



SAFER BIRTH IN THE JAWADHI HILLS

We are fundraising for an urgently needed Antenatal and Maternity unit in the Jawadhi Hills.

Please join us in this transformational mission and donate today.

In the Jawadhi Hills it is often dangerous to give birth. Large numbers of births take place in unsafe environments and it can take over 12 hours to reach medical help.

The community needs a facility to reduce infant and maternal mortality.

Friends of Vellore UK are raising funds to build a maternity and emergency care hospital offering healthcare services 24/7 and we need your help to do this.

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO GIVE BIRTH IN THE JAWADHI HILLS?

In the Jawadhi Hills region of South India, (which is a part of the Eastern Ghats, a range of hills and valleys located about 50 km from Vellore), there lives a population of more than 60,000 tribal members in a collection of 294 villages and hamlets.



The hilly terrain in which they live makes access to healthcare and other facilities difficult. Medical teams and patients are often required to trek several hours to meet each other. And whilst more than 50% of children are born at home, medical help is over 12 hours away!

As a result, many babies and mothers die. The infant mortality rate is over 70/1000 (7%) and maternal mortality is 3/1000 (0.3%).

Friends of Vellore UK want to support Christian Medical College in their goal to reduce the infant mortality rate from 70/1000 live births to 40/1000 live births. And to reduce maternal mortality from 3/1000 live births to less than 1/1000 live births.



At Christmas time, with our thoughts on the birth of Jesus, whose mother Mary also travelled a long way to give birth, we ask you to join us to help mothers and babies.



What is needed is a building for a mini midwifery centre with an equipped theatre and labour ward and two 6 roomed accommodation blocks next door for staff to stay on site (travelling takes too long) with catering facilities.

The basic costs cover buildings, a fully equipped medical centre, a kitchen complex, and somewhere to train staff. We are partnering with the Vellore CMC Foundation in the USA to raise funds together for this. Friends of Vellore UK have committed to raising the funds needed to build the labour ward.

Our total target for this appeal is £50,000

This clinic would be the first of its kind in the isolated and entrenched communities of the Jawadhi Hills, bringing new life and education while raising health indices especially with respect to infant and maternal mortality rates.

Please give what you can this Christmas and join us in this transformational mission. Thank You!

TO GET INVOLVED

You can give a one-off donation or make a regular contribution either using the form below or visit our website: www.friendsofvellore.org and go to the donate page.

Name:

Address: Postcode

Email:

- I would like to receive future communications from Friends of Vellore via Email / Post / Both (please circle as appropriate)
- I would like to give a one-off donation of £

Please make cheques payable to Friends of Vellore UK or deposit in our bank account (Sort Code: 40-02-13, Account No: 41865986). If you would like to make a regular donation, please complete the standing order form below.

GIFT AID DECLARATION

I want to Gift Aid this donation, and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years, to Friends of Vellore UK. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less income tax and/or capital gains tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signed Date

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To: The Manager of bank

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£ (figures) (words)
on the day of (month) 20 every month /
quarter / year up to and including the year or until further notice.

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Friends of Vellore UK, 2A Chalk Lane, Cockfosters, Barnet, EN4 9JQ.

We will forward the standing order details onto your bank on your behalf.