

# MINISTRY IN INDIA

## INTERNATIONAL AID TRUST NEW JERUSALEM MINISTRIES COUNTRY PROFILE

2018

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International Aid Trust, in partnership with along with New Jerusalem Ministries, began Ministry in India during 2010. The registered office of the organisation is situated in Secunderabad (Hyderabad), Capital city of Telangana State.

**International Aid Trust New Jerusalem Ministries** has been instrumental in constructing 4 Churches and establishing a further 65 Churches in Telangana State, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Orissa States. The communities mostly served are in areas where previously there was no Christian witnesses or Churches.

#### **PASTORAL SUPPORT**

**INTERNATIONAL AID TRUST NJM** Pastors conduct evangelistic work, with minimal resources and inadequate facilities, among tribal and remote villages. Due to a lack of transportation many pastors have to walk between villages to conduct their ministry. This restricts the area in which they can minister.

#### **PASTORS TRAINING AND DISCIPLESHIP:**

Each month a three day Pastor & Leadership Training seminar is held in Hyderabad. This continuation training is conducted by 20 dynamic and committed leaders who have a passion for preaching the gospel. In addition INTERNATIONAL AID TRUST NJM hold regular pastor's seminars and conferences which are organised to motivate and increase the knowledge of those pastors involved in outreach Ministry.

#### **An example of the difficult circumstances and conditions that a number of the pastor experience is that of Pastor Gabriel Rekulapally Village, Dubbaka Mandal, Nizamabad Dist. Telangana State.**

Pastor Gabriel is one of our pastor's ministering in Rekulapally village, Dubbaka Mandal, Nizamabad Dist. His family struggles to make ends meet as the village is poor and the income generated is very low. On occasions the whole family will be without basic foods. He has faced lot of persecution from anti-Christian elements aimed at stopping him sharing the Gospel to villagers. During recent times he has been brutally assaulted but yet his faith in God and the passion to serve Him has not wavered.

All the Pastors and their families are going through similar hardships. Many face increasing opposition but they remain faithful to the calling they have received from God. We request you to prayers and support for the Pastors and their families.

### **GOSPEL CRUSADES**

INTERNATIONAL AID TRUST NJM conducts regular Gospel crusades in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. An average of over 500 people attend these meetings. An altar call is given after the main message inviting people, who have not received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, to come forward. Prayers are given for the sick and counselling provided for those having problems in their lives. Newly saved Christians are introduced to local Church pastors for further spiritual growth.

### **WOMEN EMPOWERMENT.**

**“Hands of Dorcas”** (Tailoring School) was established in June 2015 at the Olive Church Campus, Nandanavanam Colony. Nandanavanam is a slum colony located in the outskirts of Hyderabad city with a population of over 10,000 families. The main occupation is rag picking. The focus of the “Hands of Dorcas” project is to teach women tailoring skills and make them independent from their old rag picking profession which can provide them with an income to support their families. Many families experience sickness with Tuberculosis, Asthma, Skin Diseases and other major diseases due to dust pollution and unhygienic work conditions. Pray for the project to be successful and helpful to many families in Nandanavanam and surrounding slums. By the Grace of God we have successfully completed three batches and trained over 50 women. A new batch is starting from June 2018. Support and prayers for this project are requested to be able to reach more women and empower them to be self-sufficient.

### **EDUCATION**

**Living Hope School** is located in Nandanavanam slum colony of Saroornagar Mandal, Hyderabad. The students are aged between 3 – 14 years. The English medium education programme is provided by 7 dedicated and committed teachers. With the present accommodation we are able to run class from Nursery to 5<sup>th</sup> Classes only. For Upper Primary and High School education children are sent to Government run school or private schools. Our desire is to increase the academic classes to the 10<sup>th</sup> standard, increase the number of teaching staff to 10 and construct more classes. Currently, due to lack of sufficient funds, we are unable to do so. Please pray for God’s provision.

### **WELFARE**

In many villages where our pastors are ministering health care is limited due to inadequate facilities. INTERNATIONAL AID TRUST NJM does not have any designated funds for this program, A small number of Christian doctors and nurses have voluntarily come forward to give free services to sick people. As a result of their work INTERNATIONAL AID TRUST NJM has been able to conduct medical camps in Telangana State, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Odisha. We distribute free medicine prescribed by the doctors.

All the logistics, travel, food and accommodation and hospitality are provided by INTERNATIONAL AID TRUST NJM. For any further treatment patients are directed to specialists in private or government hospitals.

### **STREAMS IN THE DESERT**

To date we have been able to drill 8 bore-wells since the commencement of this project. These bore wells have been a great blessing to the villagers where there is acute shortage of water. Previously many women had to walk long distances for a pot full of drinking water. These provision of the wells has enabled us to share the gospel with the women and also to lead them to the Living Waters, thus quenching their natural thirst and also bring them to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

We have requests to drill bore wells in the neediest villages. Currently 5 more bore-wells are to be drilled in Mancherial and Medak Districts in Telangana state.

#### **LIVING WORD THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:**

At the present time The Living Word Theological College is facing challenges due to the owner of the premises intentions to sell. INTERNATIONAL AID TRUST NJM would like to purchase the building for running INTERNATIONAL AID TRUST NJM India office cum residence. The amount that the owner quoted is Rs. 1,30,000,00 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Lakhs). It will be a huge asset for the development of INTERNATIONAL AID TRUST NJM India. Pray that the Lord would open the windows of heaven and pour out his blessings.

#### **INTERNATIONAL AID TRUST INDIA CHALLENGES /PRAYER REQUESTS**

- International Aid Trust India looks for the Lords provision to meet all the needs of support to pastor's and other charity activities.
- Kindly pray for God's provision for the upgrading of the Living Hope School.
- Monthly support to the pastors needs to be increased as the prices of daily needs and essential commodities are increasing drastically. INTERNATIONAL AID TRUST NJM India currently struggles to carry out its normal activities as a result of price hikes on basic commodities due to the present inflation in the country.
- Persecution has become one of the major concerns to carry our God's work in India due to Governments favouring to Hindu communities. Pastors and their families are not safe and face danger.
- Our pastors are in need of motor bikes as they travel to remote village's day and nights. We request your prayerful support.

We appreciate International Aid Trust, your kind prayerful support towards the ministry we are doing in India. Kindly pray that God would use us even more towards the expansion of His kingdom.

Blessings

Bishop Kota.