



# Mission International

*For the Love of God*

## The Yuvalok Foundation Project, India

The Yuvalok Foundation is a non-denominational Christian development agency based in Bangalore, India. The key focus of the Foundation is the rescue of child labourers, many of whom work in the construction industry. Through the provision of education, nutrition and health care services the Foundation seeks to restore these children to health and strength and to provide them with skills and knowledge that will build self-reliance.

### 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 and into jobs in the growing Indian economy.



*"Our vision is to empower each child to fulfil their highest potential and to live and work with dignity, hope and compassion."*

Sam Rajshekhar, Executive Director,  
Yuvalok Foundation



### Project Description

The Yuvalok Foundation Project is focused on provision of education for child labourers and children living in the Kempapura slum in Bangalore, India. The children live in devastating conditions with no hygiene, no access to education and inadequate protection from the elements during monsoon.

The support of Mission International, through this project in Kempapura, is providing basic school supplies and other materials to enable the school to run vocational training courses for the students.

Education is a project priority as it affords the children of Kempapura with a means of escape from a life of grinding poverty.

## Outcomes

Whilst Mission International is contributing to the education materials for Yuvalok School, the whole project addresses the many complex needs of the children.

### Education:

Assist in the provision of foundational education for 125 children from the Kempapura slum who have never attended school before. Vocational training classes are provided to students in conjunction with formal education.

### Health:

Improved health outcomes for the 125 children assisted by the project by providing access to basic healthcare services. Health camps are conducted twice a year.

### Nutrition:

Improved nutrition is achieved through the provision of a high protein porridge meal each school day.

### Community Development:

Initiation of community development practices in this slum through the presence and involvement of Foundation staff and active involvement of volunteers.

### Infrastructure:

Improving the infrastructure and increasing the capacity of the school through the provision of building materials for school extensions.

## Case Study



As a young girl Joy would spend every day at work with her parents who worked as watchmen on construction sites around Bangalore. One of the construction sites they were working on was next door to the Yuvalok School, and Joy would watch the students going to school and playing each day, thinking that she would never have such an opportunity.

The teachers at Yuvalok noticed Joy watching the school from the construction sight and after talking to her parents they invited her to join the school children and she began to get an education for the first time in her life.

As Joy's parent's work moved around the city, sometimes up to 30km away from the school, Yuvalok assisted Joy by providing transport for her to get to school each day. Apart from education, the school also provides spiritual support, activities to build IQ, recreation and social opportunities, food, and clothing. These activities all helped Joy to pass her year 10 exams recently and she now has dreams of becoming a teacher.

Joy's parents were pressing her to find a job in order to contribute to the family financially, however she has decided to continue with extra study to achieve her goal of becoming a teacher. Joy believes that Yuvalok has provided her with the skills that she needs to reach her dreams.

## Why support the Yuvalok Foundation Project?

In supporting the Yuvalok Foundation Project, your investment will contribute to providing an escape from poverty for child labourers and children living in slums, offering them hope and skills 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 is contributing \$10,000 to the project.

### **Further information:**

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