



India Service Trip: April 3-14, 2020

Mission

The India Service Trip is open to TKA juniors and seniors. We will be partnering with First Love International, an organization devoted to providing housing, necessities, and education to orphan children. Our team will minister to the spiritual needs of these children through various VBS programs, games, activities, and arts and crafts. We may have the opportunity to minister to the local community and tea plantation villages by leading outreach programs and providing facility enhancements while sharing the gospel.

Goals

We desire our students to grow in faith as they share the gospel and learn to trust God in the countryside of India. Students will gain irreplaceable experience in learning how to love others regardless of lifestyle, culture, or status. They will have the opportunity to witness God's redemptive power and healing work in the lives of outcasts as they experience first-hand how much God loves each precious life. By bridging vast differences and distances, our students will come to appreciate what may be unfamiliar and begin to see God's handiwork in everything, everywhere.

Itinerary

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| April 3/4 | Travel to Siliguri, India |
| April 5-13 | Ministering to a Children's Homes in Siliguri, kid's programs, facility repairs |
| April 14 | Return to San Francisco |

Accommodations/Food

We will be housed on-site at the children's guest house or at a nearby hotel. Each suite-like room accommodates up to three people. Breakfast may be provided by the hotel (if appropriate) and lunch and dinner will be served at the Children's Homes. We may have some dinners eating out.

Cost - \$2900

The cost for this trip covers airfare to New Delhi, and a domestic flight to Bagdogra. It will also cover lodging, meals, visa, and ministry costs. Students will only have to cover additional costs of meals at airports and personal spending money.

Application Process- Student's Part

To apply, please submit the 2020 Service Trip Online Application. The 2020 Service Trip Application is for current full-time students only. The link to this application will be posted on the Student Portal under the "Alerts" section in the upper-right corner. Applications will only be accepted during the following time frame: Thursday, August 29, 3:00 p.m. through Wednesday, September 4, 12:30 p.m. (Note: The application will no longer be available after 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4).

**Application Process- Parent's Part**

In order for the student's application to be accepted, parents must read and agree to TKA's Service Trip Financial Policies. A link to these policies will be sent to parents when the application is submitted; parents must review these policies and submit agreement through the link provided by Wednesday, September 4, 10:00 p.m.

Selection Process

The team will consist of 15 students plus adult chaperones. After applications are submitted, participants will be interviewed and selected based on the following trip-specific criteria: a servant's attitude, a love for children, a willingness to learn and participate, cross-cultural sensitivity, and previous service experience. We may experience heat/humidity, possible rains, and pervasive insects. Applicants must be flexible, and open to being challenged outside of their comfort zone while maintaining a positive attitude. Due to the remote nature of this trip, students with certain medical conditions may not be able to attend. For the India trip, priority will not automatically be given based on grade level. All applicants will be notified by September 30, 2019.

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