

Compassion 575

*A fundraiser for Nazarene Compassionate Ministries
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I have been blessed to serve in Nazarene Missions on 5 continents since 1982. I am so thankful for this incredible journey that has now led me to serve in South Asia. I will never forget my first trip to Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. It was sensory overload. I was challenged to do more for the children. The overwhelming needs of the children in South Asia has led me to ask "what more can I do?" to give an offering to make an eternal difference for these children.

In South Asia, we are building Child Development Centers (CDCs) that will serve the children and be ministry centers serving entire communities. These centers will be used to meet the spiritual, physical, and educational needs of the children. Additionally, they will be used as centers for community based health care programs, shelters during times of natural disasters and training centers for pastors. A local church will also use the buildings.

In April 2008, while working in the village of Joymoni in southern Bangladesh, I met a boy named Cyum. Cyum is 7. Two years ago, his Dad was eaten by a crocodile. I met the Colin family, who recently lost their granddad to a Bengal tiger. I continued to ask, "what more can I do?"

After the Koshi River flooded in Nepal in August 2008, I visited Nepal to document this disaster. After seeing children in long serving lines and in tented camps with smooth brown skin and lovely eyes, yet their bellies were empty of food but full of parasites. Again, I asked, "what more can I do?"

I am training to ride a bicycle 575 miles. I will begin in Front Royal, Virginia and finish in Cherokee, North Carolina. My route is the entire length of the Skyline Drive (105 miles) and the Blue Ridge Parkway (470 miles). I plan to begin this ride on June 1, 2009.

My wife Sharon will be supporting me with water, food, encouragement and a spare bike. We felt, that if we contribute our June salaries, and with God's help, complete this formidable task, we could make a difference and this would be "the more I can do." Will you help us?

I am asking for sponsors for these precious children. All proceeds will go to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) to support the operating costs of new Child Development Centers (CDCs) in South Asia. The potential impact is incredible. Your contribution will be used to sponsor children. [The operating costs for a child is \\$9 a month or \\$108 for an entire year. A CDC of 75 children will cost \\$8,100 for an entire year.](#) NCM has staff in place to begin immediately serving the needs of children, but they lack the resources.

Checks are to be made out to General Treasurer, Church of Nazarene and mailed to **South Asia Partnership P. O. 12144, Roanoke, VA 24023**. **Please include NCMCOMP575 in the memo area of your check.** All checks will be forwarded to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, and you will be provided a proper tax receipt. Please check out our website, www.compassion575.com for more information. We have a link to the secured NCM website if you care to make a contribution by Visa.

My brother, Glen Argabright, is South Asia Partnership facilitator. [We pledge to invest these funds wisely and prudently in the communities that have been assigned priority](#) status by national NCM coordinators, and approved by our Field Strategy Coordinator Rev. Ron Gilbert and Dr. Hermann Gschwandtner, NCM coordinator for South Asia & India. We will be using staff of the Church of Nazarene to provide the best service available for these CDCs to meet the holistic needs of these precious children.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and financial support. If I can answer any questions please contact me at dargab@mac.com

Sincerely,
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