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Volunteer with Visions this summer in South India!



Dear Friends,

Visions is returning to South India this summer, and we are pleased to announce the details of our 2 planned volunteer trips! We will be returning to Tamil Nadu, India to conduct our annual youth leadership trainings with underprivileged secondary school students. In addition, we will be visiting with local nonprofit organizations and exposing volunteers to development work that is being done to address some of the most pressing social issues. Volunteers will also have a few days of travel and sightseeing in this culturally rich corner of the world. We invite you to take advantage of this unique opportunity to explore, have fun, and make a difference in the lives of underprivileged young people. The trip dates are as follows:

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We need YOUR support!

Please consider making a donation to Visions today or getting involved in our work. There are many ways you can help, including:

*Organize a fundraiser or event on Visions' behalf (or turning an event or party into a fundraiser for Visions)

*Organize a school supplies drive (using our Amazon Wishlist) with campus groups, friends, your church/temple, local businesses, etc.

*Offer your professional services, such as legal, business/accounting, architectural, web, and more

*Ask your company to make a corporate contribution or matching grant

*Volunteer with us locally or abroad

This year the new Visions

and make a difference in the lives of underprivileged young people. The trip dates are as follows:

2011 Volunteer Trip #1: Chennai, Karaikal, Dindigul, Madurai, & Pondicherry

Saturday, July 16th-Saturday, July, 30th

Trip Lead: Meera Pathmarajah, Visions CEO

2011 Volunteer Trip #2: Chennai, Madurai, & Cochin

Saturday, July 30th-Friday, August 12th

Trip Lead: Greg Buie, Visions CFO

Please use the following links to download all the relevant information on this summer's planned trips:

1. [Event Flyer](#)
2. [Volunteer Appeal](#) (complete with all the major details of these trips, including tentative itinerary, program fee, maps, etc.)
3. [2011 Volunteer Application & Release](#)

To apply, simply return your completed application along with a nonrefundable application fee of \$50 to us. We have limited space, so early applications are recommended.

You can also visit our Visions website for more details on the Visions international volunteer program and planned trips for Summer 2011

[HERE](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to having you join us in India this summer!

All the best,
The Visions Team



Visions students on a field trip to Thanjavur, India

This year the new Visions Leadership Education Program will benefit an estimated 1,000 youth & teachers in Sri Lanka and India. Help give them crucial Leadership & Life Skills and Human Rights training by donating **just \$25** today!

Upcoming Visions Events

Details of these upcoming Visions events are available on our new website under the "News & Events" section:

NEW YORK CITY, NY-- February 3, 2011

Please join us for drinks as we support our teachers continuing to work in areas of crisis!

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 3rd, 2011; 7:00 - 9:00pm

WHERE: Lair, 201 Lafayette St. (between Broome St. & Kenmare St.), New York City, NY 10012 (Map it [HERE](#))

HOW MUCH: \$30 at the door; \$25 advance purchase (donate \$25 on our [Razoo page](#) and your name will be on a list at the door)

ONE HOUR OPEN BAR!

The funds from this event will support after-school programming for impoverished and war-displaced youth in Eastern Sri Lanka. Schools in war-hit regions of Sri Lanka face severe shortages of teachers, learning materials, and even basic essentials, such as school buildings and toilets. In this context of crisis, teachers and local community members are doing their best to help children learn.

ORANGE COUNTY, CA - February 2011 (Date TBA)

For all those in the SoCal area, we hope you will be able to join us for an international food festival fundraiser for Visions. Details are TBD and will be announced on our website shortly. Please email the Visions L.A. Chapter Coordinator, Pamela Cheuk, at pamelacheuk@yahoo.com for more details.

LOS ANGELES, CA-- Sunday, March 20, 2011

Save the date for this special dance performance featuring the Kalapeetham Dance Company. Event details TBA.

ONGOING T-SHIRT SALES ONLINE - Now!

You can now order a trendy, custom-printed Visions t-shirt and benefit our Visions Leadership Education Program at the same time. Both men's and women's t-shirts designed exclusively for Visions and printed on high quality Alternative Apparel shirts are now available. You can order your t-shirts online via ShopModerne.com for just \$20. All orders will be shipped to you right away. Now you can look good and support a very worthy cause!

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PLEASE DONATE:

Donations are accepted online through our website OR can be mailed to the above address. Make checks out to 'VISIONS'. All donations are tax-deductible [Tax ID#26-3386678].

We need your help--there are several projects which need funding, including the Visions Leadership Program, Scholarship Program, and various other educational initiatives. We can only do this important work with your support. Education is key to development & success.

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