

The Indian Thread

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“One more picture...” pleaded S---, as I pulled out my camera. This six-year old wanted to pose for all the shots I could take. His excitement of being photographed, combined with his naughty expression, made me smile and give in to his request.

S--- was just one of the nearly twenty children we met in a small orphanage in South India. His world was too small for him to comprehend that we had come all the way from North India, or that some of us were from halfway around the world. To him, we were just a group of new playmates. He cheerfully involved us in his little world of silliness and games.



S---'s friends...

churches, most of them led by pastors that were brought as children into the orphanage. Pastor V--- believes that the best is yet to come.

Even though hosting guests wasn't convenient in a small house already teeming with children, we witnessed a spirit of joy there. Each person's sacrificial hospitality - cheerfully giving us so much from the little they had - humbled us and inspired us as we worked.

Pastor V---'s gracious, open spirit has been passed on to these children. As we prayed for them, we knew in our hearts that God is with them and is calling them to accomplish great things for His Kingdom.

Shalom Lazarus
Communications Manager, eMi²



Gretchen sketching plans

How well do you know our staff?

Match these descriptions of our staff to their names! Answers below.

1. A storyteller of fiery dragons and princesses.
2. A Gandhi look-alike when bald who loves Tom and Jerry.
3. The computer guru with a love for butter and VeggieTales.
4. Most used phrase: 'Open peas!' (Translation: Open please!)
5. Renaissance man of India who can make big earrings.
6. Worldwide traveler of 21 countries with accounts of sneezing elephants.
7. The one who coined the phrase 'Open carrots!' in response to #4.
8. The multilingual pastry chef who enjoys walking steep goat trails.
9. The big kid at heart who owns a variety of gents shawls.
10. The master pie maker with cow swatting skills to match.

Upendra Kumar, **Administrator**
Shalom Lazarus, **Communications Manager**
Sheri Lazarus, **Cultural Coordinator**
Ratan Lama, **Facilities Supervisor**



The eMi² Staff

Ryan Koeniger, **Architect**
Matt Coffey, **Director**
Isabel Smith, **Baby**
Robin Smith, **House Manager**
Steve Smith, **Civil Engineer**
Eirene Smith, **Pre-schooler**

Answers: 1.Eirene 2.Upendra 3.Shalom 4.Isabel 5.Ratan 6.Sheri 7.Matt 8.Robin 9.Ryan 10.Steve

Our Fall Interns



If you have trouble pronouncing Huberth's name, don't worry, call him "Keyboard" instead (like the children in Guntur did!).

Keyboard is our local architecture intern from India whose hobbies include telling agonizing jokes and playing the guitar (and drums... and flutes... and harmonicas). He astounds us all with his big earrings and Indian dancing skills.



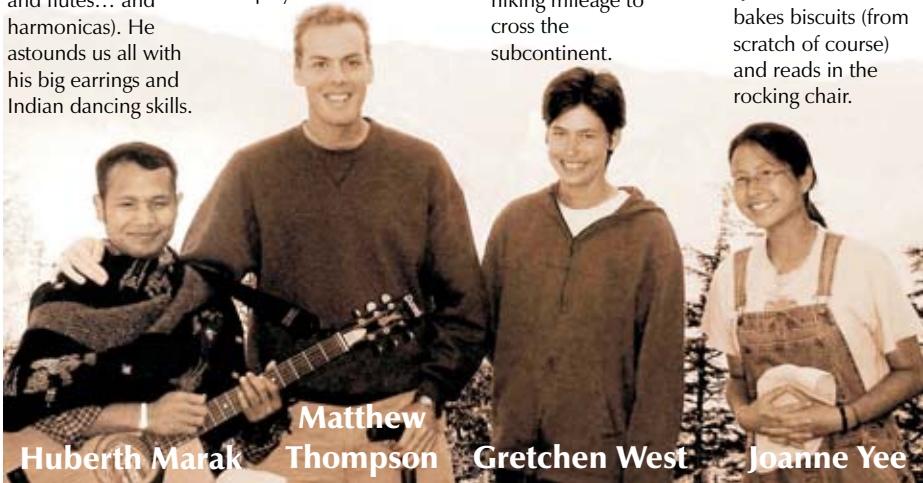
"Big Matt" Thompson, our 6'4" civil engineering intern, spends his spare time unraveling the Rubik's cube mystery and composing lyrical songs. You can easily spot him surveying sites from his bright red lobster complexion after a day of work in the sun. He is currently being sucked into the game of cricket and adjusting to spicy food.



Our Illinois native, Gretchen, embraces the Indian culture by cheering for squatty potties and hot humid weather. Her love for architecture and God can be seen through her 50 rolls of picturesque photographs of God's creation. She will be staying until May with enough hiking mileage to cross the subcontinent.



Our California architecture intern, Joanne, has been braving steep hills, multiple bug bites, and unknown chai sources. Although she's the youngest of the group, she's known as "JoMamma" as she bakes biscuits (from scratch of course) and reads in the rocking chair.



Huberth Marak

Matthew Thompson

Gretchen West

Joanne Yee

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