



India

Where we work:

Kolkata, West Bengal and the surrounding areas.

Who we work with:

Seed India, an organization that helps break the cycle of poverty through holistic childhood development, reaches the unreached through church plants and cares for the poorest of the poor.

What we will be doing: We'll spend time in Kolkata visiting the various projects of Seed India including the Dream Homes, a residential program for boys and girls who are in vulnerable or abusive situations; the Saluka Church Plant in the most unreached part of Kolkata; and the Khalpar Slum, an inner city slum where 150 families live in abject poverty where Seed runs a children's program, an adult literacy and a tailoring program.

What the country is like: India is a place that overwhelms the senses. It's hot and crowded, energetic and colorful. A city of 20 million, Kolkata was the capital of British India for most of its time as a colony. Kolkata is mostly a Hindu city and it is very difficult to be a Christian as the Hindu majority persecutes believers and attempts to prevent conversion. Indian culture is expressive and physical.



What travel is like: We'll connect first somewhere in the United States, then take a long 12+ hour flight to either Delhi or the Middle East, then a 2-4 hour flight into Kolkata (CCU), arriving the next day.

Sample Itinerary

Wednesday: Depart BNA early morning, connecting in the U.S. and the Middle East.

Thursday: Arrive in Kolkata in the evening and head to the hotel for rest.

Friday: Visit Khalpar Slum Project. City tour/market in the afternoon.

Saturday: Outing with Khalpar Slum Kids.

Sunday: Church at Boys' Home and the afternoon spent at Boys' Home with Church members.

Monday: Visit Girls' Home.

Tuesday: Visit Boys' Home.

Wednesday: Visit Saluka.

Thursday: Joint outing with Boys' Home and Girls' Home Kids.

Friday: Visit Mother Theresa's House, then Lunch at Jaiashree's and depart.

Saturday: Arrive back to BNA.

Trip Stats:



Fitness Level:
6/10 - Heat is intense, long 10-14 hour days, lots of walking



Language:
Bengali



Price:
Approx. \$2700



Family-friendly:
Age minimum 14



Accommodations:
We'll stay two to a room in comfortable hotels with air conditioning, hot water and wifi.



Food:
Expect spicy Indian and Indo-Chinese food including chicken, lamb, rice, naan, stir fry and more.