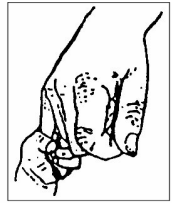


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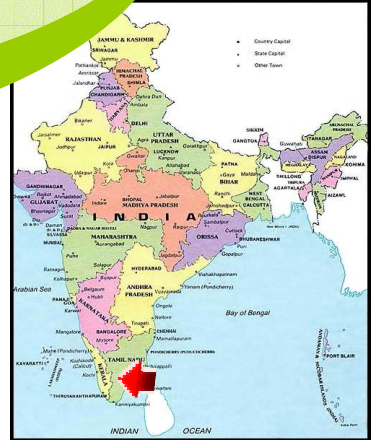


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A story of five weeks' hard work in rural south India. And a glimpse of life in a Reaching the Unreached Children's Village.

One evening in July 2005, eleven rucksack-laden individuals from England and Scotland arrived at Dindigul railway station to be met by a tall white man by the name of Brother James Kimpton and a couple of his Indian friends. Dindigul is a District in the South Indian state of Tamil Nadu, a 7 hour train journey south from Madras. An hour's road journey later we were at what was to be our home for the next 5 weeks – the Children's Village of Anbu Illam in the village of G. Kallupatti.

We were not familiar with the organisation Reaching the Unreached (RTU) and all that it does for the welfare of the community, especially for the children in the area. Or, to be more precise most of us had heard about or read about RTU from its website and other sources of information. But that was all it was – information. The experiences we were going to have over the following weeks cannot adequately be put into a written description – they were a combination of the 5 senses and the “just being there”. >>



RTU is based in a village west of Madurai, in rural Tamil Nadu.



“I went to India on a project with 11 other people, I returned not only with 11 best friends but with an amazing amount of new friends; friends who called me their sister and invited me into their family. Something for which I am extremely grateful and touched by; a memory that I will never forget.”