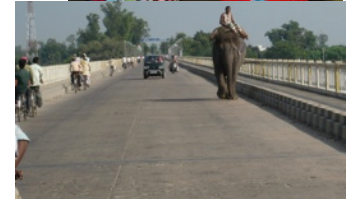


Report on trip to India, October 2010 By Kari and Dan Sikkink

Master's Heart Ministries teamed up with Bethel Evangelical Free Church and YWAM to conduct a medical mission trip to Varanasi, India. We truly value and appreciate the prayers of all of you supporting us. We were very blessed to work with some absolutely wonderful missionaries in Varanasi. From the first day there, we felt as if we had prepared with the Indian team every week. We experienced tremendous unity with these brothers and sisters in Christ. We also were blessed with wonderful team unity amongst the team members from Fargo. God showed us His sovereignty in many unique ways. Approximately 6 weeks before we left, an area north of Varanasi experienced a major flood. Several YWAM missionaries traveled to this area and started doing outreach to some of the villages. The YWAMers had been there 2 times before we arrived. Instead of ministering to areas near Varanasi, we traveled to the flooded area and conducted medical clinics there for 4 days. Two days were spent at a very remote village. The village leader had told the YWAM group that he didn't like Christians, but he allowed them to minister in his village. By the time we left, he was asking for our prayers! The other two days were spent providing a medical clinic at a former Christian hospital which has been essentially unused for the past 10 years due to lack of funding. We ministered to many Muslim people in this area. Some of the YWAM staff have medical training, so we were able to work with them to provide medical care. We saw approximately 1,100 patients and dispensed nearly 5,000 medications.



Part of our team conducted Children's Ministry and taught the children about hygiene. They used a program that had been developed by the YWAM staff. The children seemed to love interacting with the Americans, and of course they loved playing games with the Americans. Many adults enjoyed watching our team interact with the children also. This seemed to open up opportunities for the missionaries to talk to the adults about Jesus.

We were not allowed to openly preach the Gospel during the medical crusade, but we could tell the people about Jesus in individual conversation. We know that the YWAM missionaries will be busy with follow up visits. Please continue to pray for the people in the villages as they rebuild their lives following the flood. We could sense and see God working in the villagers while we were there. Please pray for the ministry of YWAM in Varanasi with the widow's home and church planting. The hearts of the missionaries truly aches to show the love of God to the Indian people.

