



## Medical Work INDIA

### Love In Action!

Poverty and bad hygiene are contributing causes for the eye disease “cataract” which many people in India suffer from. In small and poor villages far from hospitals sick people don’t have the chance to get treatment. This is the reason why often in India blindness and poverty are connected. Our partner organization “Nellore Pola Baptist Sangamula Samajam”



(NPBSS) is working closely with a team of doctors and many volunteers from churches in order to check people in poor villages with the mobile eye camps. There they educate the people about diseases especially the cataract. Annually about 2000 people are being checked in remote villages. Then the sick are brought to the hospital where they undergo surgery free of charge to them. After that they are brought back home. This is love in action! This way these people not only get their physical eyesight back but their eyes are also opened for the “spiritual light”. By now there are 24 mobile eye camp operations every year. Just in 2016 we had 500 free cataract surgeries.

Just a small cataract surgery can have an amazing impact. Cenamma (65) had surgery three months ago. She has regained full eyesight and can continue working with cattle. This surgery has also opened her eyes for the truth we have in Christ Jesus.

### What is it about?

Medical help is an essential part of sustaining life. EBM INTERNATIONAL supports hospitals, eye clinics, eye camps and leper colonies in India to provide free medical and health care for the poor and underprivileged.

### Prayer requests:

- For volunteers to keep encouraging poor people to come to the eye camps so they can get help and their eyesight back.
- That the patients are aware of that their eyesight is back not only thanks to the doctors but also thanks to God’s love.

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## Feeding The Poor and Fighting Starvation

INDIA

### Fighting Starvation In Mumbai

In Mumbai, the metropolis of millions, there are many poor and homeless people that are suffering from starvation. There are three places in Mumbai where the Salvation Army offers these people a warm meal on a daily basis through a feeding the poor program.



Beside distributing food people are being told the word of God as well. This is often the first contact with the Christian faith for many and where they can experience comfort, support, and encouragement.



**Guddu Pillai (26)** saw his parents die when he was only eight years old. Since birth he had crippled legs though this didn't hinder him from making a living by playing electrical instruments on the street as well as he could. When the Salvation Army distributed food close to

where he was "working" a woman approached him and asked if she could provide Guddu with a daily meal. Since then he's been coming every day and one of the staff of the Salvation Army has been spending time with him. He's been praying with him, explaining the word of God, and convincing him of the love of Christ.

Beside Mumbai we are also supporting the feeding the poor program of the Salvation Army in Calcutta and New Delhi. In these three big cities about 600 people are being provided with warm meals on a daily basis.

### What is it about?

We support churches in their planting process (grants for chapels) and in their programs for teaching and discipleship (volunteer trainings). Many men, women and children get in touch with Christian faith. Our communities in India are usually a home for the lower castes or outcastes – the poor population. It is good for these people that their needs are shared, that they bring their concerns before God, honor Jesus in praise and pray for each other.

### Prayer requests:

- For all the people that are taken care of here on a daily basis.
- We give thanks for all the faithful staff of the Salvation Army.

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## Children's Homes INDIA

### A House of Peace For Girls

Poverty, malnourishment, illiteracy, and oppression - all these factors determine the lives of many children in India, also in Tanuku which is a small town in the state of Andhra. There are many dalit families living there,



also known as the "untouchables". These casteless people are put in the lowest margin of society and experience difficult access to everyday things like education and health care.



The Salvation Army founded a children's home here many years ago which was originally meant for children of dalits. This way they set a mark that these people are valuable and that they have the right to lead a dignified life independent of their religion and their caste. Today we have 44 girls from poor parts of Tanuku living there.

They don't have to worry about food and clothing and they have the chance to go to school on a regular basis. The kids are being motivated to get good school

qualifications by taking part in writing competitions and quiz contests with awards. In addition to that there are devotions in the morning and at night and on Sundays they all go to church together. This way they hear about the good news.

EBM INTERNATIONAL also supports four other children's homes of the Salvation Army in India.

### What is it about?

Our 15 children's homes offer a home to orphans or semi-orphans, who come from a wide range of problem areas and do not have a reliable parent's home. Here, they receive loving care and support as well as school education and a chance for a better future.

### Prayer requests:

- We thank God for so many children that have found a new and loving home here in Tanuku.
- For the staff that cares for the children every day.

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## School Education And Vocational Training INDIA

### Escaping The Absolute Poverty



areas of sewing, computers, and electrical engineering. This way they also have a chance at getting a good job.



training center in Gotlam she contacted the center. She is very happy to be trained here as a seamstress. It strengthens her self confidence. She is also looking forward to be making her own money so she can support her family.

On the campus there is also a children's home with 56 children, a church with about 300 members, and a hospital called "Shalom Medical Centre" (SMC).

In order to go to college you need good grades and financial support. Due to poverty though access to school education and vocational training is being refused to many young people in India. Our partner "Bridge Of Hope" in Gotlam, a small town in the state of Andhra, has a vocational training center where young people from poor family circumstances have the chance of getting training in the

**Radhika (19)** is one of the girls that is getting training in sewing. Her dad is an alcoholic who left the family. Shortly after that she lost her home. Her grandparents took in Radhika as well as her mother and her brother. Her family had to work hard and Radhika helped as well while going to school since there wasn't enough money in order to feed the whole family. When she heard of the vocational

### What is it about?

What we take for granted is a high privilege for children in India. Only 2/3 of all children in primary school age actually attend a school. Our schools and training centers are often crucial for their future and whether they can shape and develop their lives independently.

### Prayer requests:

- For the students and the teachers in the educational center.
- For Radhika and her family.

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