



Projected trip for 2019 – Emmanuel Hospital, Bihar, India



We have been supporting The Emmanuel Hospital in Bihar through Tearfund since 2016 and in this time we have donated over £10,000 funding to projects, earmarked for their prevention of trafficking programmes, which has affected 5135 lives and already in 2018 we have helped to change 458 lives

History of Tearfund

It is 1960. The Cold War is in full swing and John F Kennedy is elected to the White House. It is also a year when 40 million people worldwide are made refugees by war or disaster.



Coverage of the worldwide suffering sparks a spontaneous outpouring of compassion among UK Christians. Many people send money to the Evangelical Alliance (EA), as they were not involved in overseas aid or development work the money was redirected to existing evangelical agencies around the world who were already caring for the needs of refugees around the world.



In 1967 former curate George Hoffman is hired to develop the fund's work further. They established The Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund to distribute the cash they were receiving. Then on 29 May 1968, George and members of the Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund Committee, meet for the first time. They determined to marry Christian compassion with practical action in the work of this fund. Together, they quickly establish a vision for the new organisation which is to be called Tearfund.

Publicity materials for the Tearfund include hard-hitting images and provocative messaging. Tearfund is propelled onto the Christian stage, urging a new, radical understanding of the Gospel as good news to the poor, with an emphasis caring for their physical and spiritual needs. In 1973 it becomes a registered charity. By now 80% of its aid is allocated to longer term development projects.

Tearfund's income grows each year and in 1973 it becomes a registered charity. In 1988 – Tearfund's 20th anniversary – the first post dedicated to responding to disasters is created. Tearfund goes on to pioneer new thinking about how to help reduce the risk of being affected by disasters.

Today Tearfund is one of the UK's leading relief and development agencies, commanding a respected reputation built on good practice and years of experience helping people in some of the world's most challenging places. They work in over 50 countries around the world seeking to follow Jesus where the needed is greatest.

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| Their vision: | To see people freed from poverty, living transformed lives and reaching their God-given potential |
| Their mission: | We follow Jesus where the need is greatest, responding to crisis and partnering with local churches to bring restoration to those living in poverty. |
| Their values: | We aspire to be courageous, truthful, compassionate, servant-hearted and Christ-centred |

History of EHA

Emmanuel Hospital Association (EHA) was founded in 1969 as an indigenous Christian health and development agency serving the people of North and North-East India. Its primary focus is the poor, largely in rural areas. With a catchment population of nearly seven million, EHA treats more than 770,000 patients each year in some of India's most needy areas.



The origins of the Emmanuel Hospital Association can be found in the late 1960s when a group of Indian and international leaders and health care workers met together to look for appropriate ways to bring about long-term sustainability of some 13 former mission hospitals, founded by workers from the UK, USA and



Australia, who were facing an uncertain future because of paucity of funds and the difficulty of obtaining visas for overseas health professionals. EHA's founding 13 hospitals have since grown to a network of 20 hospitals and 30 community health and development projects, 8 HIV/AIDS projects and 6 schools.

Tearfund have been working closely with EHA since 1985

EHA's Vision Statement: Fellowship for transformation through caring
EHA's Mission: EHA (Emmanuel Hospital Association) is a fellowship of Christian institutions and individuals that exists to transform communities through caring, with primary emphasis on the poor and the marginalized.

Outline of the trip



In addition to the funding that we are at present sending for EHA's work in preventing trafficking St Paul's church have other connections with EHA. The late husband of Marjorie Prior worked for EHA, and Lis Cullis, wife of Andrew our vicar until 2000, is familiar with EHA having taught their children there.

We plan to have Tearfund provide an itinerary which is designed around us and the projects that our funds are supporting and we wish to see. Due to the nature of their work in this field we may not be able to see everything due to child protection issues, however here are outline details of some of the things we hope to be doing.



We will start of our trip by spending time with the EHA key staff, project team and Tearfund in-country staff learning about the work they are doing, how they support those in danger of trafficking and help to rescue those already trafficked.



We would meeting key community and church leaders



Visiting projects that are designed to give the children skills that would help them avoid being trafficked. These can include schooling or work training to enable them to earn money to help their family finances (instead of costing the family as they would have to pay normally for schooling)



Prayer walking and taking cell groups would be opportunity of staying in



part in local services and visiting arranged. There may also be the a local village with villagers



Other options would be to visit local project work including local farms where people are trained in farming skills

Schooling is another valuable source of training that families are helped with

It is planned that this trip would take place in August 2019 and would last 7 – 10 days. We would initially fly to New Delhi Airport and then transfer to a smaller aircraft to go to Patna and then a train and car to take us to EHA.

The trip will be accompanied by a member of Tearfund UK staff and there will also be locally based Tearfund staff where we are going. The accommodation would be local guest houses or hotels and there may be an opportunity for our party to stay with local people in one of the villages.

If you are interested then can we remind you to let the World Church Team know by emailing them on worldchurch@stpaulsdorking.org.uk by 1st July 2018. This is not a commitment to go but knowing who is interested would mean that we can make further enquiries and arrangements.