



# India Short Term Mission Preparation Packet

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# Mission Overview

## Vision and Purpose

The vision of the For All Mankind Movement is to **reach** immigrant laborers with the gospel in the Gulf region who come from all over the 10/40 window, **equip** them to be obedient followers of Christ, and **send** them back to their home countries as missionaries to their own people. The For All Mankind Movement desires to partner with the local churches to enable them to fulfill their missional objectives through initiating, facilitating, and nurturing oral outreach strategies that result in church planting movements.

## Strategic Initiative

### Compassion Kits Distribution Team – Punjab, India – May 2017

Your mission is to facilitate launching new story groups among impoverished villagers in India through Compassion Kit parties. You will be working with existing story groups and house churches to encourage the believers and reap an evangelistic harvest. You will be equipped to share God's Word and minister through prayer, fellowship, and distributing Compassion Kits.

## Quick Look

- **Dates:** 5/12/17 (departure from US) to 5/20/17 (return to US)
- **Team Size:** The ideal team size is 21 participants (this is a co-ed team)
  - Minimum team size is 12 people
- **Cost:** Total cost per person is between \$2,400 and \$3,400 (based on airfare and housing)

## Description

The primary role of your mission team will be to facilitate Compassion Kit Parties in partnership with story groups in local villages. These parties will involve:

- Fellowship Time
- Storytelling (3 stories at each party)
- Evangelistic Invitation
- Promotion of House Church Meeting
- Compassion Kit Distribution
- Intercessory Prayer

Each party will have around 50 - 200 people present. Local church planters will be there to organize the meetings. Mission team members will be grouped into teams of three and will go to different locations for four full days of ministry in villages. Translators will be with each of these teams.

## Your mission will be to:

- Execute a prescribed strategy using the provided bible stories to communicate the gospel and extend an invitation for people to become followers of Christ.
- Have home visits and other varied ministries in the villages each day. These will include ministries such as prayer walking, visiting the sick, widows and orphans, sharing the gospel in homes, encouraging the local believers, visiting schools, and praying for the needy.

# Mission Preparation

## Deadlines

- Application for team members Mar 13, 2016
- Registration Deposit for team members (\$100 due) Mar 20, 2016
- Final Payment for team members (\$800 - \$1100 due) Apr 10, 2016
- Purchase Airfare Apr 10, 2016

## Application & Registration

- Participants must complete an online application. Apply before the deadline at <http://www.compassionkits.com/international-opportunities.html>. Participant slots are not reserved without a completed application and paid deposit.
- A \$100.00 non-refundable deposit is required for each participant to reserve a slot on a team.

## Costs

Cost for this mission is broken down into fixed costs and variable costs. The For All Mankind Movement receives payment from individuals or groups who have registered to cover fixed costs (in-country expenses). All costs are given in USD.

The For All Mankind Movement encourages you to work with your local church for payment. If you are joining this mission trip as an individual (not through your local church) you can arrange payment by contacting our church relations office.

**Fixed Costs:** Per Person: \$900.00

\$1,200.00 if staying at hotel

Church needs to decide together if all participants want to stay in host homes or hotel.

Fixed costs include in-country transportation, fuel, lodging, food, translators, Compassion Kits, cultural excursions and other incidentals (does not include personal passports.)

**Variable Costs:** Airfare Per Person: \$1,500.00 - \$2,200.00

**Total Expected Trip Costs:** \$2,400 - \$3,400 per person

## Travel Documents

### U.S. Passport Requirement

A U.S. passport that is valid for at least 6 more months after dates of travel is required for entrance into India. For new passports we recommend an Adult Passport Book. For instructions go to: <https://www.usps.com/shop/apply-for-a-passport.htm>

### India Visa Requirement

An Indian visa is **required** for entrance to India for individuals with a U.S. passport. The FAMM Church Relations Team will send detailed instructions via email for applying for an Indian Visa.

## Travel Insurance Considerations

FAMM does not require travel insurance, however, we recommend you check with your local insurance company to verify your coverage while traveling. If additional travel insurance is desired, affordable options are Trip Armor (<https://triparmor.mhross.com>) or Seven Corners (<https://www2.sevencorners.com/insurance-for-travelers>.)

## Medical Considerations

FAMM does not require preventive medical treatment before coming on a trip. India does not require vaccinations for entry into the country. We suggest you visit your preferred physician 4-6 weeks before traveling to obtain any vaccinations or medications suggested for your travel.

## Flight Information

- Dates and times that align with our mission activities:
  - Arrive in **Chandigarh**, India morning of Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> (This will require departing from U.S.A. May 12<sup>th</sup>.)
  - Depart **Chandigarh**, India evening of Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> (Should arrive back in U.S.A. May 20<sup>th</sup>)

### Arrival:

- All participants on each team need to arrive into IXC on the same flight. To get from Delhi to Chandigarh we recommend Air India 463 (departs at 11:00am on Sunday)
- You will need to arrive at the Delhi International Airport no later than 8:00am on Sunday. If you chose the Emirates flight (EK 512) out of Dubai, it arrives at 2:40am.

### Return:

- The return flight from Chandigarh to Delhi is Air India 464 (departs at 12:40pm on Friday).
- For the International return, make sure you book your return flight out of Delhi International that departs no earlier than 4:40pm on Friday. This will make sure you have connecting time after your Domestic Flight into Delhi arrives at 1:40pm.
- **Team leaders MUST coordinate with FAMM Church Relations team member before purchase.**

## Payment Information

- **Deposit:** Please pay a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 when registering as an individual or for each person you are registering in your group. Please send the name of each person for which you are making a payment
- **Final Payment of Fixed Costs:**
  - Final payment of balance of \$900-\$1100 must be made for each team member by April 10, 2017.
- Payments can be made online or by check (checks are preferred method of payment for churches).
  - Online: <http://www.compassionkits.com/short-term-trips.html>
  - Check – mail to:

**FAMM**

**Attn: Punjab**

**24654 N. Lake Pleasant Pkwy #103-165**

**Peoria, AZ 85383**

- Make checks payable to “FAMM” (Specify “STM” and the destination in memo)

## **Packing Information**

In India, you will be lodging in a village setting and will have limited or no access to some convenience items you would typically have readily available in the U.S. Having the mindset of a camping trip will help you make the mental adjustment. Following are recommendations for items to pack.

### **India Packing List for Men:**

#### **Bags:**

Please pack everything into an easily portable small/medium size suitcase or backpack. You will be responsible for carrying your own luggage. NO large bags!

**Clothing:** All clothing must be modest.

- Shirts – Shirts should NOT be sleeveless. Polo or button-down shirts are best for day and evening activities.
- Pants – NO denim jeans or shorts in the village! Please only wear slacks or full-length cargo pants at all times.
- Sleepwear – Modest sleepwear with long pants or shorts and shirt. Remember, you will be staying in a local house with other people. We must always keep modesty as our guide in how we dress.
- Light jacket or sweater – It can be a bit chilly in the evenings.
- Shoes – Comfortable shoes that are easy to remove when entering houses.
- Toiletries:
  - IF you have access to electricity, it will be 220V so all electrical equipment must meet those specifications.
  - Toilet paper, a small towel, wet wipes and/or hand sanitizer
- Medicine – Pain reliever, anti-diarrhea, heart burn, motion sickness, sinus/allergy, band-aids
- Other – Sunscreen, Bug Spray, Anti-itch cream, flashlight with batteries
- Bedding – Light sleeping bag or blanket and small pillow
- Snacks – Healthy, non-perishable snacks
- Candy to give to children in the villages (optional)
- Small toys to play with the kids in the village
- Small gifts for host home and translator (see guidelines below)
- Training materials, bible, pen, notebook
- **Do Not Bring** – cards, dice, dominos, tobacco products, alcohol or illicit drugs

## **India Packing List for Women:**

### **Bags:**

Please pack everything into an easily portable small/medium size suitcase or backpack. You will be responsible for carrying your own luggage. NO large bags!

### **Clothing:**

All clothing must be extremely modest. Indian clothes are the best option. Please note that in India, women wear their shirts to their knees with modest baggy pants. Clothing following our guidelines must be worn for traveling into and out of South Asia, as well.

Online Website for reference: <http://www.fabindia.com/women/clothing/kurtas-kurtis/knee-length-kurtas.html#/page/1>

- Shirts – All shirts must be loose fitting and not revealing or have a low neckline. Shirts must NOT be sleeveless and must be knee-length or below. Indian shirts (Kurtas) are the best options.
- Pants – NO jeans, blue denim, shorts, short skirts, ripped pants, or capris! All pants should be full length and modest. Ankle length maxi skirts are also fine.
- Sleepwear – modest sleepwear with long pants and shirt (no sleeveless). Remember, you will be staying in a local house with other people. We must always keep modesty as our guide in how we dress.
- Light jacket or sweater – It can be a bit chilly in the evenings.
- Shoes – Comfortable shoes that are easy to remove when entering houses.
- Scarf – You will need to bring a scarf to cover your head while you are in the services or when praying for the people.
- Toiletries:
  - IF you have access to electricity, it will be 220w so all hair dryers, phone chargers, etc., must meet those specifications (electricity is not guaranteed).
  - Feminine Hygiene – bring extra supplies because it will be unavailable in India. Bring small Ziploc bags to dispose of used products.
  - Toilet paper, small towel, wet wipes and/or hand sanitizer
- Medicine – Pain reliever, anti-diarrhea, heart burn, motion sickness, sinus/allergy, band-aids
- Other – Sunscreen, Bug Spray, Anti-itch cream, flashlight with batteries
- Bedding – Light sleeping bag or blanket and small pillow
- Snacks – Healthy, non-perishable snacks
- Candy to give to children in the villages (optional)
- Small toys to play with the kids in the village
- Small gifts for host home and translator (see guidelines below)
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## **Gifts for Host Families and Translators**

The team will divide into sub-teams of three people and minister in different villages. Each sub-team of three will stay with a host family and will have a translator for the week. As a token of appreciation to your host family and translator, we suggest that your sub-team bring one gift for your host family and one gift for you translator. These gifts do not need to be expensive, just a simple way of saying thank you. Gifts should be given at the end of your trip.

### **Suggestions for the host family:**

- Small Christian decoration
- Cross
- Candle
- Table cloth or Table Runner
- Picture Frame with your photo

### **Suggestions for the translator:**

- Journal
- Pens
- Bible cover
- Book mark
- Decorative cross

## **Training and Expectations**

Sharing the Gospel in India is done through story form. At each CK party three stories will be shared: A personal testimony, a 'hook' story, and a gospel story. Your team should practice these three stories before arriving and be confident to tell them each day. Because the culture you will encounter prefers to learn and share through stories, it is crucially important to be as accurate as possible to the biblical record when sharing. All sharing will be done through a translator.

The stories chosen have proven to be very effective in starting story groups and seeing an evangelistic harvest. We suggest meeting together with your team and audibly practicing each of the three stories in the months leading up to your trip. Your team will break up into smaller groups of 2-3 people and host one or more Compassion Kit distributions each night. For this reason, everyone should be prepared to tell each story.

FAMM provides training resources which are available online. Go to <http://www.compassionkits.com/team-training-resources.html> to get started. The password is "goforit."

# On The Field

## Tentative Schedule

Sunday: Arrive in India

- Pick up from airport
- Quick cultural excursion
- Rest up at hotel for the night

Monday: Orientation and travel to villages

- Orientation and Prep for ministry in the villages
- Sub-teams travel to village destination
- First Compassion Kit party in villages

Tuesday-Thursday: CK Distribution in villages

- Team devotions
- Daytime Ministry opportunities
- Night CK Distribution Party

Friday: Debrief and Departure

- Breakfast
- Debrief
- Lunch
- Team travels to airport in time for flight departure

## Food

In India we consider this an immersion into culture trip. Indians give food as their act of love. We will be eating food prepared by the host homes. It will definitely be a reflection of the local culture. Our FAMM – India team provides host homes with a menu of appropriate meals, money to provide the meals and safety procedures for cooking for foreigners. In dealing with the food, we follow Jesus' command in Luke 10, "Eat whatever they give you to eat." Be prepared to eat a lot and enjoy this part of the culture. One of our mottos for missions is, "When God calls your heart, He also calls your stomach!"

## Transportation

FAMM will arrange all in-country travel.

## Accommodations

When staying in the villages you will be staying in a host home in the area where you will be ministering. We try to provide the best housing available. You will be truly incarnational in the sense that you will experience the culture in every way, including your lodging. We guarantee that you will have a bed off the floor and a private place to use the restroom and shower.

## Contact Information

For questions please contact our Church Relations Office at:  
[fammchurchrelations@gmail.com](mailto:fammchurchrelations@gmail.com) or at 316.200.8505.