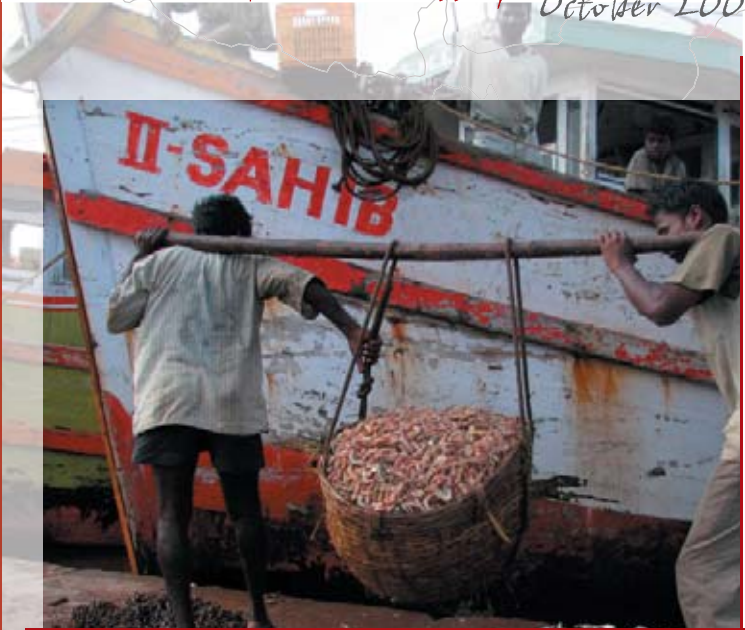


The Indian Thread

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Machilipatnam, on the eastern coast of south India, boasts of giant shrimp; they measure as long as one's arm! Every morning, the docks are lined up with boats. Fishermen off-load baskets teeming with their catch from the sea. Prawns, sting rays, baby sharks, hammerhead sharks, eels, pomfrets, and flounders all lie on the ground, waiting to be sorted, and either sold at the local market or exported.

volunteer with giant shrimp



eMi² intern, Eric with Richie



Rajesh's Medical Van



Last month, our team traveled to Machilipatnam and saw these fishermen with their boats and their catches. The men seemed to be as fascinated with us as we were with their fish and giant prawns!

Our client - NACEA headed in India by T.B. P--- - serves these coastal people of Andhra Pradesh. T.B.'s friend, C---, is the international director of NACEA. T.B. and C--- have been working closely together for the last 15 years to establish the work of NACEA. Finally, NACEA is partnering with FAME, a U.S.-based group of medical professionals that fund the development of hospitals in developing countries.

Although NACEA is already working to plant churches, train local leaders and run sewing centres for women, T.B.'s ministry has recently grown even broader. Seven years ago, T.B. and his wife found a baby boy on their doorstep. R--- is now their adopted son. From this unexpected beginning, the work has expanded to include caring for twelve orphan children.

Our team, however, was called to help NACEA with a new vision that has been developing for some time now. T.B. P---'s parents both passed away because of different physical ailments which could have been treated using simple medical knowledge. However, there was neither a hospital in the area for treatment nor doctors who could properly diagnose them. In response to this tragedy, T.B.'s older son, Ra---,

studied to become a doctor and has set up his own clinic in town. Although a dentist by training, he provides general medical services as well.

This desire to provide basic medical services to the coastal people of AP, forged with the close bond of friendship with C--- and FAME ultimately brought eMi² into the picture. Our challenge was to design a hospital on a small 85' by 95' property that they have purchased.

As our eMi team worked with C---, T.B. and Ra---, we witnessed God bringing us together in a strong bond that developed quickly. We labored together to transfer the vision from their hearts to drawings on paper. We enjoyed close fellowship over the many meals we ate together in their home. There were many times of laughter & memories of C--- teaching us to hypnotize a

chicken, when Eric told us riddles & R--- displayed his karate moves.

God is working out his plans for the people of AP, and as we sketched a design for what the hospital may look like, we knew that he had brought FAME, NACEA and eMi² together in unity for a purpose - his purpose.

So the next time you eat shrimp, think of the coastal people of Andhra Pradesh, and pray for God's purposes to be accomplished through NACEA.



Some may say that he graduated from the University of Wisconsin last May. Some others may remark that he studied Environmental Engineering there. Others yet that he lives near Milwaukee. Well, that's all true.

It is also true that with no less than 12 hours inside India, \$600 worth of his belongings unexpectedly grew legs and walked off the train. But this did not serve to disillusion. He overcame, surmounting this obstacle to realize the wonder that is India. The greatest of which, he would consider to be sharing in the lives of others. Oh yeah, and let us not forget the mountains. They grow extra big here.



Eric Habermeyer



Jill Sornson

Graduating in May of 2005 with a degree in architecture and hailing from the plains of the midwest, Jill has taken a year off from work to serve with eMi². Looking for any chance to be outside, she spends most weekends exploring the nearby trails or on the hammock with a book. When she's not trying to record this Indian experience through words or photos, she thoroughly enjoys being entertained by the antics of Joel and Eric. And though she's heard it before, go ahead tell her she's not in Kansas anymore.

Hailing from the great state of Wisconsin, Joel graduated with a degree in civil engineering in May 2006. While in India he has gained the valuable skills of sizing septic tanks and seepage pits and how to hand-wash jeans so they don't smell wretched. Some of his favorite experiences have been hiking in the Himalayas and traveling to see the many amazing places in the great country of India. Rhaarr!



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