

Vacation Bible School in India – Gospel Friends



What a great inspiration this ministry is! Can you imagine hosting a VBS for more than 4000 young people, 95% of whom are from other religions! They are bussed in from their villages, sleep on mats on the floor, and are fed from vats of rice, lentils, and meat.

For five days, they learn to praise the One Who made them, clapping, dancing, singing with all their hearts. On the last day, they parade through the village, declaring God's love for all.

More than 3500 of them gave their hearts to Christ this year, bringing the total of those who have come to Christ through this ministry to well over 70,000.

The cost for this single ministry is about \$16,000, which is provided through gifts from believers in the U.S. and India. That's less than \$1/day for each child! In the months to come, visits will be made to follow-up with each child, explaining to their families the decision they have made. Entire families will be saved and new churches will be established. Some of these children will face great opposition to their new-found faith in Christ, so pray "effectively and fervently" for them to grow and to stand strong.



Please pray about partnering with Gospel Friends in India. You can make your gifts through CWM, and every penny you give goes directly to them – we don't keep a fee to cover the cost of transferring funds, of sending out receipts, or of helping them to raise funds. This ministry is building the Kingdom all across India, Myanmar, and Nepal. Pray about helping them!

Pray for them, as well. This year, challenges to Christian ministries in India are on the rise. The government has made it much more difficult to send money to them, sometimes holding up or even seizing funds. Christians are being arrested and falsely accused of "forcible conversions." We know that the church often grows exponentially in times of great persecution, but we must pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ to be strengthened.

Pray for all of the partners of Christian World Missions, in Nigeria, Nepal, Pakistan, and Starkville. Our enemy is a defeated foe! We continue to face great financial challenges and resistance from government and neighbors, but we have not reduced any ministry outreach! Our God is faithful, and we know that in His time, He will provide everything we need.



Blessings and love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Lee Ann".

Lee Ann Williamson