

## Chennai, India

# Ministry Center Renovation Project

## Flexible 2008

**Dates:** Flexible 2008

**Cost:** Estimated \$850 – This includes food, lodging, in-country transportation, sightseeing, translators, visa, and travel/health insurance.

**This does not include flights.**

**Project Costs:** Estimated \$7,000. This includes materials for all projects and required tools, also includes some local labor costs.

**Days:** 10 full days in country.



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India is home to one of the oldest civilizations in the world, and it is a land as diverse as it is vast. Its population is expected to exceed the population of China by 2010, making it the world's most populous country. India gained its independence from Great Britain in 1947, and is the world's largest democracy. Since independence, India's history has been turbulent. Now in a period of liberalization, India faces the challenge of modernizing while trying to preserve its ancient culture. With an annual per capita income of \$300, most Indian families are unable to afford a decent home.

Christians represent less than three percent of the Indian population. Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM)-India undertakes the challenge of spreading the Good News to thousands of Indian people who have never had the opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ. The weekly radio program broadcast by LHM-India is found primarily in the southern portion of the nation and is produced in two major languages: Tamil and the national language, Hindi.



Recognizing the cultural influences of music, song, and drama, LHM-India brings the Gospel to listeners through devotional songs, short dramas, and dialogues. Youth groups of LHM-India perform public music programs, stage plays, dance, and dramas under the guidance of LHM-India director, the Rev. C. David. These local groups also conduct Gospel rallies for large audiences in big cities and remote villages. As a result of Christian ministry, thousands of converts as well as non-baptized believers in Christ are identified and located for follow-up by the staff. The LHM-India staff reaches out to those interested in the Word of God through cassette ministry, printed literature, and **Bible Correspondence Courses (BCC)**. Since most of the mainstream churches are not receptive to new converts who belong to a different social caste and culture, Lutheran Hour Ministries' follow-up outreach plays an important role in sustaining their faith.



A team is needed to help renovate the LHM ministry center in Chennai, India. Work includes painting, plumbing, tiling, drywall, and general cleanup. You will **learn** about India through authentic cross-cultural experiences and having fellowship with local Lutherans, and attending worship. You will **serve** by carrying out some much needed renovations but most importantly, you will have the opportunity to **share** the love of Jesus through words and action in a cross-cultural context.

Come and be a part of sharing a message of hope in Chennai, India. Here, you will witness scenes of poverty that will break your heart and cause you to cry out to God for the people of India. You and your team will have a chance to bring life and hope to a nation that desperately needs it. If you are interested in touching children's lives in India please call Jeanne Lawrence @ 314-317-4168 or email [Jeanne.Lawrence@lhm.org](mailto:Jeanne.Lawrence@lhm.org).