

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Rural Education in South India

Providing rural children with education

‘Your donations, together with locally-raised money, will help to support vital education.’

Subash Chellaiah, Link Officer for Asia and Oceania



India factfile

Capital: New Delhi

Languages: Hindi, English and at least 16 other official languages

Religion: Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Buddhism, Jainism

Export: Agricultural products, textile goods, gems and jewellery, software services and technology, engineering goods, chemicals, leather products

Life expectancy: 63 years (men), 66 years (women) (UN)

USPG in South India

In 2009, USPG sent £29,875 to support the wide range of Church of South India programmes, including healthcare, education, and development

About this Project...

▶ **Target: £1,740 / €2,000 | Project 501**

East Kerala Diocese is a beautiful region, with mountains, valleys, rivers and evergreen forests. It is home to many tribal peoples – indigenous communities whose traditional way of life is under threat as ancestral lands are bought up by agricultural corporations. To support tribal communities, East Kerala Diocese is providing eight lower primary schools and five upper primary schools. This Project will support much-needed renovations to nine of these schools.

The schools accommodate pupils irrespective of caste, religion and ethnic background. Some of the children reside in

diocesan hostels, others lodge with local families. The children integrate with the local community, which provides both the tribal and local children with a broader and more tolerant outlook.

‘This is a very important work,’ said the Revd Jessie Anand, USPG Regional Desk Officer for South Asia. ‘Some tribal peoples are facing discrimination from employers and the deforestation of their homelands, while their lack of local language means they often get cheated in deals. But this initiative is promoting friendship between cultures and providing the next generation of tribal children with a vital education.’

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