2017 Woman-to-Woman Worldwide Journey
Republic of India
October 7-21, 2017
REPUBLIC OF INDIA

• Capital City – New Delhi (population nearly 19 million)
• Largest City – Mumbai (population nearly 21 million)
• Second most populous country (over 1.2 billion people)
• Most populous democracy in the world
• Social stratification based on caste
• Newly industrialized country
• Faces challenges of poverty, corruption, malnutrition, and inadequate public healthcare.
• Pluralistic, multilingual and multi-ethnic society
• Home to a diversity of wildlife in a variety of protected habitats
What is Woman-to-Woman Worldwide?

Disciples Women created Woman-to-Woman Worldwide in 1989 with the following purpose:

… to help women from the United States and Canada learn what life is like as a woman of faith in other countries around the world.

Woman-to-Woman is sponsored by Disciples Women's Ministries and in partnership with Global Ministries
2017 Woman-to-Woman Worldwide Delegation
Orientation in Chicago

Prepared for journey with information about India, its people, its customs, and itinerary.

Worked together to prepare to be listeners…setting aside any preconceived notions of the country or the people we would be visiting.

Blessing service for Joani Adorno, a Global Missions Intern.

She traveled with us to Durgapur and is serving there now for 6 months.
Durgapur:
- Diocesan Women’s Fellowship – convention and dinner
- Diocese of Durgapur – children and neighborhood
- Moumita Biswas, Secretary of Women’s Program, National Council of Churches of India

Malda:
- Safe House (Anti-Human Trafficking)

Kolkata:
- Swadhina (Self-Esteemed Women)
- Health Center: HIV infected children, abandoned sex workers

Delhi:
- Cure International – India/Indian Samaritans
- Women’s Fellowship of the Diocese of Delhi
- Women Activists – Center for Social Equity and Inclusion (CSEI)
- Programs of CSEI
Durgapur

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- Manju’s Story
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Anti-Human Trafficking Program of the Diocese of Durgapur (Church of North India)
Women from Diocese of Durgapur were compelled to open a program to offer a safe space and new opportunities for self-expression to children who are at-risk of being trafficked. This program runs six child development centers and four residential homes. Each center provides an impressive range of opportunities including formal education, kitchen gardening, string instrument lessons, nutritional meals, medical check-ups, sports, sewing lessons, and more.

There are more than 350 children who attend programs at one of the children centers of this program, and many others who are in the target areas awaiting admission into one of their residential homes.
WWW 2017 Project:
Anti-Human Trafficking and Education Resource Ministries

- **Education Resource Centers of Center for Social Equity and Inclusion**
  ERCs are spaces for children from socially excluded communities to explore their talents, excel in education, and engage in a host of activities.

- In Vijay Vihar, over 50% of the population is from the Dalit community. There are no government schools operating in Vijay Vihar and no secondary schools.

- CSEI envisions increased opportunities and expertise on engaging families of children at the ERCs. Recognizing the tremendous role of the home environment for a child’s development, CSEI would like to increase the number of discussions and group sessions for parents to discuss problems children are facing at home and at school.
Delhi Women’s Sewing Project

- A group of women in Delhi desire to start a training program for 7-10 women to learn how to sew garments to provide them with income and stability. The project would provide income for 3 months of training and 3 months to begin their business with a plan that will make them self-sustaining after that 6 months. The total cost of initiating this project is $6,000. They cannot begin until they have the full amount so they can commit to the women involved.

- If you would like to participate in providing these funds to help these women change their lives, Disciples Women is accepting donations now. If you would like to make a donation on behalf of someone else, we will send an acknowledgement to the person or group named.
WWW 2017 Projects

- You can donate to all projects online
- If you prefer to donate by mail be sure to send to the proper address and make a note on the memo line of where you want your donation to go.

- **Delhi Women’s Sewing Project**, please send to:
  Disciples Women’s Ministries  
P.O. Box 1986  
Indianapolis, IN 46206

- **Anti-Human Trafficking and Education Resource Ministries**, please send to:
  Global Ministries, Resource Development  
P.O. Box 1986  
Indianapolis, IN 46206
More About India

- The women who participated in this journey will be speaking often and in many venues to tell more of the story.
- The story of the church in India is one of hope and struggle.
- If you would like to invite one of the participants to come and share the journey with your church or group, contact Disciples Women at odw@dhm.disciples.org or you can find their email addresses on the website.