

The Indian Thread

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After 36 hours of train ride, our eMi² team of five finally reached Cuddapah, Andhra Pradesh, in the southern part of India. As soon as I jumped off from the train, an Indian auntie standing right next to the door immediately held my hand and asked if we were the 'eMi folks'. Before I answered her question she ran away with excitement and came back with another old gentleman, her younger brother who turned out to be our client for this project trip, Brother S---

He invited our team to design a children's rescue home for 25 orphans on his family farmland in Kamalapuram.

Brother S--- has been living in the US for the past 35 years. During his visit to his home town Kamalapuram in September 2004, he read some of the tragic stories of the orphans in Cuddapah district from a local magazine. He was convicted to rescue the helpless children but knew that the needs were tremendous. The Lord challenged him, 'But can you help one?' He answered: 'I suppose I can help more than one, may be 10 or 20 children.' Brother S--- real-

ized that he was called to give and do whatever he can, even though it may seem small. He decided to follow this call which brought forth the vision of 'Lord's Nest Children's Rescue Home', a safe place for the orphans in the district of Cuddapah where they can receive the love of their heavenly father. Initially the children's home would accommodate 10 kids with a care taker unit and dinging/study facilities. If the Lord wills, it may expand for 25 children in the future.

It is with this clear vision that our team was called to help bringing it one step closer to reality. We came up with a 'courtyard' design to resemble the idea of the 'Lord's Nest'.

However, one thing which remains unclear is the exact location of the site. Brother S---, his sister and our team spent two half days, walking among thorn bushes searching for the boundary stones, talking to a man from the village to verify the location of the site. We knew that we were physically near the site but we just could not locate it. Without knowing the boundaries, even the survey equipment which we carried all the way from Mussoorie was of no use. Fortunately, Brother S--- was able to obtain the government 'site map' which at least indicated the size and shape of the land and so, after converting the unfamiliar link dimensions into feet, we were able to document the site area in the end

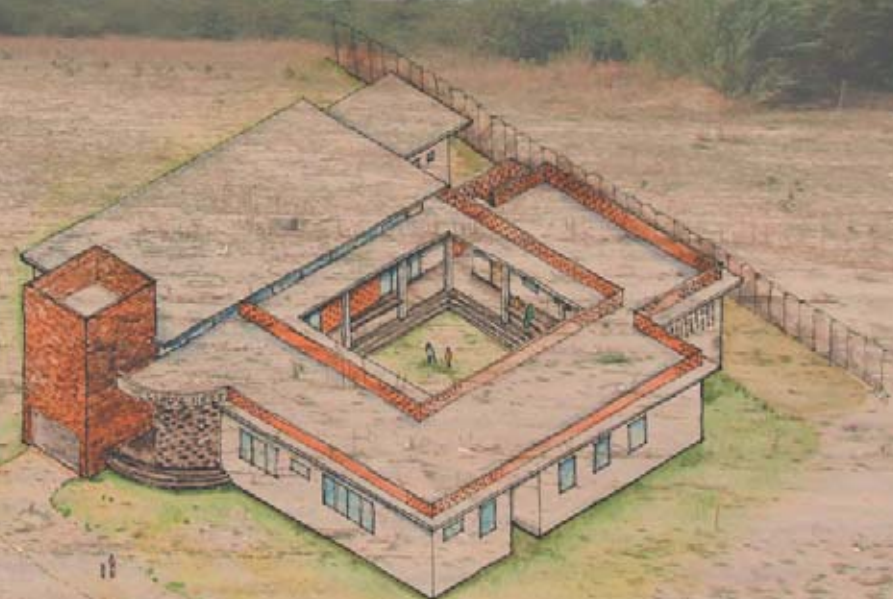
- at least on paper.

The other exciting part of this trip was the great blessing of having an Indian Civil Engineer volunteering with us, which made our small team more diverse, three nationalities and four languages in our team of five. It is such a beautiful picture when we from different backgrounds and ethnic groups come together, exercising our different gifts to serve together and fellowship with each other. It is a small reflection of the body of Christ.

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Daniel, S---, Andrew, Uncle S---, Matthew, Ivy, Auntie S---



Sketch of the Lord's Nest and the site where it will be built.

IT'S A SIGN!

Take a look at some signs that we have come across in our travels...



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