

WELCOME


Children's Opportunity Foundation

2012 Trip
Informational Meeting

May 24, 2011
7-8PM (CST)



Irene Eda
with Akshya
March 2004



Tonight's Agenda

- Introductions
- Reasons for taking a missions trip
- Details for the March 2012 Trip
 - Dates, Estimated Cost, Projects
- Next steps in the planning
- Q & A

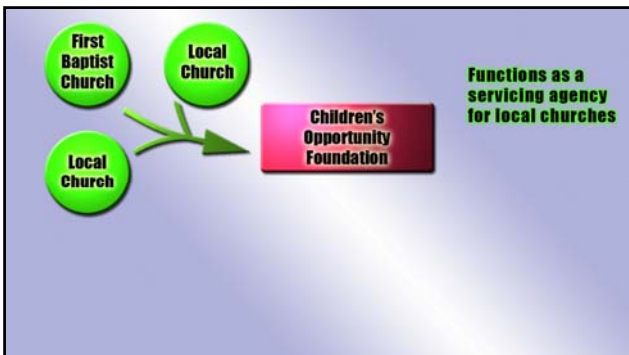
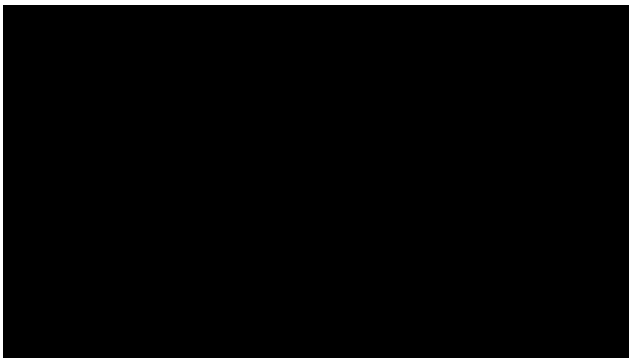
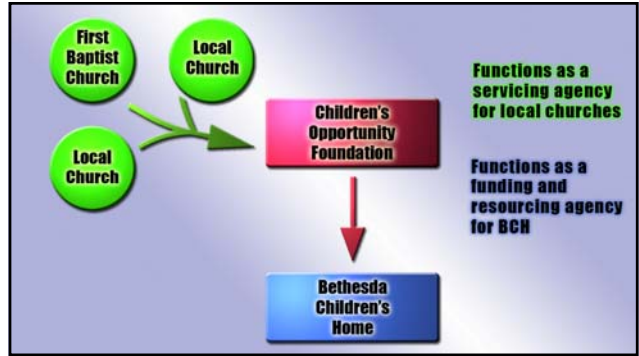
Our first trip to a Children's Home in India
May 2005



The Witte Family

Gene-Cheryl (Back row) Sarah-Hailey-Akshya-Melissa (Front row)



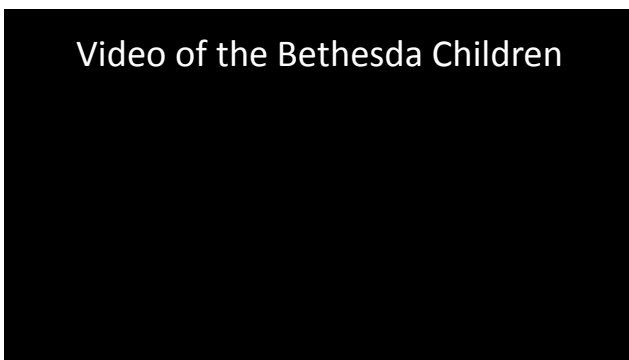




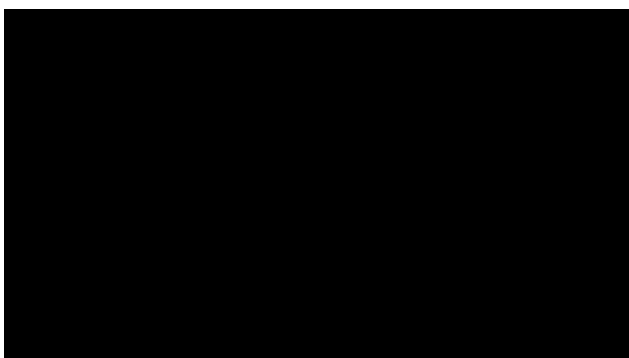


The Wrong Reasons To Take A Missions Trip


- "I just need some down time to relax."
- "I need a get away and see different parts of the world."
- "I need to get pumped up spiritually."



Psalm 68:4-5
Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him! **Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.**



James 1:27
Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.



James 1:27

- Orphan care is a matter of obedience.
- Orphan care is an act of worship.



2012 Trip Dates

- Group #1
March 8th - 16th
- Group #2
March 16th - 23rd

9 Action Steps for Orphan Care

- Plead with the Father for them
– Matthew 7:7-8
- Speak up for them
– Prov. 31:8-9
- Give them what they need
– James 2:15-16
- Support those who support them
– Hebrews 10:24
- Provide them a safe place
– Psalm 146:9
- Give sacrificially to them
– 2 Cor. 9:7
- Cheer them on
– 1 Thess. 5:14
- Give them a forever family
– Psalm 68:5-6
- Go visit them
– James 1:27

Trip Cost: \$2,500*

- The cost includes:
 - Airfare
 - COF fee
 - In country accommodations & transportation
 - Traveler's health insurance
 - Work Projects
 - Meals
- Not Included:
 - Passport, Indian Visa
 - Vaccinations, Gifts & Souvenirs

*This is an estimated amount




Trip Objectives

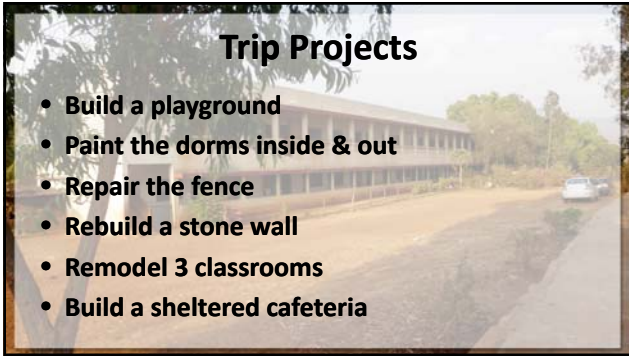
- Become the hands & feet of Jesus
- Serve the children
- Improve the facilities
- Expand our worldview

Passport & India Visa Fees

- Passport (est. \$165)
 - \$140 application fee
 - \$25 execution fee
- India 6 Month Visa (est. \$115)
 - \$76 application fee
 - \$39 service fee

Trip Projects

- Build a playground
- Paint the dorms inside & out
- Repair the fence
- Rebuild a stone wall
- Remodel 3 classrooms
- Build a sheltered cafeteria



Classroom/Cafeteria Project





ATA (as time allows)Projects

- Run a sports camp (basketball, soccer & volleyball)
- Teach a basic tailoring class
- Make a recording of the Bethesda Kids Choir
- Other ideas



What Can You Expect?

- To have ALL of your senses awakened
- To be overwhelmed
- To have a life-changing:
 - Appreciation of James 1:27
 - Understanding of God's promise to the orphan and widow
- To be stretched

Video of the Bethesda Children

