

# World Champions

OM New Zealand's newsletter for children who want to make a difference in God's World!

## Country focus: India

## Topic: Love God and love each other!

India is the 6th largest country in the world AND one of the most ancient living civilizations. Over 1 BILLION people live in India! Most people are Hindu, but there are many Muslims, Sikhs, Buddhists and other religions. There are many Christians also, but millions of people in India have never heard of Jesus before.

**Bible reading:**  
Luke 10:25-37

Read a story  
Jesus told about  
how to love each  
other.



*A Dalit girl outside her house*

### Introducing: the Dalits

The Hindu faith teaches that people are born into separate social classes, or castes. At the very bottom is the untouchable caste. These people are called Dalits.

Hindus believe that if a person has lived a good life in a past life, they are born into a higher caste. If they have been bad, they get born into a lower caste, or as a Dalit if they were really bad.

The job you can have even depends on which caste you are in. Dalits have the worst jobs. They burn dead bodies, skin animals and clean public toilets. The Dalits are the poorest people in India. In parts of India, Dalits are still seen as barely human. They are forbidden to enter temples or drink from the same wells as higher-caste members. In some villages, Dalits aren't even allowed to use an umbrella!

### Dalit Education Centres — World Champions in India!

Because they are so poor, most Dalit children never go to school.

But OM in India has started many schools called Dalit Education Centres that teach over 3000 children! Not only do they learn about the same types of things you do at school - they also learn about Jesus for the first time!

Many Dalit families are becoming Christians because of these wonderful schools.



*School time at a Dalit Education Centre*



## World Champions... Pray!

Did you know that 'snakes and ladders' was invented in India? It was created by a Hindu poet and holy man in the 13th Century. He made it to show what Hindu people believe. The ladders in the game show that doing good things takes people to heaven or lets them come back as someone in a high caste. The snakes show that evil people get born again as an animal, plant or Dalit when they die.

It is sad that so many people in India think their lives are like a game of snakes and ladders. Play this game with a friend to pray for the people of India! When you land on a prayer item about the Dalit people, stop and pray for it. When you land on a snake, pray a 'please' prayer for the people of India. When you land on a ladder, pray a 'thank you' prayer for some of the things God is doing in India!



48 <b>You win!</b>	47	46 Pray for more sponsors to help pay for Dalit children to go to school	45	44	43
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# World Champions... Give!

Because Dalit children's families are very poor, it is difficult for them to pay to go to school. You can help! Why don't you save some money to give to these schools so they can keep taking in children and telling them about Jesus?

At the moment, there are only 31 Dalit Education Centres. This may sound like a lot, but remember that there are MILLIONS of Dalit people in India. OM would love to start new schools to help more Dalit children. This all costs money though. Maybe you would like to help to give towards this.



Chess was invented in India.



The largest employer in the world is the Indian railway system, employing over a million people!



The number system was invented in India.



The word 'Shampoo' comes from a language spoken in India.



The World's first university was started in India, 700 years before Jesus was born! More than 10 500 students from all over the world studied more than 60 subjects.

India has the most post offices in the world!



## Can you crack the code?

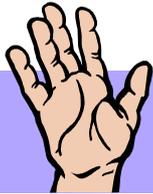
Since the numbers we use were invented in India, use the number code to find out what the memory verse is:

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(CEV translation)



## World Champions... Go for it!

So how can we love God and how can we love each other?

Think about the people you love. How do you show that you love them? Maybe you like spending time with them. You may like talking with them and listening to them when they talk with you. Do you tell the people you love that you love them?

What about loving God? Do you love Him like this? He also wants you to spend time with Him, talking to Him by praying and finding out what He wants to say to you by reading the Bible. Have you told God that you love Him? He loves you so much!

Just like the Dalits are not loved by many people in a higher caste in India, there are people where you live who do not feel loved by others. There are probably some at your school—maybe even in your class! What do you think you could do to show love to them?

Can you come up with a World Champion Action Plan to decide on 3 ways you can show love for God and for others this month?

Why not make a poster to stick on your wall to remind you of your plan?

It might be something like this:



Action Plan! How I want to show love:	
To God	To others
Write your three ideas here!	Write your three ideas here!

## World Champions in India!



Not long ago, 11 children from Singapore went to India to visit schools, hospitals, orphanages and slums where they told other children about Jesus. They used songs, puppets and drama, as well as giving the Indian children small gifts.

'I didn't believe there were poor people around until I saw them with my own eyes,' 11-year-old Yixin said. Joanna, also 11, said, 'I would donate money to the poor so that they can get a proper home.'



'World Champions' is made by OM New Zealand, where we want people of all ages to be a part of the wonderful things God is doing around the world. Why not contact us and see how else you can get involved?

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