

India Africa Foundation

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IAF and Neerekshe

The IAF continues to be heavily involved with the Neerekshe Charitable Trust in Muranpur, India. Recently, it has been able to fund the purchase of medical equipment for the use of Dr Luke. Dr Luke is gradually expanding his medical outreach to the villages surrounding Muranpur, and it is not an overstatement to say he is saving lives. Unfortunately, the nurse called Smitha, recruited to help Dr Luke, has resigned her post because she and her husband are not used to the heat in Muranpur. Dr Luke is still searching for a replacement; meanwhile his wife Shobhna is helping as she is a trained nurse.



Dr Luke's wife Shobhna injecting a patient in the hospital on the Neerekshe Campus

IAF is also funding the building of a Parish Centre. This is located on top of the hospital on the Neerekshe campus. The next phase of the build is progressing slowly. The photograph below shows the construction of the outer walls. Included in this phase will be the erection of a roof over the central well of the centre.

The centre will provide for a myriad of uses to the local population.

- A worship centre
- A lecture space or teaching facility (health & family education)

- Mums and Toddlers
- Youth Clubs
- Recreation centre

The centre is sorely needed to help the mothers in the village overcome generations of traditional neglect by encouraging them to play with their children and thus stimulate them - essential for brain development.



The outer walls of the parish centre being built in brick (hospital underneath)

Nigeria

Meanwhile, our project to drill a bore-well in Nigeria has stalled. At the beginning of the year we established a charity according to Nigerian law. However, we have not found anyone to lead the project who has the appropriate skills and knowledge of Nigerian culture.

Conclusion

It is encouraging to report that our involvement with the Neerekshe charity is bearing fruit for the poor of Muranpur. It is disappointing the Nigerian project is so slow.

Your prayers are requested:

For strength for Shadrach and Gladys as they juggle the various priorities and the conflicting demands for money.

For Dr Luke as he continues his medical outreach to the poor of the region.

For Dr Luke's wife Shobhna as she is a nurse, school administrator and mother to three children

For a project officer to be found to oversee the provision of a bore-well in Nigeria.

For Martin Cornes as he organises a short-term mission

and Pete Churms as he balances his time between British Airways, family and Neerekshe.

Many thanks for your support to the India Africa Foundation - it is most encouraging.

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