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Bangalore City Mission Development Project, India

The BCM Development Project is a joint venture between Mission International and Bangalore City Mission. Bangalore City Mission is a Christian organisation committed to community development and Christian transformation. Operating in poor urban areas and impoverished quarry village communities around Bangalore, the BCM Development Project activities focus on the sustainable relief of poverty.

Mission International Development Action

Mission International is a non-denominational Christian organisation focused on improving the lives of poor and vulnerable people in developing countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

In partnership with local organisations, Mission International seeks to meet the needs of people living in poverty through wholistic development programs encompassing social, physical, economic and spiritual transformation. This is a practical demonstration of God's love - to provide every individual with an opportunity to experience life in all its fullness.

For those who live in poor communities in India, access to education, literacy & vocational training provides an opportunity to move from grinding poverty into jobs and greater opportunities in the growing Indian economy.



*"Education & training
are essential weapons in
the fight against poverty."*

Jonathan Paul, Director,
Bangalore City Mission



Project Description

The BCM Development project operates in ten village communities in and around the city of Bangalore in South India.

Education is a project priority with 400 children studying from reception to year 10 at Sinclair School run by Bangalore City Mission. Most of the children are from deprived quarry communities and Dalit (outcast/slum) families.

The development project operates with two clusters of villages, five villages in each, and a development officer is responsible for each. In a number of these villages adult literacy, vocational training, clean water and health projects have been initiated in partnership with hospitals and other development and social welfare agencies.

Local community centres have recently been established within the project area as service delivery locations for vocational training, adult literacy programs and emergency assistance.

Outcomes

Education:

Currently 400 children aged 3-17 years are supported in schooling (R-10) at the Sinclair School run by Bangalore City Mission.

Health:

Improved health outcomes are being delivered through health screening in clinics in project villages where these services were previously unavailable. By 2010 three new clinics will be built and up to 1,000 people will receive health screenings annually.

Clean Water:

In collaboration with development partners, new bore wells and water filtration projects are being established in two project locations each year.

Adult Literacy:

Adult literacy programs are scheduled to commence at a number of project locations in 2008 and will train up to 60 adults annually.

Vocational Training:

Training in tailoring at Byrathi Bande is providing opportunities for up to 40 women to develop job skills. By 2010 up to 90 people will receive this important training each year.

Community Development:

The implementation of a comprehensive development plan has resulted in the appointment of three community development officers, and the opening of two local offices at project locations.

Case Study

A Hunger to Learn – A Dream to Pursue



Even though Keshavmurthy didn't start school until he was 12 years of age, he has a hunger to learn and a dream to pursue. Now aged 17, he has progressed to 9th Grade and intends to go further – much further.

Keshavmurthy lives with his family in a small quarry village called Yarrapanhalli on the outskirts of Bangalore. Conditions are harsh and poverty is rife. The sound of hammer on rock fills the air as labourers break stone into building blocks and gravel by hand.

Without a solid education, Keshavmurthy is destined to a life breaking stone, just as his father, mother and older brother have before him.

For many years he left home at 6am, walking for two hours to the main road then another 45 minutes by bus to reach Sinclair School operated by Bangalore City Mission (BCM). The return journey had him arriving home at 7pm. Now, thanks to a bicycle provided by BCM, his journey time is much shorter.

Despite his late start in schooling he wants to be a doctor and thanks to Bangalore City Mission, with the support of Mission International and other project partners, that dream is a step closer every day.

Why support the Bangalore City Mission Development Project?

In supporting the Bangalore City Mission Development Project, your investment will contribute to providing an escape from poverty for children, families and entire communities, giving them hope for the future.

Through this project you will play an important role in not only meeting the immediate needs of these people, but also in eliminating the causes and symptoms of poverty and injustice in their community.

Mission International will contribute \$35,000 a year to the Bangalore City Mission Development Project.

Further information:

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If a project is over-subscribed Mission International will re-allocate your donation to a similar project.