



IWILL Women's Training

INDIA

Transforming India by empowering women

For years Indian society has subjected women to exploitation and oppression. About 65 percent of Indian women are illiterate—but as the “mothers” of the family they represent a significant force that has been neglected and unreached. For cultural reasons Indian women are largely inaccessible to male missionaries.

Equipping women to reach women

Our ministry partner has developed a training program called “Indian Women in the Lord’s Labour” (IWILL). The training centre in Hyderabad offers women three levels of training that prepares them to serve spiritual and physical needs in their villages.



Mothers represent a significant and underutilized force for reaching women and transforming communities.

- Well-educated, mature women leaders from across India receive intensive, year-long instruction to become Master Trainers who then train grassroots women as Harvesters.
- Harvesters, women with high school education from rural areas, learn microenterprise skills so they can support themselves in ministry to their own communities.
- Harvesters establish self-help groups, which provide opportunity for Christian witness as they teach income-generating skills such as agriculture, horticulture and dairy development to poor women.
- A women’s center also helps socially oppressed, or distressed women to be rehabilitated, counseled and trained in productive skills.

About Partners International

Partners International brings Canadians into partnership with indigenous Christian ministries to advance the Kingdom of God. Together, through these *Extraordinary Partnerships*, we share and demonstrate the love of God that transforms people and makes a lasting difference in their communities.



Ministry Summary

- Agricultural projects
- Discipleship
- Economic development
- Evangelism

Prayer Points

- Pray for guidance as ministries select people for Master Training.
- Pray for the success and safety of Harvesters as they work with women.
- Pray for adequate resources to supply seed funding and materials.

Investment Opportunities

- Seed funding to launch one self-help group (\$80)
- Funding to train one Harvester (\$60/month; \$720/year)
- Funding to train one Master Trainer (6-months) (\$4,400)



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