India Impact Trip

Six students will have the opportunity to come alongside Hosanna’s global partners in ministry and the local churches of Aurangabad, India. Impact efforts will include working with youth in the slums at an after school program, Youth Nights at local churches and high-schooler to high-schooler cultural and spiritual exchanges with these same students, serving in pre-schools open to families with little to no means, and experiencing the first-hand stories of how God is at work in this near-totally non-Christian region of India.

For Students Entering 10th Grade-Graduated Seniors
Trip dates: June 18-28, 2020
Cost: $3000

Trip Leader: Nathan Lyke, Lakeville High School Pastor
nathanl@hosannalc.org | 952-898-9120

Space is limited to 6 students on this trip.
Application opens online Sunday, January 26 at 5 p.m.
$200 deposit due at time of application.

*Prerequisites: Due to the limited team size, long travel, and global sensitivity required for this trip, applicants must have or provide the following: prior global Impact/serving/mission experience, complete a 1250-1500 word essay reflecting on their experiences, gifting, and calling on a trip like this, and a trip leader interview with the applicant’s small group leader. Team members will also be selected by a prayerful panel decision based on the above criteria and dynamics. You will be notified once accepted or if you’re placed on waiting list.

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Country Overview

Capital
New Delhi

Population
1,296,834,042
(July 2018 est.)

Currency
Indian Rupee (₹)
$1 US equals ₹71.28
(January, 2020 rate)

Time Zone
UTC+05:30 (IST)
DST is not observed
(11.5 hours ahead of us)

Climate
Varies from tropical monsoon in south to temperate in north. This trip will be very hot and humid.

Languages
Hindi 43.6%, Marathi 6.9% (the language of the trip's region), there are also many other regional languages and dialects.

Religions
Hindu 79.8%, Muslim 14.2%, Christian 2.3%, Sikh 1.7%, other and unspecified 2% (2011 est.)

Economy
India's diverse economy encompasses traditional village farming, modern agriculture, handicrafts, a wide range of modern industries, and a multitude of services. Slightly less than half of the workforce is in agriculture, but services are the major source of economic growth, accounting for nearly two-thirds of India's output but employing less than one-third of its labor force. India has capitalized on its large educated English-speaking population to become a major exporter of information technology services, business outsourcing services, and software workers. Nevertheless, per capita income remains below the world average.

US-India Relations
The U.S.-India partnership has its foundation in common values, including the rule of law and democratic principles. The United States and India have shared interests in promoting global security, stability, and economic prosperity through trade, investment, and connectivity. The United States supports India's emergence as a leading global power and vital partner in efforts to ensure that the Indo-Pacific is a region of peace, stability, and growing prosperity. The strong people-to-people ties between our countries, grounded in shared values, are a tremendous source of strength for the partnership.

Security & Safety
In terms of precautions, India differs from other Western-Hemisphere countries in many ways, and is also similar. As with all our trips, the security and safety of our students and leaders is the highest priority. For this trip, this means food, lodging, and transportation that will meet this requirement. If situations arise in the country before our trip that will put team safety in jeopardy, the trip will be cancelled or rescheduled if possible. Mumbai, India was hit by a major terrorist attack in 2008, and as a result security has been heightened and awareness has been significantly raised. As of writing, the US State Department advised travelers to exercise increased caution. Up to date advisory information can be found here: http://bit.ly/indiatraveladvisory

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Dress:
Prepare for very hot and humid weather and situations. Comfortable sandals are recommended, and shoes are typically taken off in churches and homes with bare feet being very culturally acceptable.

   Men: No shorts outside of the hotel, and pants should be worn during the rest of our travels (slacks, linen pants, etc. Jeans not recommended!).
   Women: No shorts (please keep longer than shirt length, i.e. no “short-shorts”) outside of the hotel, long skirts or more traditional saris during the rest of our travels. Modest dress highly recommended.

Weather
Plan for highs in the 90s and evening lows in the 70s with high humidity. Lodging and transportation will have air conditioning if possible, but not guaranteed and power outages are not uncommon.

Greetings
While traveling and meeting people: “Namaste.” (typically with a slight bow with “praying hands”) In church settings: “Praise the Lord!” (in English)

More Information on India
https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/India.html

Our Missionary Partners & Ministry
Pastor Jon & Swati Borde are husband and wife with ministry based in the states with frequent contact and connections to Hosanna. For over ten years, they have provided support and leadership to a large network of local churches, providing training, mentorship, and guidance to pastors and churches. Their ministry, called Hands of Freedom, plants churches, provides education, microloans, and clean water and medical assistance to those in need.
http://handsoffreedom.org

Sample Trip Itinerary

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<td>Attend and share at local church service.</td>
<td>Visit and help at preschool. Visit home and family of local pastor.</td>
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(This is a SAMPLE itinerary to give you an idea of what the trip could entail)

Payments and Important Dates

**Finances**
- Deposit due ($200) at time of application

**NOTE:** Deposit is NOT tax-deductible and non-refundable once you’ve been accepted to the team.

**March 1**
- First payment due ($1000)

**April 8**
- Second payment due ($800)
- Copy of Passport due
- Airline tickets will only be purchased for team members who have made ALL payments to date.

**May 3**
- Third payment due ($500)

**May 20**
- Fourth & final payment due ($500)

**Fundraising**
Raising support is a HUGE part of the mission trip experience. Even if you have the means to pay for a trip in full, it is our belief that raising support is a key part of a mission experience. It allows students to see the goodness of God additionally through the provision of the trip cost.

Raising support is a partnership – us and God! The phrase “God will provide” can often lead us into a mindset of laziness or lead us to an apathetic approach to raising support. “All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.” Proverbs 14:23. Not only is this mindset unbiblical, it will also jeopardize the team’s effectiveness if ALL funds are not raised.

We encourage the team members to take an individual approach to raising support. Support letters are a great place to start, and a sample support letter is included in this informational packet.

The total cost of the trip is **$3000**. This will include;
- All transportation costs, including round trip airline tickets & in-country transport
- Accommodations
- All meals within the country (not airport meals)
- Ministry materials
- Admittance to any tourist sites

**Payment Remittance**
Your primary venue to collect donations will be through your own personal fundraising page on the Managed Missions website. (More details to follow) It is the responsibility of the participant to collect and track all contributions to cover the trip cost. Participants should give all cash/check donations to the team leaders at team meetings. **Note:** it is imperative that the students’ contributors make checks written out to Hosanna and not the individual person.

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Contributions are tax deductible with the exception of the $200 deposit and cash (unless the donor is noted). Hosanna has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds. All contributions are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Team Meetings and Training Schedule

There will be 5 team meetings. It is imperative that ALL team members attend EVERY team meeting. Team meetings are used for training and practice. Failure to attend team meetings will greatly impact the participant's experience and may result in the participant not being able to go on the impact trip. Note the TENTATIVE schedule below. Dates are subject to change.

**Dates/meeting locations subject to change

All TRIP Meetings (REQUIRED)
Sunday February 9, 12:30-2pm | Lakeville Campus | CLC
Sunday March 1, 12:30-2pm | Lakeville Campus | CLC
*First Payment Due ($1000)

India Team Meeting 1
Wednesday, April 8, 7-9 pm | Pastor Nathan’s Home | Lakeville
* Copy of passport, any notarized forms and second payment due ($800)

India Team Meeting 2
Sunday, May 3, 7-9 pm | Pastor Nathan’s Home | Lakeville
*Third payment Due ($500)

May 20
*Fourth & final payment due ($500)

India Team Meeting 3
Wednesday, June 10, 7-9 pm | Pastor Nathan’s Home | Lakeville

India Team & Parent Meeting 4
Wednesday, June 17, 7-9 pm | Pastor Nathan’s Home | Lakeville
**Parents invited to meeting

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Passports & Travel

If you do not have a valid passport, now is the time to get one!
For more information on obtaining your passport, or making amendments to an existing passport, go to: http://travel.state.gov
A copy of your passport must be turned in to your leader by April 8.

Passport: Each team member must have a VALID passport. For the passport to be valid it:
- Must have at least 3 blank pages for visa purposes.
- Will not expire within 6 months from the return date of the trip.
- Must show your correct legal name. If it does not, you must apply for an addendum.

How to get your passport:
- Go to your nearest passport processing office
- Find Passport Processing Centers near you at: http://travel.gov

Make sure you have the following:
- Proof of U.S. citizenship: previous passport, and/or certified birth certificate.
- Proof of your identity: driver's license or other picture I.D.
- Money to cover the basic fee, which will be approximately $105 dollars.

Obtaining a passport can take up to 6 weeks
- Expediting a passport application can cost between $40-$75, so act quickly to avoid paying any extra fees.

VISA
- US Citizens require a visa for travel to India. The cost for this can vary between $75-125 for a tourist “eVisa.” If you are a citizen of another country, please inform your Team Leader. More details will be given to team members when selected.

Medical Requirements
- Please contact your family doctor, go to a local travel clinic or check http://www.cdc.gov for all other suggestions and recommendations.

Travel Insurance
- Travel Insurance is required to participate in any Hosanna! Impact Trip. Travel insurance is the responsibility of the participant to purchase. Hosanna! requires the International Volunteer Card (IVC) available at http://www.volunteercard.com/hosanna.html. Please purchase either the “plus” or “premium” coverage. The “basic” coverage is not extensive enough!

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Application Details

- **Application opens online Sunday, January 26 at 5 p.m.**
- **Space is limited to 6 students.**
- Students entering 10th grade through graduated seniors are invited to apply.
- **$200 deposit due at time of application. Credit card payment required and will be charged upon acceptance to the trip.**
- Due to the limited team size, long travel, and global sensitivity required for this trip, applicants must have or provide the following: prior global Impact/serving/mission experience, complete a 1250-1500 word essay reflecting on their experiences, giftings, and calling on a trip like this, and a trip leader interview with the applicant’s small group leader. Team members will also be selected by a prayerful panel decision based on the above criteria and dynamics.
- **You will be notified once accepted or if you’re placed on waiting list. Please do not inquire about the status of applications for at least 2 weeks after sign-up date.**
- There is **one application** for all 6 Student Ministries Trips this summer (Guatemala, Haiti, Wyoming, Florida, India, Cuba). You will be given the opportunity to indicate your interest in other trips and prioritize your trip preferences on the application.

The following essay questions will be on the online application. Prepare your answers ahead of time in order to submit your application in a timely manner!

1. **Prior Overseas Impact & Travel Experience**
   Please describe where/when you've traveled outside of the U.S. and how you've served.

2. **References**
   List three people who know you well and can act as a personal reference. If you have been on a previous Impact Trip, please include the trip leader. (Please include name, relationship and a contact number).

3. **Application Essay:** Please write out a **1250 - 1500** word essay that addresses the following questions:
   - How would you describe your faith?
   - How has your background (family, environment, experiences) impacted who you are and your faith?
   - What are your expectations for this trip?
   - Why is it important that you go on this trip?
   - How do you believe this impact trip will impact you personally?
   - How are you going to impact the team you will be a part of?
   - How do you hope to impact the people you will be interacting with on this trip?
   - How do you believe God has prepared and called you to be a part of this trip?
Sample Fundraising Letter

Dear __________:

This (month) I have the amazing opportunity of serving with a team to (location) on a Hosanna Impact trip through Hosanna Student Ministries and Hosanna Lutheran Church. Hosanna Lutheran Church facilitates Impact trips from the United States all over the world. This summer I will be joining an Impact team from (dates). I am excited that the Lord has enabled me to be a part of this experience.

As a part of the team, I will be involved in (briefly describe ministry you expect to do). I am really looking forward to sharing God’s love in the communities we are visiting.

I know that this kind of work is in vain without prayer, so I am asking that you consider praying for me, for our team, and especially for the people I will serve in (location). I also ask that you prayerfully consider contributing financially. The total amount I need to raise toward the missions project is (trip cost). This amount includes all cost associated with travelling to and staying in (location), ministry materials, and missionary offering. My hope is to have the necessary funds together by (week prior to payment deadline). I have faith that God will make it possible.

Please pray with me that this need will be met. I’m excited, hopeful and expecting to learn so much through this experience. I greatly appreciate you letting me share with you what I believe will be one of the most meaningful experiences of my life.

Sincerely,

Contributions are tax deductible with the exception of cash (unless the contributor’s information accompanies the cash). Hosanna has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds. All contributions are non-refundable and non-transferable. A tax-receipt letter will be sent to all donors who donate to Hosanna! in a calendar year. Tax receipts will be sent out in January 2021.

(optional tear off portion)

I wish to support (your name) in their ministry to (trip location).

$50 Donation $100 Donation $________ Donation

Support Via Online Contribution:
You may contribute online via my personal fundraising page on the Managed Missions webpage: [INCLUDE LINK HERE]

For those wishing to donate via check, Make checks payable to Hosanna (Please DO NOT include my name in the memo) Mail checks to:

[Your name]
[Your address]
[Your city, zip, state]

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