

OVERSEAS MISSION – TIKANGA PAKEHA (FORMERLY TPMC)

Anglican Missions Board Grant for Short Term Mission Groups

REPORTING BACK FORM:

Please complete the following sections

1. Name of Diocese

Wellington

2. Name of Parish or Parishes (if more than one parish involved)

Waikanae Anglican

3. Purpose or intention of trip (Oct 2016)

Threefold:

- 1) **To visit and encourage Amanda and Dean, parish mission partners in northern India, working to network and unite agencies who combat people trafficking.**
- 2) **To speak at a leaders retreat of HI72 a discipleship movement, based on tools and principles from 3dm.**
- 3) **To visit Sugandh, a Christian NGO working in the slums of East Delhi, providing education and advocacy support, who we support as a family and fundraised for as a church.**

4. Was the purpose or intention of the trip met? (please give details)

Yes! Even though the trip was quite brief, we felt that we were able to encourage those we visited, as well as envision and motivate our parish family to see a bigger picture of overseas mission. We were able to do a video interview with Amanda and Dean taken on my phone, which a matter of a few hours later was shown at our main service! We were able to take a Koha from fundraising we had been doing within the parish to both Amanda and Dean and Sugandh which was well received.

The trip although physically demanding was really refreshing to both my wife and I: we always find it helpful and insightful to meet Christians from different cultures and contexts.

5. Highlights of the trip. (Please document x2 highlights with photos if possible.)

- 1) **A time spent with Amanda and Dean praying together outside with a beautiful view, where we could see the valley in which they are currently concentrating their work and resources.**
- 2) **The welcome from the children at the Sugandh slum school: very humbling.**



6. What challenges did you encounter?

The challenges of India! Health and the time taken to travel anywhere, and a bit of Jetlag due to the length of visit. We would love to have visited one of the other Sugandh centres which offers vocational training for lower caste women, but was too far out of Delhi to visit in the time that we had available.

7. What would you do differently?

The trip went remarkably smoothly, and felt meaningful and rewarding. In an ideal world, it would have been great to have gone for longer, but this was not possible due to the timing of Easter, and the time away from our children. For the time we had, I felt it was used effectively.

8. What is the next step for your group / parish?

Further fundraising events this year for Amanda and Dean

9. What ways are you taking partnership forward?

Our relationship with Amanda and Dean is personally strong, and the parish have a growing sense of participation and 'ownership' of the work that they are doing. I will probably be returning to Delhi next year to be part of the team supporting Indian pastors and church planters in putting the 3dm tools and principles into practice. We will continue to personally support Sugandh as well as champion them in the parish.

10. Please attach a spreadsheet of financial money received and how it was spent.

The contribution from OM-TP was put towards one international flight, two internal flights, as well as accommodation and visa costs.

India Reflection – Tim Bustin – October 2016

Diocese of Wellington, mission trip from Waikanae to N India

My family and I have just returned from a trip to India, where Kaye and I were on team helping with the first 3dm Learning Community (Building a Discipling Culture) in New Delhi. We also took the opportunity to visit other projects and people we have links with.

It was quite a culture shock for us, going from quiet and peaceful Waikanae to the intensity and chaos of India! Before the 3dm Learning Community began in Delhi, we visited some American/Canadian friends who run an orphan boys home and school. We were talking to them about Indian culture, and they noted that there was a real lack of empathy and compassion. They explained that because of the caste system and the belief in Karma, there was little empathy for those who were marginalised, poor or suffering. Those who were, deserved to be there because of lowly caste, or because of something they had done in a previous life. They had created an amazing place that really had the fragrance of Jesus for people of any caste or background.

My conversation with them really stayed with me all through our trip: how the culture around us shapes us for better and for worse. The culture of the orphanage was based around Kingdom values that seemed at such odds with the culture of the society that it was in. There were things that were so noticeable for someone coming in from the outside of the culture, which got me thinking: what would I notice if I was going into New Zealand culture, or the culture of my own community?

My conclusions were that I might notice that comfort, convenience and consumerism are a blessing, but also 'false gods' in our society. We have so much in NZ, yet I wonder if it anaesthetises us from a vibrant life with God. When you're surrounded by a culture, it's hard to notice it isn't it?

I was reminded after spending time with different people, serving God in different ways, that we as his disciples are called to be 'culture formers' who seek to question and form the prevailing culture with the values of the Kingdom of God, rather than consumers who mindlessly accept it.

Our children engaged positively and wholeheartedly with the visit: they were particularly impacted by the visit to Shishya, the boys home and school in northern India. They noticed the sense of family and love that existed amongst the boys there, across caste and different ethnicities.

Ella, who is 11, reflected on return, that she now understands how much she has in life!

We visited JOYN, a handicraft collective who work with the physically and mentally disabled, and also spent time with a missionary family in Northern India sponsored by NZCMS, working in anti human trafficking and child protection.

We really enjoyed seeing them in context, and hopefully were able to offer encouragement, prayer and support to their ministry.

Unfortunately we were unable to visit the slum school 'Sugandh' due to an outbreak of Dengue fever in that location. We were able to visit their offices, giving gifts fundraised for by the parish in Waikanae.

We finished off back in Delhi again, being part of the 3dm discipleship learning community team. There were teams from across India, who entered into the process wholeheartedly. During the conference Kaye led a small group of female delegates, and I led a small group of church leaders. It was a stretching but positive experience to be part of. I've arrived back in the parish with lots to think through!

With our thanks for the support of the Tikanga Pakeha Missions Council, in helping this trip happen. It's much appreciated!

Tim, Kaye, Ella and Zac Bustin