

AKOT MEDICAL MISSION – SOUTH SUDAN, AFRICA



Mustard Seed International (MSI) is ministering to the Dinka people of Southern Sudan at their point of greatest need. According to UNICEF and the 2006 Sudan Household Health Survey, Sudan's infant mortality rate is 81 deaths per 1,000 live births, with an under-five mortality rate of 112 deaths per 1,000 live births. Southern Sudan has no paved roads and most of the population travel on foot with their livestock in search of water and food. Most live in grass and mud brick huts.

Since Oct. 1, 2006, when the MSI Akot Medical Mission opened its doors, tens of thousands of patients have received medical and spiritual care from a team of expatriate and indigenous staff. They administer immunizations and provide medical services and health education, desiring to be God's instrument of love and compassion to the lost and hurting people of Southern Sudan.



Although it is one of MSI's largest medical ministries, the Akot Medical Mission desperately needs additional facilities and equipment to meet the enormous need of the people it serves. MSI is faithfully waiting to begin construction on a surgery building, a second outpatient building and housing for short-term teams and staff.

KOLKATA, INDIA



Kolkata, India is a teeming city of over 16 million people on the northeastern coast of India, with almost 2 million people living on the streets. In a country where many children are not able to attend school, finish school or ever become fully literate, MSI is helping to provide numerous children in Kolkata with a quality education. Through ministry partners, MSI sponsors eight schools, two mobile schools for children

living on the street and an orphanage. In Kolkata alone, MSI is serving and impacting the lives of more than 3,000 children and their families. While Kolkata is known by many Christians as the mission field of William Carey, Mother Teresa and others, only 2 percent of the Indian population are Bible-believing Christians. Through Christ-like compassion, kindness and love, MSI and its partners are working to provide hope to a society plagued by abject poverty.

TAIWAN

Over the years, hundreds of churches have been constructed by MSI to support and encourage the emerging church in Taiwan. Working with and through indigenous churches in Taiwan, MSI missionaries helped to share Christ and sustain the faith of many Taiwanese. In addition, MSI established or revamped many schools, medical clinics, tuberculosis sanitoriums and leprosariums to meet the needs of the mountain people of the region. The



birthplace of MSI, the Mustard Seed Mission of Taiwan is now self-sustaining and requires no direct support from MSI. It continues the legacy of MSI founder Lillian Dickson, by seeking to be the hands and feet of Christ to the people of Taiwan.

SOUTHEAST ASIA



According to the World Health Organization (WHO), Southeast Asia is home to nearly half of the world's poor. Women are especially affected by poverty in this region. According to figures from WHO, "maternal mortality in Southeast Asia accounts for about 40 percent of global deaths, with over 50 percent of infant deaths in the Region occur during the neonatal period; nearly two-thirds within the first week of birth, mostly due to perinatal causes."

Through MSI partnerships with local people groups, indigenous leaders are being raised up and equipped to serve, helping to sustain the region and combat the issues that the local people face. MSI is meeting the practical needs of those in the region through initiatives like the digging of wells in villages that will provide the poor with clean water.

MSI also prioritizes the young people of the region, providing care and shelter for abandoned children. New schools are being established, and teachers are being recruited, trained and sent out as missionaries to classrooms around the region. In addition, MSI brings teenagers off of the streets and mentors them in special MSI youth centers.



Looking towards the future, MSI hopes to advance its ministry in Southeast Asia by increasing its outreach to youth and young adults, in addition to orphaned and neglected children of the region. It also seeks to plant more churches and minister through medical services and facilities.

HUNGARY

MSI, in strategic partnership with Sonflower Ministries, facilitates outreach and church planting efforts in the former Communist country of Hungary and across Central and Eastern Europe. Two world wars and Soviet rule until 1989 took its toll on the church movement in Hungary. By the late 1990s, the surviving small churches began re-evangelizing in this nation of 10 million people. However, an evangelizing church



presence is still nonexistent in many communities in Hungary. The collaborative effort between MSI and Sonflower Ministries is resulting in a utilization of short-term mission trips within long-term partnerships between U.S. and overseas churches, focusing on church planting and church revitalization.