



Hello and welcome to the second Vacation Bible School Mission Moment for this week. Like we heard from Pastor Ted Rathman on yesterday's video, we'll be learning about India this week and all that Jesus is doing through the EC Church in India and how our offerings this week will help them build a security wall on the EC property that houses the headquarters building, the College of Theology, and other important buildings on the EC campus there.

Today we'll learn a little about India. India is a country that is on the other side of our planet from us. This country is 8517 miles from the state of Pennsylvania! Whew - that's pretty far, don't you think? Think you could ride your bicycle to India from your house?



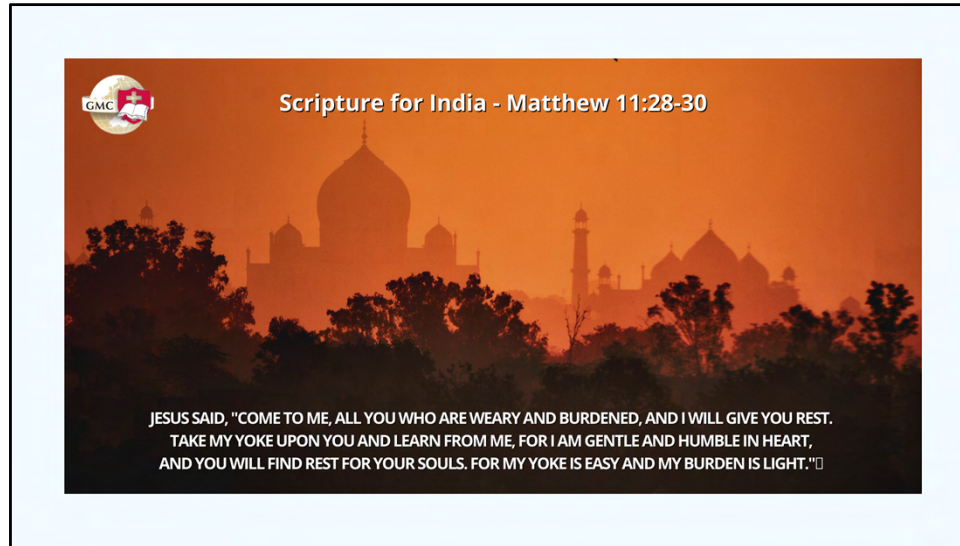
The country of India is bordered by the countries of Pakistan, China, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Burma/Myanmar. It is also bordered by the Bay of Bengal on the east and the Arabian Sea on the west. The EC Church of India is located in the eastern most parts of India – do you see the red flag?



Let's take a look at the flag of India.

Saffron (orange) is on the top. It stands for courage and sacrifice. White is in the middle and represents peace, unity, and truth. Green is on the bottom and stands for faith and fertility.

In the center is a blue wheel with 24 spokes. This is the Dharma Chakra (or Wheel of Law). The symbol, or the "Chakra," is a symbol dating back to the 200<sup>th</sup> century BC, representing the many religious faiths in India.



Our Scripture for India is Matthew 11:28-30. Can you say it with me? There are many people in India who have never heard that Jesus loves them. He wants all to come to Him – even boys and girls like you who live in India! Let's continue to pray that people in India will put their trust in Jesus and accept Him into their hearts!



India has many different landscapes, just like the United States. There are mountains, rolling hills, deserts, beaches, and many beautiful buildings and green spaces – just like the next few pictures.



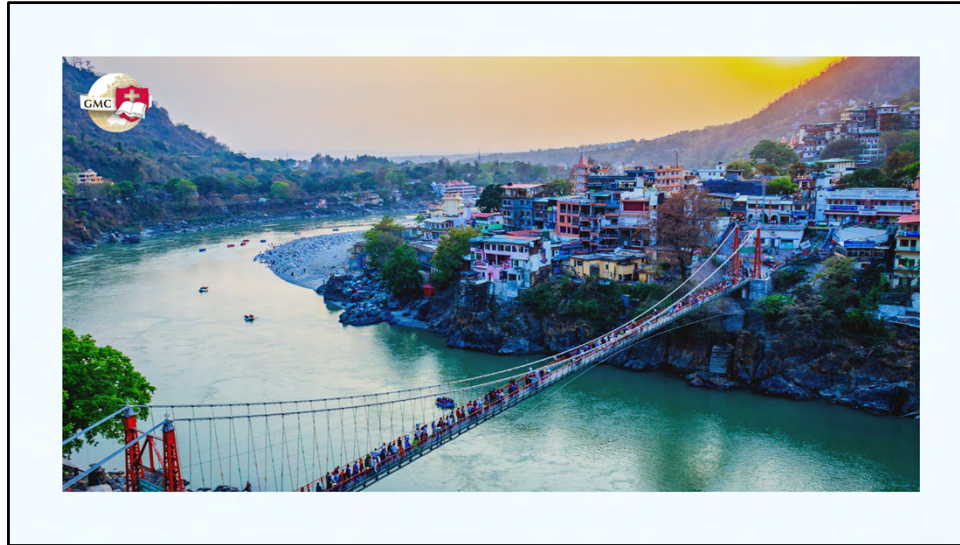












The Republic of India is a South Asian country. It is the seventh largest, and second most populous country in the world. There are a little over 300 million people that live in the United States. There are over 1 BILLION people that live in India. That is a lot of people!!! Now the size of India is just a little over 1/3 of the United States. There are a lot more people in India living in a lot less space.







Does anyone know what the major religion is in India. It is Hinduism. Does anyone know what language people speak in India,? The official language is Hindi. Just like here in the United States, English is also an official language of India, but is used mostly in businesses. And did you know there are also 14 other official languages in India? Wow, that's a lot! States in India can choose their own official languages. Do you know how to speak more than one language?



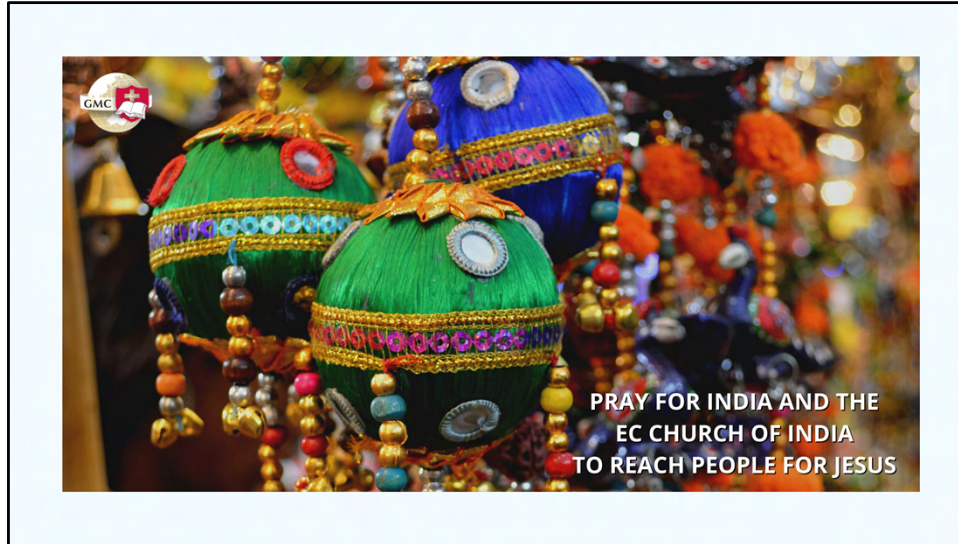


Like our Scripture passage reminds us -  
the people of India (boys and girls like you, moms and dads, and men and women) need to know Jesus. The EC Church of India is working hard to reach all the people in India with the Good News that Jesus loves them. Will you pray this week that they will hear that message?









Don't forget your offering for tomorrow. We'll be learning more about India and the EC Church there! See you tomorrow!