



## AFLC World Missions

*The purpose of AFLC World Missions is,  
by the grace of God, to make disciples  
of all nations through teaching and evangelism.*

### Freeing the Oppressed in India

The false beliefs of Hinduism oppresses people in a multitude of ways. It's estimated that Hinduism has 33 million deities. According to Hinduism, a person must work to worship and appease these gods, to improve their next life.

Hinduism oppresses people on a physical level as well, through the cast system. The lower cast Dalits (untouchables) endure near complete social isolation, humiliation and discrimination based exclusively on their birth status. Even a Dalit's shadow is believed to pollute the upper classes. We can only imagine what it is like to live under this type of oppression. Recent news stories highlight that this oppression is a common cause for suicide.



Jesus declared that he came to release the oppressed and proclaim the year of the Lord's favor (Lk. 4:18-19). With His obedience and sacrifice in our place, Christ paid for our eternal life. Instead of having to fight our way to a god, the one and only true God came to us and did all that was needed for our relationship with Him. Our eternity in heaven is assured because of His sacrifice. In response to His graciousness, He has commissioned us to carry this good news to the spiritually oppressed (Matt. 28:18-20). Those saved by His mercy will also look after the needs of the physically oppressed (James 1:27). With these things in mind we attempt to free the oppressed in India.



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We also reach the physically oppressed through our orphanage and St. Paul's School. Poor children from lower casts are given an education. This education allows them to receive scholarships to intermediate school and collages. Our students have gone on to study becoming engineers and doctors. Sushma, a young girl from a poor Christian family came back to the school and thanked all who helped her after

she passed the entrance exams to get into intermediate school. Sushma said, "It was only by God's grace and our prayers that I was able to advance to my new school." We can only imagine what this must mean to a poor, lower cast child. These young people go on to become the future leaders of the AFLC of India.

Currently the buildings that house our orphanage, medical clinic, Bible school and St. Paul's School are extremely inadequate. They are cramped, have little to no toilet facilities and are open sided. During the monsoon season the rain blows through getting the students, their books and papers wet.

A new building has been proposed that will adequately house the ministries of the AFLC of India. The three story building will cover the entire existing lot owned by the AFLC of India. It will provide facilities for a chapel, St. Paul's School, the Bible school and orphanage. It will also have space for offices, a medical clinic and the housing for guests and teachers from the US and Canada. This building will be used to free those oppressed by spiritual and physical poverty in India.

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