

# TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES TEAM

South Asia, January 2019



Jesus is changing lives in South Asia. Come and experience for yourself the hope that is being brought to poor communities through the work of our partner NGO. The highlight of this visit will be the interaction and relationships formed as we work side by side in urban slums, rural villages and our partner organization's annual staff conference. You'll also have the opportunity to gain insight and understanding into on-the-ground development work and experience how Jesus is changing lives in this challenging yet beautiful country.

## MAKE IT YOUR MISSION TO GO

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### What is the purpose of the team?

To observe, serve and encourage workers in one of the world's poorest and most densely populated nations. Challenge yourself by stepping out of your comfort zone as we visit projects in both rural villages and urban centers. Provide short programs for pre-school children in the urban slums, rural villages and at the staff annual conference. Encourage the workers of our partner NGO as we visit their projects and learn more about how they are serving Christ through development.

### What countries/cities will be visited?

Densely populated South Asia country with possible overnight in Singapore

### What are the approximate dates of the trip?

Approx 29 Dec 2018 - 15 January 2019

### What indigenous agencies, organisations and/or churches are the team visiting?

Local NGO Projects - Arsenic Mitigation (clean water), Adult Literacy, Savings Groups, Preschools, Dressmaking/sewing/embroidery, Fishery, Social Justice/Gender Equity (note: dependent upon travel restrictions and project availability).

### What organisation is the trip endorsed by?

Gateway Baptist Church.

### What opportunities will team members have to share their giftings/passions/skills?

The team will run planned programs in pre-schools situated in slums. We will travel to rural villages where we meet Savings Groups, Education Groups and Income Generation projects. We'll learn about Eye Camps, Functional Education, Health and Wellbeing Classes, Safe Water, Midwifery, Marginalised Children and Disability Programs.

This trip is best suited to people with the following attributes:

- Ability to cope with the following realities

of life in a developing country—pollution, bumpy roads, transport delays, changing itinerary, restricted diet (rice, vegetables, chicken/ fish, no alcohol), cross cultural relationships with non-English speakers

- Open minded approach to working alongside people of various different faiths in a society with a strong local culture
- Team player and ability to take instruction
- Understand that this is not a visit to preach, but to share His love in practical ways and learn more about this country
- 18 years + (unless travelling with parent/s)
- Non smokers

### Maximum number of team members:

10 people

### Approximate financial commitment:

\$2,500—\$3,000

### What date do applications close?

Applications close 30 June 2018

### Time commitment for team preparation, prayer and debrief:

Approx. 10 hours over 5x2 hour sessions

### Team Leaders Roger & Monique White:

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Roger & Monique have been part of Gateway Baptist Church since 1990 and are excited to share with others the joy of

bringing His hope to the people in South Asia.

Monique is a secondary school teacher and has taught at Citipointe Christian College for over 20 years. She has been on short term mission trips in 6 countries on 4 continents. Roger is a self-employed Industrial Chemist. He led Drug Arm Street Van teams for several years and has been on short term mission teams throughout Australasia. Roger and Monique have a heart for missions and love leading mission teams.

