

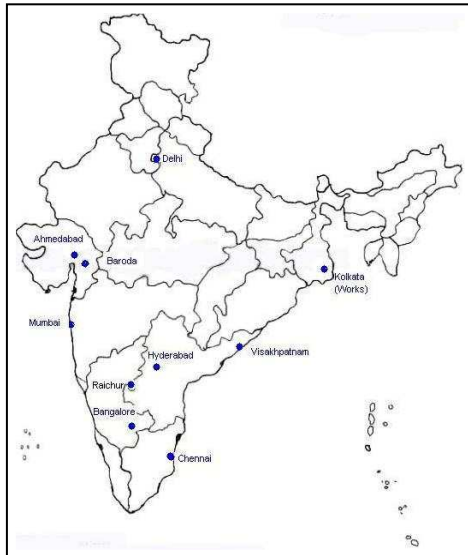
NEEREKSHE TEAM VISIT

Short Term Mission Experience - 18-27 February 2011



L-R, Top-Bottom: Pete Churms, Chris Gillman, John Kendall, Dave Shervington, Andy Linton, Ed Dunford, Dave Lee, Martin Cornes, Peter Viveash (trustee but not travelling to India), Jo Murkin, Rachel Cornes, Elaine Garvican, Heather Hughes, Tom Baxter, James Walker

The **IAF (India Africa Fellowship)** is a home grown charity which aims to bring “life to the full” to the poor of the **Indian village of Muranpur where the Neerekshe Project** is based and the Nigerian village of Ikot Ayan Itam where Moses Ntuk Idem grew up and where Moses’ daughter, Helen, has founded a charity called Indoneyin. The words Neerekshe and Indoneyin both mean “Hope”. Muranpur is a few miles west of the city of Raichur, in the state of Karnataka.



The aim of the Neerekshe project is to provide education, care for the children and health care at the same time as living the words of Christ to all who happen to notice. In the long term, these programmes will enable many rural men and women living in total poverty to gain access to training and employment thus empowering them to help themselves.

Martin Cornes and Pete Churms, IAF Trustees, are taking 12 adults to visit and experience the Neerekshe Project for 10 days in February. There will be a wide range of opportunities: education, medicine, veterinary, business planning, IT (including a video conference with the evening service), as well as working with the children and young people in the church and village.

Team members will also have the opportunity to:

- spend time with the children from the school, church and village, in classroom situations, assemblies, dance, drama and craft clubs and by organising a party and cricket match
- spend the evening in a home cooking chapattis and then a night in the village at the ancestral home
- assist with a service at the church in the village
- take part on a camping trip with teenagers and adults from the village
- prepare a ‘servants meal’
- take some time to visit tourist/cultural areas including Hyderabad and the market at Raichur

Items for Praise and Prayer:

- Good links fostered so far over the years
- The team in their preparations
- Neerekshe as they prepare for the team to come
- Visas to be granted for the last remaining few
- Safety and health while travelling and staying in India
- Good team dynamics
- Good relationship building across the cultures
- Good mission opportunities

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