International Work/Study Seminars

DEVELOPMENT AND THE 1981 UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION

Building Understanding and Respect Between People of Diverse Religions or Beliefs

Farooquabad and Lahore Pakistan

Young Adult Work/Study Project January 11 - January 25, 1991

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Lahore, Pakistan

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INTRODUCTION

Project Tandem has openings for up to fifteen young adult volunteers (ages 18-35) from diverse religions or beliefs for a two week work/study project in Farooquabad, Pakistan from January 11-25, 1991.

The volunteers will work for two weeks, during the day, with Muslim and Christian villagers in the construction of a village latrine and drainage system. In some areas of Pakistan less than 5 percent of the villages have latrine and drainage systems. They are vitally needed. Poor sanitaion leads to infectious diseases such as diarrhea which causes 40-50 percent of all deaths in children under five.

In the evenings, the volunteers will study the relationship of freedom of religion or belief to economic, social and cultural development. Specifically, they will study ways to implement the 1981 United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.

Participants in the work/study project will be asked to present their experience when they return to their home countries as a way of building constituent support for the Declaration.

SPONSORS

The project is conceived and organized by Project Tandem, Inc., a nonsectarian, nonprofit international human rights organization founded in 1985 and dedicated to implementing the 1981 United Nations Declaration. Project Tandem is affiliated with the University of Minnesota, USA and the World Federation of United Nations Associations, Geneva, Switzerland.

The University of Essex Human Rights Center, Colchester, England and the University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, Canada are the educational sponsors. They have written a curriculum and will supervise the instruction phase of the seminar.

The Pakistan Union of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA/Pakistan), will supervise the construction of the latrine and drainage system and provide housing for volunteers. ADRA/Pakistan is a well respected international relief and development agency working for many years in Pakistan on health projects with the approval of the government.

BACKGROUND

Conflict based on religion or belief is a seemingly intractable problem repeating itself century after century. In the decade of the 80's twenty five regional or civil wars were based to a significant degree on disputes evolving in part from religion or belief. It is a foundation cause of social and economic injustice. The United Nations General Assembly has taken steps to address this problem through passage of the Universal Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the work/study project is to learn more about the international dimensions of discrimination based on religion or belief and to discuss how to overcome social and economic injustice caused by such discrimination. Through work and study together, the young adult volunteers from the world's diverse religions or beliefs, will build cross-cultural understanding and respect for each other and will learn both practical and theoretical ways to support United Nations in its efforts to promote human rights.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

In two weeks time work with villagers to complete one latrine and drainage system, contributing 1,000 volunteer labor hours to the project; discuss and exchange information with Muslim and Christian village leaders on how believers account for others' beliefs; share case studies of discrimination based on religion or belief from volunteers own countries; study United Nations human rights instruments and the relationship of civil and political rights to economic, social and cultural rights; build greater cross-cultural understanding and respect between people of diverse beliefs.

VOLUNTEER CRITERIA

The work/study project is open to young adults from all the world's religions or beliefs. Project Tandem will select, a representative cross-section of many beliefs; volunteers must be willing to work hard at manual labor during the day and participate in discussion groups in the evenings; be flexible, respectful and willing to learn from people of other cultures; bring their own sleeping bags, sleep dormitory style and eat simple meals; follow dress codes of the country; have a command of the English language.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The project will take place in a village one and one half hours from Lahore, Pakistan. Volunteers will sleep at Adventist College in Farooquabad and travel by bus to the village project each day. Morning and evening meals will be at the college, lunch in the village. Two nights will be spent in a hotel in Lahore sightseeing and talking with religious leaders.

Project Tandem, Inc. has a complete proposal that will be mailed to young adult volunteers interested in more information.

PROJECT COSTS

Volunteers must pay their own travel and living expenses. The following agency is organizing a complete cost package with group rates for Project Tandem:

DAYTON'S TRAVEL SERVICE

Departure (City		Complete Cost
Name of Special			
NEW YOR	K		\$ 1,833.00
LONDON			\$ 2,286.00
FRANKFU	RT		\$ 2,975.00
TOKYO			\$ 2,243.00

Middle East, Africa, Latin America and other cities not mentioned will be adjusted accordingly.

These are complete program costs based on roundtrip airfares, two nights hotel, double occupancy, in Lahore, Pakistan, eleven nights Adventist College, Farooquabad, Pakistan, ground transportation, all meals and airport departure tax. Airfares will be adjusted according to departure cities not mentioned. All rates are based upon tariffs and rates of exchange between U.S. dollars and foreign currencies on May 1, 1990. Rates are subject to change. Final fares will be based on tariffs that are in effect at time of departure and tour members will be required to pay any additional amounts prior to departure. TT01911V06

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		MEALS	
Fri.	Depart from North America, Europe, Asia,	In air	
Jan. 11	Middle East and other points to Pakistan.	(LD)	
Sat.	Arrive Lahore, Pakistan and transfer to	Lahore	
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Sun.	Orientation session at your hotel conducted	Farooqua-	1
Jan. 13	by Project Tandem, Inc. and ADRA/	bad	
_	Pakistan. Afternoon drive to Pakistan	(BLD)	
	Adventist Seminary and College,		
	Farooquabad, Pakistan.	- No. 1	
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Mon.	Drive to Muslim Village. Meet villagers,	Farooqua-	
Jan. 14	begin work. Lunch will be provided at the	bad	
	work site. Evening discussion group:	(BLD)	
	Session one on the theme "Development		
:	and the 1981 U.N. Declaration."		
Tue.	Same work schedule. Evening discussion	Farooqua-	
Jan. 15	group: Session two on the theme	bad	
Jan. 15	"Development and the 1981 U.N.	(BLD)	
	Declaration."		
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Wed.	Same work schedule. Evening discussion	Farooqua-	,
Jan. 16	group: A meeting in Farooquabad with	bad	
	local Muslim leaders to learn more about	(BLD)	
	Islam and to present reasons to them for		
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Thu.	Same work schedule. Evening discussion	Farooqua-	
Jan. 17	group: Case studies of intolerance and	bad	
	discrimination in their own countries by	(BLD)	
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Fri.	Drive to Lahore, Pakistan. Afternoon	Lahore	
Jan. 18	sightseeing, Old Town, Masjid Mosque,	(BLD)	
	Old Fort, Delhi Bazaar. Overnight in		
	Lahore		
Sat.	Morning session with members of Pakistan	Farooqua-	
Jan. 19	Association of Inter Religious Dialogue	bad	
	(PAIRD). Early afternoon tour of religious	(BLD)	
	sites conducted by PAIRD. Afternoon		
	drive to Adventist Seminary and College,		
	Farooquabad, Pakistan. Evening on your		
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APPLICATION FORM

			To reserve a spot on this tour,
DAY/ DATE	PROJECT SCHEDULE	OVER- NIGHT/ MEALS	please complete the following and return it to:
		MIMALA).	Dayton's Travel Group Department
Sun. Jan. 20	Continue same work schedule on Muslim village latrine and drainage system. Evening discussion group: Session three on the theme "Development and the 1981 U.N Declaration."	Farooqua- bad (BLD)	Michelle Timmer 12 South 6th Street - Suite 320 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402 USA Phone: 612-375-2881/800-533-0324
Mon. Jan. 21	Same work schedule. Evening discussion group: Case studies on intolerance and discrimination in their own countries by members of the project team.	Farooqua- bad (BLD)	Fax: 612-375-2891
Tue. Jan. 22	Same work schedule. Evening discussion group: Session four on the theme: "Development and the 1981 U.N.	Farooqua- bad (BLD)	LEGAL NAMEADDRESS
Wed. Jan. 23	Declaration." Same work schedule. Early evening discussion group: A dialogue with the Adult Study Project, and young adults and officials of the Seventh-Day Adventist Seminary on their perceptions of evangelism in a Muslim country and how they view development as a way of implementing the 1981 U.N. Declaration.	Farooqua- bad (BLD)	CITY/STATE/COUNTRY
Thu. Jan. 24	Final work day at Muslim village. Goodbye's to villagers and ADRA/Pakistan supervisors. Evening discussion group: Evaluation of the Young Adult Project, recommendations for improving future projects, draft statement to be read in the Development Working Group at the New Delhi Conference.	Farooqua- bad (BLD)	Enclosed is my \$250 deposit (payable to Dayton's). Please charge my \$250 deposit to my credit card. CARD NAMENUMBEREXP
Fri. Jan. 25	Drive to Lahore airport. Flights home or on to other countries.	Home/ in air (BLD)	Please send me Project Tandem proposal. Please send me information on extension trips.

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