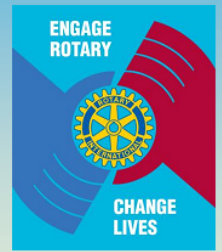


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Rotarian shares stories of strife, hope from India

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In April, Buck Baxter joined a small group on a short-term trip to Chinthalur, India.

That short-term trip changed Baxter's life and his wife's for what he hopes will be the long-term.

Baxter was the guest speaker at the Brundidge Rotary Club Wednesday and talked openly about his life-changing experience.

Baxter went to India with no great expectations. He came home committed to The Great Commission.

Chinthalur is a tribal village located in southeastern India in the state of Andhra Pradesh. The village is one of thousands of villages in the area where the people have been forgotten by the rest of society. They have no clean water, no medical care, no schools, no electricity and, most importantly, Baxter said, no hope for a better tomorrow.

"I was not prepared for what I saw," Baxter told the Rotarians. "We went to work with a Pentecostal pastor who had opened a orphanage. It was not at all what I expected."

"A cow stall had been converted for them," he said. "The nine boys at the orphanage sleep on the roof of the church when weather permits. Other times, they sleep in the small church building."

One of the young girls was named Dena. Baxter's daughter's name is Deana.

"What happened is an experience that I can't explain," Baxter said. "But that little girl, Dena, climbed on my lap, and I say this sincerely, the Lord spoke to me. He told me that the work he wanted me to do was there, in Chinthalur."

When Baxter returned home from the mission trip and his wife picked him up at the airport, he immediately told her, "We've got to go home and talk."

Together they read The Great Commission in Matthew 28:16-20 and accepted it as their personal mission.

With these "forgotten people" of Chinthalur in mind, Buck and Haldine Baxter formed The Great Commission-India Ministries (GCIM), a United States non-profit organization based in Auburn, where the Baxters make their home.

"These people, 'the forgotten people,' are the lowest of the 'cast' system in India," Baxter said. "Their villages are run by a chief. They

worship the moon, the sun, the trees and their ancestors. They don't know about religion expect the religion of nature.

"They believe in reincarnation and pray to things such as stones and baskets. In some villages, there are human sacrifices. These people were born into that low class and they will die in that class but you have never seen such big smiles. They don't know they are being done wrong."

Baxter said many of the women have to walk up to 10 miles to get water for their families – dirty water.

"Every day, 4,200 children will die of diarrhea and millions will die each year from water borne diseases," Baxter said.

"A part of our mission there is water purification which can be done effectively with a five-gallon bucket and a membrane water filter that is capable of purifying five gallons of water every 40 minutes for two years. We have yet to build a clean water well but that is in the plans."

The Baxters will return to Chinthalur after Christmas and remain there until the end of January. He will be involved in several mission projects and she will be involved in life skill training, which includes making tote bags from plastic bags and jewelry from throw-away items such as pop-top tabs.

"We go to teach them about the Lord so they will trust in Him," Baxter said.

"When we can dig a well for these people and they ask why we would come from America to dig a well for them, we can say, 'The Lord dug the well for you. Let me tell you about Him.'"

NELSON MANDELA REMEMBERED AS AN ALLY FOR PEACE, POLIO ERADICATION

By Dan Nixon



In 1996, routine polio immunizations in Nigeria and other African countries were anything but routine. Competing health priorities and lack of funding hampered many governments from putting polio eradication high on their agenda. The drive for a polio-free Africa needed a playmaker.

Enter Nelson Mandela. Herb Brown, Rotary's president in 1995-96, recalls seeking the South African leader's support.

"President Mandela was so gracious and listened as we described the problem," Brown says. "I told him only he had the influence to persuade the countries to resume immunization."

Mandela agreed to help. "I'm well aware of Rotary and all the work you've done, and all the work you did while I was in jail," he told Brown. At a press conference, with Brown at his side, Mandela asked all the heads of state in Africa to open their doors to polio National Immunization Days.

Mandela helped launch the Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign later that year with 1996-97 Rotary President Luis Giay and Rotary Foundation Chair Rajendra Saboo. Almost immediately, Africa's polio eradication effort was back on track. Using soccer matches and celebrity endorsements, the campaign raised public awareness of polio and helped spur more than 30 African countries to hold their first National Immunization Days.

In recognition of his vital work, Rotary presented the Rotary Award for World Understanding to Mandela in 1997, then Rotary's highest honor. "We chose President Mandela because of his significant contributions to world peace, human rights, and freedom," said Giay, adding that Rotary members especially appreciated "his strong support of the eradication of polio throughout Africa."

Mandela called the award "a tribute to the people of South Africa's rainbow nation." Rotary's work toward eradicating polio "has shown the power of a global network of people who are ready to roll up their sleeves and put their heart and soul into saving children from disability."

Mandela donated the award's \$100,000 prize to the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund.

Following his death, Rotary members in South Africa lauded Mandela as "one of the 20th century's iconic symbols of freedom and equality," "the father of the nation," and "a leader of service."

"Mandela was a man who overcame unimaginable hardships to emerge as one of the greatest leaders of our time — and one of our greatest humanitarians . . . [His] legacy of courage, determination, and commitment will forever inspire us to move forward in our effort to achieve a better, more peaceful world," said Rotary President Ron Burton.

We meet every Friday, 7.30pm at Hotel Park Palace, 49/2, Gariahat Road, Kolkata 700019



Minutes of Meeting

Meeting no. 1210 Dated 06.12.2013
 President Rtn. Gautam Ray calls meeting no. 1210 to order
 National Anthem led by Rtn. Amal Bhattacharjee
 Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.
 One minute silence observed for departed soul of late Nelson Mandela

Discussions

● President & Members discussed the ongoing Helping Grant & District Grant projects, while members were informed about the expected dates of disbursement of fund by the respective authorities.

● President requested Rtn. Pradeep Kr. Choudhury to enlighten the members about steps taken for fulfilling the statutory commitments of the R.C.S. Welfare Trust. Rtn. Pradeep Kr. Choudhury informed, a meeting of the Trustees were held to discuss the issues and the Trust is ready to receive donations.

● Members discussed and resolved to distribute woolen garments among children at Ashram Anandam on 15th December 2013. Rtn. Sanjib Kr. Ray announced 100% sponsorship for the project. It has also been resolved that Distribution of woolen Garments at JKS Usthi will be held in the month of January 2014. Date to be announced later.

● 6th December being the last day of filing nomination, Rtn. Sanjib Kr. Ray, assigned to select the Board of 2014-2015, requested members to submit Nomination forms immediately,

● Members of the club briefly discussed the scheduled AGM on 14th December 2013 and reiterated its selection of Rtn. Sanjib Kr. Ray as the Election commissioner for selecting the board for the Rotary Year 2014-2015

President handed over the business to the Secretary, who announced the Birthday and Wedding Anniversary of Member and Ann before announcing the receipt of letters, bulletin from neighboring clubs and the upcoming District events before handing back the meeting to the President. There being no other business, President terminated the meeting.

Members present: 10 Sunshine collection: 200



Do u remember the tingling feeling when u took the decision to get married?



That was common sense leaving your body!!



Upcoming District Event

✚ 'Intra District Badminton and Table Tennis Tournament' at YMCA, Chowringhee Branch, 25 Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Kolkata 700087 on **15th December, 2013** between 10.00 A.M & 4.00 P.M.

✚ 'Aikatan' District Conference 2013-2014 at SWABHUMI ON **11TH & 12 January 2014**

Upcoming Club event

✚ Woolen Garment Distribution to children on **15th December 2013** at RCC Ashram Anandam premises.



Health Point

GOLDEN TURMERIC TONIC

2 cups of hot water
 1 tsp (or 1 tea bag) of Tulsi Tea
 3 slices of fresh ginger
 1/2 tsp turmeric powder
 1 fresh lemon wedge
 1 tsp raw honey

Steep tea, ginger and turmeric in hot water for 5 minutes then squeeze in lemon and stir in raw honey to make this warm, golden tonic that is AMAZING for its anti-inflammatory and alkalizing effect.

This mix also boosts the immune system and promotes glowing, radiant skin!!

