



# Helping you reach today's Children

**“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me.” (Matthew 25:40)**



Recently, while reading a magazine, I came across some alarming statistics about children in India:

- 1.7 million children live on the streets without access to proper shelter, education, or healthcare.
- 53% of children have reported facing some form of sexual abuse, with boys as likely to be victims as girls. Cases registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses (POCSO) Act increased by 18.5% from 2020 to 2021. (Source: NCRB, 2021)
- 4.6 million children remain out of school. Dropout rates are particularly high among girls at the secondary level. (Source: Unified District Information System for Education, 2022)
- Approximately 10.1 million children, aged 5–14, are engaged in child labor. (Source: Census of India, 2011)
- Around 12–15% of children and adolescents in India are estimated to have mental health issues, yet stigma and lack of resources hinder their access to treatment. (Source: UNICEF, 2021)

These statistics are overwhelming, but as followers of Christ, we cannot turn a blind eye. We are called to be His hands and feet—to care for "the least of these," bringing hope and light to those in darkness. The time to respond is now, with urgency and compassion.

## What Can You Do?

- Pray for the children of India, that they may experience the love and care of Christ.
- Support organizations that work tirelessly to provide education, healthcare, and protection for these vulnerable children.
- Volunteer your time and skills to make a tangible difference in the lives of these young ones.

**Every child is precious in God's eyes. Will you be their voice, their protector, their intercessor?**



Apostle Paul trained up leaders everywhere he went, because the growth of the gospel through the work of others was an integral element to his own view of church ministry. We too believe that training church members to reach children and disciple them is important and we spend a good amount of time training the church in ministry to children.

were lively, attentive, responsive to questions and many Pastors also joined and attended both days along with their Sunday school team.

The Grace Church which hosted the training were excellent in their hospitality and Brother Ashok who was the coordinator planned everything meticulously.

## 7 CITY TRAINING



Palanpur Training

**PALANPUR-** We had a fruitful time training 15 participants in Palanpur, North Gujarat.

North Gujarat is one of the driest areas for Gospel. In the entire city there are only 3 churches.

The participants were from Palanpur and neighbouring state of Rajasthan and they work in tough mission fields. Through children's ministry they are reaching out to villagers and sharing the love of Christ.

Alliance Church hosted us and Pastor Nilesh Christian was very kind and a fantastic host. One month after our training he was brutally assaulted and severely beaten. He sustained injuries on his hand and forehead. Continue to pray for him and his ministry.



Warangal Training

**WARANGAL-** 46 participants attended 2 day's trainings and were really inspired for looking at children with fresh perspective and ideas. Interacting with participants we realised many were attending a training for the first time and they were amazed at the impact and preparation needed for children's ministry.

Uphill Covenant Children's Ministry helped us organise this training locally. They are a group of friends who came together and started a group for reaching children. All of them are working professionals and during holidays they organise events for children's ministry.



Machilipatnam Training

**MACHILIPATNAM-** The training was attended by 55 participants and frankly speaking it was one of the best groups that we trained. They



Training in Baroda

**BARODA-** We trained 18 participants from Army of Jesus Church. This church follows the Acts model, and they have house churches. The church invited the fathers as well for the training.

The participants were keen listeners and asked some important questions regarding children and their discipleship.



Teaching Children



Bro Ashok Teaching in Training

## CHILDREN'S RETREAT

We had an excellent 2 day Children's Retreat in Goa with about 56 children from the Banjara Community (Tribal Nomads). According to the Pastor this was the first time they organised a program for children and with the response they got they will be organising more in future.

The children were attentive throughout and responded positively during worship and ministry time.



Participants Praying for Children In India



Participants Preparing Wordless Book

## PRAISE POINTS

1. We rejoice at the completion of 7 City Training and through this initiative we were able to train 291 children's ministry workers. Most of the participants in our trainings were youngsters who were attending a training for very first time.
2. We rejoice at fruitful partnerships with Sis Pravina Franklin of WISH Ministry in Gujarat and Bro Ashok in Andhra Pradesh. With them we were able to train and develop leaders in their respective regions.
3. We praise God for enabling us to come up with 2 new resources, a 12-page gospel booklet and 1 page Christmas card. Both were sold out within one month.



## PRAY FOR OUR UPCOMING PROJECTS

### 1. Translation of Knowing God and Life Changers Curriculum

The translation of our Knowing God and Life Changers curriculum is in progress for the Garo, Telugu, and Oriya languages. Please pray for our translators, as we've faced several delays due to illnesses in their families and accidents. At times, the work has also been paused due to a lack of funds.

### 2. Excel Children's Camp

The Excel Children's Camp is back! In 2024, we had to cancel our camp, but this year, by God's

grace, it will happen. Pray that 100 children encounter Christ and that this camp becomes a life-changing experience for them.

### 3. Children Bible Resources on YouTube

Over the next two years, we plan to produce 25 new videos for our YouTube channel, Children Bible Resources. These videos will include action songs, puppet skits, and gospel devotionals. Pray for the right team, sufficient provision, and successful execution of these plans.

### 4. Summer Camps and Trainings

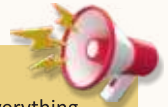
We have received invitations to conduct camps and trainings during the summer vacation. Pray for a packed summer where we can minister to as many children as possible. Also, pray for the right leaders to join our team so we can work together effectively for the kingdom.

### 5. Creative Children's Ministry Trainings

Our goal is to conduct seven training sessions across India to equip churches in creatively ministering to children. Please pray for wisdom as we develop the curriculum and connect with city networks to organize these trainings.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

We're excited to share our new website: [www.easindia.org](http://www.easindia.org). Here, you can find everything about our ministry and projects. You can even explore sample lessons from our curriculum.



## To Support Our Ministry

If you feel led to make a tangible difference in the lives of children and teachers across India, we invite you to partner with us. Your contributions will help us bring hope, purpose, and Christ's love to those in need. You can support us by donating to the following account:

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Your generosity can transform lives and further God's kingdom in India. Thank you for standing with us in this mission!

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