

ELY 900 MISSION PROJECT

supporting further education
in the diocese of Vellore

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Project: To provide scholarships for children from villages in the diocese of Vellore to undertake further education.

Why Vellore? We have had a link with the Diocese of Vellore since 1992. The Diocese of Vellore is both made up of and works amongst some of the poorest people in the area. Like our own diocese, much of the area is rural and very poor. The Diocese of Vellore hopes to bring life in all its fullness to all people.

How will the scholarships help? At present, the Diocese supports about 4000 children through their church schools. For those of secondary age, this often means providing hostel places for the children at their school, allowing them a place to stay and study during term time. However, when children get to school leaving age, they cannot afford to go on to further education. The scholarships will provide training, board and lodging for young women and men to study as nursing auxiliaries, engineers, computer operators etc. One year's training costs about £300. Most courses are two or three years. Once they've finished the training, those who have received the scholarships will be encouraged to stay within their local community to share their skills with others.

How can we support this? There are a variety of things people can do to support this project and no amount of money collected is too small.

Your church or group could make it a Lent project, or even a special project during the year. Or you might like to be more adventurous and have a curry evening at church, or an Indian activity day, when you find out more about life as an Indian and as a Christian in the Diocese of Vellore. Or what about being sponsored to do your homework, or offering to sponsor some of the young people in your parish to do that! Sleepovers in church, sleeping on beach mats, would copy how the children in the hostels sleep - the possibilities are endless. You might like to give a gift for a special birthday or anniversary.

To find out more A DVD about the work of the Diocese of Vellore is available and you can have a speaker as well! During the year, more information will be available, along with a leaflet of fundraising ideas.

A prayer leaflet for the work of the diocese of Vellore is also available.

Contact The Revd Fiona Brampton, The Vicarage, Church Lane, Haddenham, Ely, CB6 3TB Tel 01353 740309.

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Donation form

Title

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I am a UK taxpayer and would like the Vellore Link to reclaim the tax I have already paid on this gift and any future donations. Currently this will add 28p for each £1 that I give at no cost to myself

Signature.....

Date.....

Cheques should be made payable to Ely DBF

Please send your completed forms to:

Sarah Hewitt at Diocesan Office, Bishop Woodford House, Barton Road, Ely, Cambs CB7 4DX