

# BCC News!



**Richard's Ramble!** It has become my practice to travel to India in August. Sometimes this is on my own and sometimes (as per this year) with a team. Since August is a quieter month for BCC this seems like a good opportunity but it does make for a busy month (see last month's blog). What always impacts me moving amongst the Indian Christians is their commitment to the Kingdom.

At the moment there is a right wing government in place in India that takes the view that to be Indian is also to be Hindu. That means that things are getting more difficult for the Indian Christians to practice their faith without hindrance and this was exemplified when we went to visit a TB Hospital to give out aid and were initially refused because we are Christians. Persistence, persuasion and prayer eventually won the day, but this is just one example of the kind of opposition the Indian Christians are facing. As we continue to practice our faith in a secular and (at times) hostile society, we will increasingly come up against these types of hindrance. It is down to us how we react. Will we curtail our activities or press through? Will we reach out in grace and mercy or just keep quiet? It remains to be seen but I hope we will follow the example of the Indians and continue to do the work faithfully no matter what comes our way. God bless, Richard.



## September Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31 ONE Event	1 Sep 18:30 Lindum House 20:00 Homegroups	2	3	4	5 21:30 Bev. Street Angels	6 10:30 Sunday Meeting 18:30 Prayer Meeting 19:30 NewGen Youth
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## Midweek Groups are back!

- Sunday (6<sup>th</sup>) NewGen!
- Monday (7<sup>th</sup>) Monday Friendship Group 18-30's
- Tuesday (8<sup>th</sup>) Homegroups
- Friday (11<sup>th</sup>) Purpose Driven Pint
- Monday (14<sup>th</sup>) Oranges & Lemons
- Wednesday (16<sup>th</sup>) Bible Book Club



If you are interested in helping in any of our activities, joining a homegroup or helping on a set-up team, please ask a member of the welcome team and they will be happy to point you in the right direction.

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## CORNUCOPIA FESTIVAL 25 - 17 September 2015



Worship in a Tent at Cornucopia!

Sunday worship at Beverley Folk Festival during The Festival Of Life was so well-attended and enjoyed by the congregation that Cornucopia Festival will hold an act of worship this year on Sunday September 27th at 11am. Held in the grounds of Burton Constable Hall, Cornucopia Festival is a celebration of the changes in the seasons and all that's good about life. Worship continuing this theme will be led by Ali Crompton and his band; there will be a guest speaker, lots of praise songs and the opportunity for prayer and reflection. This is the first time Cornucopia has held a Sunday Service so it would be great to see you there!

If you've never been to a festival before, Cornucopia is a great introduction! Music, arts, theatre, crafts, comedy, lights, full children's programme, wellness (including a 'chill' space for spiritual exploration), star and solar parties, games, food and drink, talks, demonstrations and more. Come for the weekend and camp or visit for the day! Tickets and more information on the website [www.cornucopiafestival.co.uk](http://www.cornucopiafestival.co.uk)

### India feedback!

**Richard:** It is always good to renew friendships in India and to make new friends. This year we didn't travel out of Hyderabad but the warmth with which we were received was incredible. As always, the sights, sounds and smells of India are an assault on the senses but the chance to input into the lives of our brothers and sisters overseas is the best experience of all. Most of our work this time was amongst small gatherings of people or in homes. This meant an opportunity not only to pray for people but also to chat with them and get to know them a little more. Whilst our cultures are miles apart, our common humanity and our fellowship in Christ bridges the gap and makes all divisions merge into the background as we interact with one another.

**Lucy:** India opened my eyes to many spiritual and cultural challenges, but the day of most impact to me was without doubt our final day.

After a brief visit earlier in the week to the TB hospital we had the opportunity to visit again. We planned to give each of the patients the gift of a blanket and 2 bananas. A response to the poverty we had observed.



Purchasing 200 blankets was an event in itself. Filling the car with 400 bananas was really quite comical. However, on arrival, the hospital authorities decided NO Christians, praying or bananas were allowed that day! Calmly and confidently we trusted God to intervene. He did, and eventually Carolyn and I toured the wards with some bullish security guards. We were privileged to show compassion and quiet prayer for some of the poorest and sickest people this world knows. Now, what to do with 400 spare bananas? A visit to a leprosy colony was the answer. Another experience that humbled and thrilled me.



There is so much more I could say. Please ask!

**Angie:** India exploded all my senses inside my head and hasn't settled down yet so it's hard to put any of it into words: I am still waiting for God to make sense of it all. I found it easy to adjust to India but in many ways it was very difficult and I had to depend on God more than I ever have before. I am having problems adjusting to being back, maybe that because of changes God is making, I am shaken inside almost to the point of shock. I loved the Indian's love of God and their levels of faith: this was contagious and I want to hold on to this. I have been totally, totally humbled and am aware of my nothingness and God's almighty power.



I was encouraged that something someone prophesied before I went did happen, they described a scenario where I gave a word to an old lady and as this was playing out God reminded me of the prophecy and that this was it happening. Mostly God seemed to use me to challenge people to pray for themselves and to use His truth to set them free. I am trusting that what He started through me will continue. I had feedback from one young girl who had fears; she did what God told her through me and the next week confirmed she was free from the fears.

**Carolyn:** Well! This was my fourth time back to India. It was great to see old friends, make new friends and see the weird, wonderful and on occasions outrageous things in this fabulous country. The wonderful openness of the Indian people wanting to receive more of God and me having the privileged praying with so many people old, young and tiny. I was truly moved by the welcome they love to bestow on their visitors. I have always returned from India so much more blessed than when I went. Strongly recommend a visit if opportunity arises.



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