



A fun and easy way for kids to learn about missions.

Hello Parents,

This week, we travel to northeast India to visit a school that operates in terrible conditions. The Jingshai Mihngi Adventist School boasts an enrollment of 476 students in grades K-10 because of the high quality education it provides. But the learning conditions in some of the classrooms are appalling—metal shacks that are dark, leaky, and sinking. Students sitting elbow to elbow. Flooding. On top of all of it, the buildings sit directly next to an open sewer line. The smell is unbearable.

In late 2019, Maranatha broke ground on a new campus for Jingshai Mihngi about five minutes away, where the air is fresh and the buildings will be strong. It is a beautiful setting for a school community that has suffered through a great deal of adversity.

We hope your kids are able to consider what it would be like to learn in the current conditions at Jingshai Mihngi and imagine what a new campus will mean for these students and teachers.

We especially ask for your prayers on this project right now. The country of India is completely locked down due to the coronavirus, and Maranatha's local crew was forced to stop working on the new campus for a time. Permission to continue working has been granted and revoked multiple times and now, the annual rainy season has begun, in which no work can be completed during the downpours. Please pray that God will allow our crew to continue working in the midst of these challenges so the students of Jingshai Mihngi will have new classrooms soon.

Pre-video Discussion Questions

- When you are at school, what are some things that can be distracting when you're trying to learn?
- While doing school work at home during the coronavirus, what can be distracting?
- Have you ever been caught in a rainstorm? What was it like to be drenched with rain?
- Have you ever been stuck in a place where you could barely move (maybe on a car ride or the bottom of a pile of kids)? What was it like?
- Have you ever used a port-a-potty, an outhouse, or visited a sulfur pool like at Yellowstone National Park? What does it smell like? Are you able to breathe normally?

VIDEO

In today's video, we'll see how students at the Jingshai Mihngi Adventist School in India deal with cramped, leaky classrooms that sit right next to a sewer line.

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Post-video Discussion Questions

- What part of the old school do you think is most distracting for students?
- How would you feel to have to learn in those classrooms?
- How do the challenges at Jingshai Mihngi compare to the distractions you have at your own school?
- How do you think the students of Jingshai Mihngi feel to know that a new school is being built for them?
- How do you think the new classrooms will help the students?

Prayer Points

- The students and staff who attend the Jingshai Mihngi school.
- The Maranatha workers working on the new Jingshai Mihngi campus.
- Ask kids what they would add to the prayer list.

Did You Know?

- India has the second largest population in the world with more than 1.3 billion people!
- The main religion in India is Hinduism, but the northeast of India is primarily Christian.
- The region where Jingshai Mihngi is located is famous for producing a spice called turmeric.
- Maranatha has had an office and team stationed in India since 1998. We have worked continuously in the country ever since then to build churches and schools.