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IN MISSION **SOUTH INDIA**

# MEET YOUR PARTNER, THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA



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# THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA

By supporting your partner in South India, you are helping fund authentic programmes that make a real, tangible difference by meeting the needs of those in the Church's own community.

Here, you can read about the amazing ways in which your kind donations are being used by the Church of South India.

## The Climate Resilient Schools programme

In South India there are many environmental problems caused by heavy pollution and the effects of climate change.

The Church of South India empowers the next generation through their educational services, from nursery to secondary school, across five states of India.

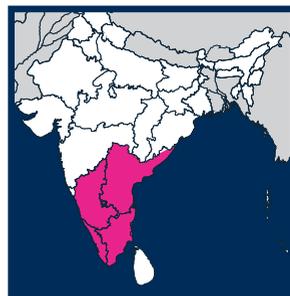
The programmes centre children in the life of the church, raising awareness of the rights of women and girls and teach children about the importance of protecting the environment. They focus on addressing the issues the students face on a daily basis whilst benefitting them educationally.

With the guidance of teachers, students will audit the consumption of natural resources within school campuses and help their schools to become good environmental managers by adopting greener solutions.

The audits will focus on air, energy, food, land, water and waste. As well as being invaluable in themselves and good for fostering teamwork and collaboration, it also means students will benefit across different academic areas.

For example:

- Measuring of garbage collected (Maths)
- Composting methods (Biology)
- Waste management (Social Studies)
- Narrative reports (English)
- Online report submission (IT studies)



Schools will submit reports, which are then graded and certified, based on their performance, and be able to take steps to improve their environmental approach. Students can then report back on the changes that have been made.

## **Kurnool Nandyal Girls Skills Training Project**

The Church of South India launched the Kurnool Training Centre for Young Women with the aim of equipping young women with vital skills with which they can improve their quality of life.

The centre is based in the city of Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh. Young women and girls from surrounding rural areas come here to learn skills such as:

- Sewing
- English
- IT
- Basket making

Along with these practical skills, women at the centre also take classes in church history and bible knowledge, with an emphasis on the importance of women in the bible.

By the time they finish the course, many women with no previous computer skills can confidently use Adobe Photoshop, Microsoft Office and Tally (an accounting software package that is widely used in India) or send emails and surf the internet. Others can confidently translate from their first language into English.

Women who have attended courses at the centre testify that the training they have received boosted their self-confidence and has enabled them to be financially independent and support their families. Many of them feel that society respects them a little more than before now that they have acquired some skills and can take care of themselves.

Some women have secured full time jobs; others have started successful businesses. Some have also become more actively involved in their local churches, usually by teaching at Sunday school or helping to run women's groups, thanks to the bible studies they attended at the training centre.



## How to support your partner church

The Partners in Mission scheme allows you to support one of seven churches around the world in serving their local communities in the love of Jesus.

When you partner with a church, 100% of your donations go towards funding these vital programmes, making an incredible difference to local communities.

If you've joined as a church, here are some options for how to support your partner:

- Make one-off donations through your [Partners in Mission Hub](#)
- Set up a [Direct Debit](#)
- Or alternatively, individuals in the congregation may like to support by setting up their own [Direct Debits](#)

If you're an individual, we welcome you to support by setting up a [Direct Debit](#), whether you are part of a church who has become a partner or you're supporting independently.

If appropriate we'd be grateful if you could tick the Gift Aid box, as this helps your donation go even further towards meeting the important needs of local communities.

## Getting to know your partner

We'll send you regular updates about the impact your donations are having, including prayer requests and the latest stories about the fantastic work being done by your partner.

If you have become a partner as a church, you can also invite a USPG speaker to visit, and you can find lots of resources to share with your congregation on your [Partners in Mission hub](#).

## Resources

You can find posters, content for your social media, information booklets and lots more, all on your bespoke [Partners in Mission hub](#).

## Making a donation

Individuals are encouraged to set up a Direct Debit either [online](#) or by filling out one of our forms. For other donations:

- **Online:** <https://partners-in-mission-south-india.raisely.com>
- **BACS:** Please get in touch with us on the details below to arrange a bank transfer
- **Cheque:** Make cheques payable to USPG and include a covering letter stating who it is from, that is for Partners in Mission, and which partner you're supporting
- **Phone:** Call +44 (0)20 7921 2200 to make a card donation over the phone

## Further information

For more details of any of our programmes, please visit our website [www.uspg.org.uk](http://www.uspg.org.uk)

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