5	*girl
new outfi	\$20	jump rope	\$5	*girl
birthday party	\$50	craft kit	\$10	*girl
christmas/easter dinner	\$15 per child, \$275 for entire home			

*When you order one of these gifts for your sponsored child, please include their ID# listed on their profile or a y recent letters you have received from the child. If you are unsure of your child's number, feel free to call our office or help at 888.352.4451.*

## EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Your gift toward the education of a child will literally change his or her future. IGL provides education in a number of settings and your gift will educate children in IGL children's homes, daycare centers and after-school study centers as well as in the IGL community college and nursing school.



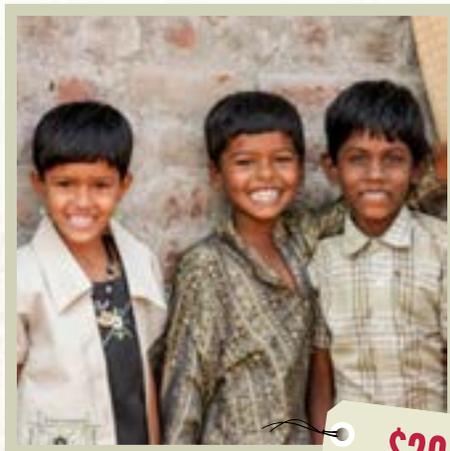
**\$1200**

- school supplies
- share of community college
- daycare center
- benches and desks

- any amount
- \$100
- \$1,200
- \$2,500

## CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN

When children come to an IGL home, they come with just the clothes on their backs which, in some cases, are just tattered rags. You can provide an outfit for a child that he or she will receive upon arrival and, what's more, the comfort and security that comes along with being fully clothed and cared for.



**\$20**

clothing for one child

**\$20**

## HOME FOR CHILDREN OR FAMILIES IN NEED

Millions of families and children live in dilapidated huts made of a thatched roof and mud floors that are easily destroyed during monsoon season. Your gift will provide refuge for these people in the form of a durable, concrete home that will house them for years to come.



**\$4200**

- family home
- children's cottage
- children's home

- \$4,200
- \$45,000
- \$350,000

*For more information on housing for children in need call the IGL office at 888.352.44 1.*

## OTHER CHILD CARE OPTIONS

Unable to commit to sponsoring a child at this time? Give what you can to a fund that supports the children living in IGL homes who remain unsponsored.



- unsponsored children fund
- Sri Lanka child care efforts

- any amount
- \$360/yr

## CREATIVE WAYS TO USE THIS CATALOG

- ➔ Give your children an allowance to “spend,” so they can select and pray about the projects.
- ➔ Set up a family matching gift for kids/teens who contribute their own money.
- ➔ Share a project from the catalog with your Sunday school or small group.
- ➔ Sell one unneeded possession to turn “junk” into “treasure.”
- ➔ Honor a friend or family member by making a gift in his or her name!
- ➔ **Share the vision to reach India by passing this catalog along to a friend.**



## GIFT CATALOG ORDER FORM

To order, fill out the following pages, remove them from the catalog and return them, along with your donation, in the enclosed envelope.

### WHY RECURRING GIFTS MATTER

A monthly donation toward IGL's most urgent needs is a lifeline that IGL relies on to meet very specific, timely needs.

We understand that each resource entrusted to us has the potential to touch a life and help transform a community. We optimize gifts and distribute them where they are most needed and base this decision on prayer and the constant, first-hand evaluation of our indigenous staff.

IGL monitors each initiative with care and ensures that donations go specifically where requested or most needed. We also do all we can to keep our overhead costs low. In fact, 85 percent of all donations is used to serve the men, women and children of India. This means that only 15 percent is used for administrative and fundraising costs combined, which is lower than the industry standard by about 3 percent.



recurring gift (any amount)

check the 'recurring gift' box on the enclosed form and fill out the appropriate information or call the IGL office at 888.352.441 to speak to someone about your pledge.

### ABOUT INDIA GOSPEL LEAGUE

India Gospel League exists to holistically and indigenously embrace and empower the people of India, regardless of caste, through the power and love of Jesus Christ. IGL, NA is a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible. Financial accountability is maintained through careful monitoring by both India and U.S. staff, our Board of Directors as well as the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.

**“WHERE THERE IS NO VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH.”**

**Proverbs 29:18**

Make your gift selections here.

Gift item	Qty	Cost	Total
<b>EVANGELISM &amp; CHURCH PLANTING</b>			
barefoot pastor sponsorship	_____	\$100/mo	\$ _____
bicycle for pastor	_____	\$100	\$ _____
motorcycle for pastor	_____	\$950	\$ _____
children's gospel clubs	_____	\$1	\$ _____
<i>tools for worship:</i>			
bible w/study guide and notes	_____	\$5	\$ _____
discipleship training material	_____	\$5	\$ _____
worship/prayer mat	_____	\$10	\$ _____
gas lantern	_____	\$60	\$ _____
musical instrument	_____	\$75	\$ _____
p.a. system	_____	\$460	\$ _____
gospel tracts (1,000 pcs.)	_____	\$8	\$ _____
bible student sponsorship (1 yr. commitment)	_____	\$50/mo	\$ _____
prayer shed	_____	\$2,650	\$ _____
life center	_____	\$8,000	\$ _____
training conference costs	_____	\$55	\$ _____

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

child sponsorship	_____	\$30/mo	\$ _____
<i>gifts for sponsored children:</i>			
my child's code is: _____			
bible	_____	\$5	\$ _____
snack box	_____	\$5	\$ _____
water bottle	_____	\$5	\$ _____
stationery	_____	\$5	\$ _____
board game	_____	\$15	\$ _____
new outfi	_____	\$20	\$ _____
soccer ball	_____	\$5	\$ _____
cricket set	_____	\$10	\$ _____
necklace	_____	\$5	\$ _____
hair accessory	_____	\$5	\$ _____
jump rope	_____	\$5	\$ _____
craft kit	_____	\$10	\$ _____
doll	_____	\$15	\$ _____
birthday party	_____	\$50	\$ _____
christmas/easter dinner	_____	\$15/\$275	\$ _____
<i>education for children</i>			
school supplies	_____	any amt	\$ _____
share of community college	_____	\$100	\$ _____
daycare center	_____	\$1,200	\$ _____
benches and desks	_____	\$2,500	\$ _____
clothes for one child	_____	\$20	\$ _____

Gift item	Qty	Cost	Total
<i>home for children or families in need</i>			
family home	_____	\$4,200	\$ _____
children's cottage	_____	\$45,000	\$ _____
children's home	_____	\$350,000	\$ _____
unsponsored children fund	_____	any amt	\$ _____
Sri Lanka child care efforts	_____	\$360/yr	\$ _____

**MEDICAL OUTREACH**

nursing student sponsorship	_____	\$50/mo	\$ _____
(2 yr. commitment)	_____	\$600/yr	\$ _____
nursing school textbooks	_____	\$55	\$ _____
wheelchair	_____	\$85	\$ _____
Sharon Hospital fund	_____	any amt	\$ _____
medical camp	_____	\$550	\$ _____
surgery	_____	\$250	\$ _____
<i>leprosy care</i>			
shoes for leprosy victim	_____	\$25	\$ _____
meal for leprosy colony	_____	\$400	\$ _____
housing for leprosy victim	_____	\$4,200	\$ _____

**RURAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

sewing machine	_____	\$120	\$ _____
adult literacy training	_____	\$5	\$ _____
micro-credit loan	_____	\$150	\$ _____
<i>livestock</i>			
goat	_____	\$85	\$ _____
25 chickens & coop	_____	\$100	\$ _____
cow	_____	\$600	\$ _____
nutritious meals for a month	_____	\$10	\$ _____
clean water well without overhead tank	_____	\$1,250	\$ _____
clean water well with overhead tank	_____	\$2,500	\$ _____
skills center	_____	\$3,500/yr	\$ _____
share of skills center	_____	\$25/mo	\$ _____
adopt-a-village (5 yr. commitment)	_____	\$1,250/mo	\$ _____

- give this gift where it's most needed on the ground in India. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - give this one-time gift specific lly toward \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - I'd like to give a monthly recurring gift. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \*designate an area of ministry or specific item (optional): \_\_\_\_\_*

Fill out your personal and credit card information on the next page.

**total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## MAKE A GIFT IN SOMEONE'S NAME

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ gift cards that I can send to let people know I have purchased a gift from this catalog in their honor.

(Use a separate sheet for additional names)

\*Must be received by **December 10** for the cards to arrive by Christmas

Gift Honoree Names

Gifts

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

## FILL OUT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to receive email updates from IGL.
- Please send me additional information about IGL in the mail.
- I would like to pay for my gift catalog purchases with my credit/debit card.  
(IGL accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name as it appears on card),  
authorize India Gospel League to charge my credit card for the amount  
of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to India Gospel League.*

## PRAYER POINTS FOR INDIA

**1 That Christ's name would be exalted, so that every Indian would hear about Him.**

It is still a sad reality in India that vast numbers of people – millions in fact – have never been introduced to Jesus Christ. Furthermore, some language groups have no translation of the Scriptures.

**2 That God's kingdom would extend into every village through a local church.**

India boasts more than 600,000 villages, most of them rural and poor. Most of these villages are dominated by idol worship and organized according to the caste system.

**3 That God's servants would be strong in the face of persecution.**

Even though India is the world's largest democracy, there are many places in India in which residents are hostile to the advance of Christianity. Our barefoot pastors sometimes face threats and violence.

**4 That the Spirit's power would continue to be present in the lives of believers.**

The growth of the churches is mostly due to the one-to-one evangelistic efforts of the average Indian believer. Pray for continued passion and boldness as they witness.

### *What About Sri Lanka?*

We often reference the work in "South Asia" rather than just India. This is because our efforts expand beyond India's borders! Particularly in Sri Lanka, the island nation off the tip of India, IGL mission bases have been established and hundreds of churches have been planted. There, IGL is known as the "Island Gospel League."

# MEDICAL OUTREACH



## NURSING STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

Some adults in the villages IGL reaches have lived their entire lives without ever meeting a nurse or doctor. Your sponsorship will train one young woman to return to the villages and give basic medical care, immunizations and preventative care.



\$50

### nursing student sponsorship

*\*two-year commitment*

**\$50/mo or  
\$600/yr**

## NURSING SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks and professional journals are needed to support new curriculum in all areas of nursing practice including medical, surgical, OB/GYN, pediatric, ICU and community health nursing.

### medical textbooks

**\$55**

## WHEELCHAIR

Your gift toward a wheelchair for an IGL patient is literally a life-changing tool —many disabled Indian villagers are relegated to street side mats or stuck in their homes, for lack of any sort of medical help or tools.



\$85

### wheelchair

**\$85**

## SHARON HOSPITAL FUND

Historically, missions in India have neglected and ignored the people IGL lives among. Seventy percent of India's population—the rural villages—receives only two percent of India's total mission resources.

In light of this, IGL offers free or affordable health care providing a full range of medical care in rural India. Your gift will build diagnostic centers across the country and provide care for patients at Sharon Hospital and Cancer Center including critical immunizations, maternal and pediatric care and general treatment for otherwise life-threatening illnesses.

### Sharon Hospital fund

any amount

## MEDICAL CAMP

For people living in the most remote parts of India, the nearest health care center may be more than 100 miles away on foot! Your gift will provide on-site clinics in rural villages where adults and children receive care, some for the first time in their lives. Your donation for one medical camp will bring aid to hundreds of villagers.

medical camp



Any Amount



\$550

\$550

## SURGERIES

Right now, hundreds of victims of polio, cancer, cleft lips and palates and more have no access to a surgery that could easily help them. Your gift provides corrective surgery and rehabilitation for those who cannot afford it.

surgery



\$250

\$250

## LEPROSY CARE

Once a person with leprosy receives medication, it only takes two weeks until that person is no longer contagious. But in India, when someone finds they have leprosy, their own family members disown them, consider them cursed and send them away from their homes. Your gift will provide food, special shoes, housing and other needs for victims who are denied the most basic of human rights due to the disease.

shoes for a leprosy victim

\$25

meal for members of a leper colony

\$400

housing for a leprosy victim and his/her family

\$4,200



\$25

# RURAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



## SEWING MACHINE

Due to the immense amount of work it takes to run a home with no electricity or running water on an insufficient income, many rural villagers spend all their time dealing with life's necessities, making them unable to "get ahead." Your gift will enable a family to not only tailor their own clothes, but even to start a personal business out of their home.



\$120

sewing machine

\$120

## ADULT LITERACY TRAINING

Illiteracy has been pegged as one of the main causes for the socio-economic degradation many villages suffer. Your donation will provide materials and training for one man or woman to learn to read and write.



\$5

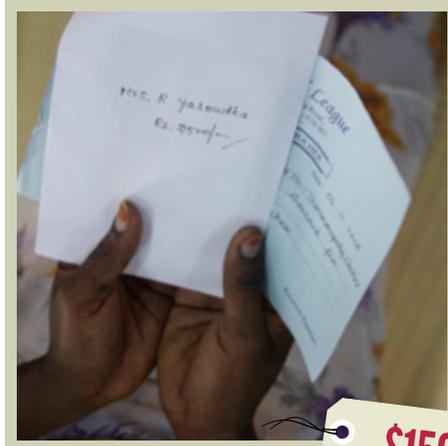
literacy training

\$5

## MICRO-CREDIT BUSINESS LOAN

Enable a woman living in extreme poverty with a small loan and support to start a business that will sustain her and her family. When the loans are repaid, they are recycled to other women. Your one-time gift could be given hundreds of times!

loan



\$150

\$150

## LIVESTOCK

Livestock does much more than feed the families who receive it. The animals provide the family with additional income by providing offspring and dairy products that can be sold for a profit

goat  
25 chickens and coop  
cow



\$600

\$85  
\$100  
\$600

## NUTRITIOUS MEALS

India is no stranger to the devastating effects of ravaging hunger. "A child raised in India is far more likely to be malnourished than one from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Zimbabwe or Somalia, the planet's poorest countries," UNdata found.

Sanitation and malnutrition are major problems in stunting the growth of nearly 50 percent (or 65 million) of children in South Asia under the age of 5, even affecting one third of the children from the country's wealthiest families. We need your help to meet people's most basic needs for those who cannot find even one good meal a day. Your gift will provide warm, nutritious meals to families and children without.

feed one person for one month

\$10



\$10

## CLEAN WATER WELL

Roughly two-thirds of the population of India does not have adequate sanitation. Largely for lack of clean water, 2.1 million children under the age of 5 die each year. *But they don't have to.*

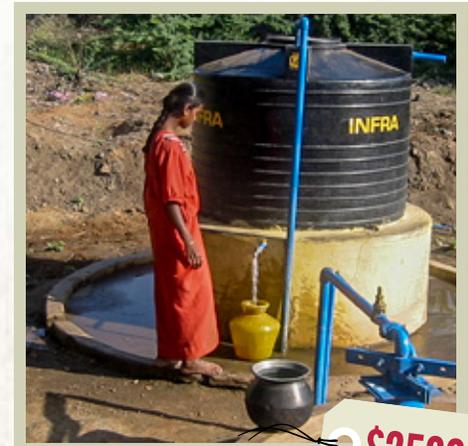
Your gift toward a clean water well will cut a village's child death rate in half and eliminate the need to collect infected, polluted surface or stream water.

clean water well  
without overhead storage tank

\$1,250

clean water well  
with overhead storage tank

\$2,500

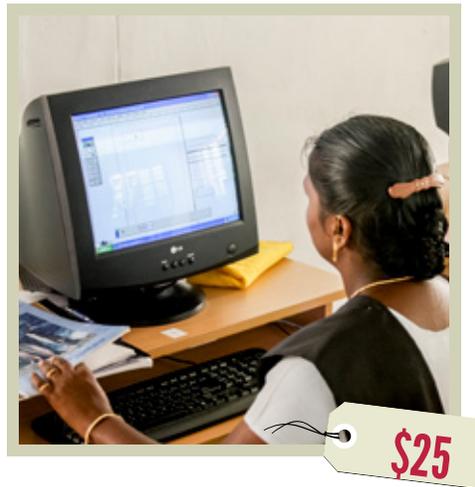


\$2500

## SKILLS CENTER AND TRAINING

For villagers with little or no access to education or the opportunity to learn any income-generating skills, the inability to support their family is almost unbearable. Your gift will provide skills training, supplies, materials and ongoing support to help villagers learn a trade such as sewing or tailoring, dairy farming, construction and more.

**skills center**  
**share of skills center**



**\$3,500/yr**  
**\$25, \$50, or \$100/mo**

## ADOPT-A-VILLAGE

Adopting a village is an “all of the above” approach to IGL’s projects. Through an AAV partnership, you provide the means for a new church and its pastor to bring a host of transformative changes to their community; including skills training, medical care, children’s ministry, evangelism, nutrition and lifestyle training, women’s ministry groups, clean water, housing upgrades, a Life Center and more. Each AAV program is based on a detailed 5-year plan tailored to that particular village. Detailed reports, testimonies and pictures of progress are sent to sponsors quarterly. Also, AAV supporters are invited to visit their adopted village during the five year partnership, depending on accessibility and security considerations.

**monthly AAV sponsorship**  
**five-year AAV sponsorship**



**\$1,250/mo for 5 years**  
**\$75,000**

## ADOPT-A-REGION

Adopt-A-Region is a large scale commitment that touches countless lives. “Regions” are roughly equivalent to “counties” in the United States. Due to India’s high population, many unreached regions are home to hundreds of thousands of people – perhaps even a few million.



India Gospel League’s leadership team carefully considers where God is directing, and when a partner comes forward with interest in adopting an entire region, the leaders put together a specific proposal. This could involve a mission base, numerous barefoot pastor sponsorships, church buildings, rural development projects, direct evangelism efforts and children’s ministries, homes for needy children, training conferences for nearby pastors, material printing and distribution – whatever is needed in that particular place to bring the light of Christ and a sustainable, lasting Christian presence.

Most Adopt-A-Region projects involve between \$250,000 - \$750,000 over a three to five year period. For donors interested in discussing Adopt-A-Region, we recommend beginning with a call to our Hudson, Ohio office, where we can get you the most up-to-date information about available opportunities.

Some of our Adopt-a-Region projects to date have been sponsored by individuals, businesses, churches and even multiple churches working together.

Despite the rapid church growth in South Asia today, there are still hundreds of regions with little or no Christian influence.

**How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? - Romans 10:14-15**

# SOWING GENEROSITY, REAPING TRANSFORMATION

*“Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. ‘For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.’ And God will generously provide all you need ... and plenty left over to share with others.” (2 Corinthians 9:6-8, NLT)*

## PRAVEEN’S STORY – ONE SEED, A GROWING HARVEST

**A**CROSS THE WORLD TODAY, THERE ARE ENDLESS EXAMPLES of how this Scripture has been lived out – the gifts of God’s people have planted churches, restored families, educated children, launched movements, founded hospitals and changed countless lives. Each of these is a testament to the principle of sowing and reaping, and each of these represents the sacrifice and vision of someone, somewhere, who thought beyond their own needs.

More than 20 years ago, one of these stories began in the heart of a 12-year-old boy named Praveen. He wasn’t interested in Christianity, but his mother enrolled him in one of the early versions of IGL’s Children’s Gospel Club ministry. Praveen met with other children on Sunday mornings to learn about the Bible. Then, a few years later, the seed started to grow:

*“At 18 years old, I understood the importance of having a personal relationship with Christ. . . I was active in my youth group and wanted to share this new life with my friends.”*

A year later, Praveen committed his life to ministry and began seminary training. Within three years, he moved to an unreached village to plant his first church, where he discovered “not one Christian in the village!”

But again, the seed grew. He received training from IGL to be a youth and children’s leader and began his own ministry in the village with a Children’s Gospel Club. Soon, 65 new believers had been baptized and had formed a new congregation.

From there, after joining IGL’s call to plant new churches every year in unreached areas, Praveen saw increasing fruit in his ministry. He has since planted 10 new congregations, and has trained seven new leaders to be pastors over them. His home church has continued to grow as well, impacting many more families for Christ.

## WHO PROVIDED THE SEED?

Today, thousands of people are touched by the ministries Pastor Praveen has initiated, and hundreds of lives have been transformed by his faith and obedience to the Lord. He is leading many children through the same training he received as a child. Twenty years ago, when the Children’s Gospel Club material was being prepared and bundled for use in Tamil Nadu, no one would have known who Praveen was, or what God would

do in his life. And yet someone, somewhere, contributed a few cents to make it possible for a 12-year-old boy to learn about Jesus.

In 2014, IGL led about 625,000 children through CGCs, and is planning to reach more than 700,000 in 2015. That’s a lot of seed to sow, and we’re trusting God for a “great harvest,” to His glory, for generations to come!

## PRAYING FOR MORE PRAVEENS

How many of the 625,000 Children’s Gospel Club children reached this year will someday plant a church in an unreached people group, or serve those most in need, or care for the sick or love children in great need? How many will someday share God’s vision with their people? How many will lead their families or friends to Christ? Join us in praying for:

- Thousands of new volunteers, most of whom are teenagers or young adults, to be trained and then lead IGL’s clubs next year.
- Willingness among village children to participate, and for wisdom as our leaders discuss club materials and goals with parents and even village leaders.
- Local churches that are springing up across South Asia, using CGCs as an outreach.
- The next “Praveen” – that whatever he or she needs, physically, emotionally and spiritually – would be richly provided.
- Many in North America to respond to this vision for the unreached children of Asia.

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There are more than 400,000,000 children in India and millions more in surrounding nations. Will they ever hear the gospel? Our 2015 vision is more ambitious than ever before – to train tens of thousands of club leaders, and then to share CGCs with 700,000+ of India’s children. \$1 changes the life of one child, by giving him or her one year of biblical truth and training. How many children would you like to help us reach?

How much seed would you like to sow?



*Pastor Praveen’s heart was transformed in a CGC club, leading to a lifetime of ministry.*



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