



CPGC International Internship Programs: Koderma, India May – August 2012

This summer the CPGC is offering 2 summer internships with the Holy Family Hospital in Koderma, an old mining community 250 miles from Calcutta, India. The hospital is operated by a group of Franciscan nuns, the Clarist Sisters of Koderma. It serves as an umbrella organization for a community development NGO, Sevasadan, that works on issues of female literacy and HIV/AIDS awareness and education in the form of on-site clinics and outreach to local schools.

Potential Opportunities for Students:

1. Teach English/literacy, Computer Science, Biological Sciences to students of the affiliated school
2. Work/assist/observe at the hospital and/or the free dispensary
3. Accompany sisters into rural villages to visit project sites

*Other opportunities may be available

Background information on Koderma can be found on the website <http://koderma.nic.in>

Koderma is a small district town in one of the most underprivileged provinces in India. The distribution of income is very inequitable, and the incidence of poverty and illiteracy is very high and well above the Indian national average. For example, 66% of the females in the district cannot read and write, compared to 46% in India as a whole. This has an impact on the role of women in the family, their health, and lifestyle. The Holy Family Hospital, Koderma has been playing a very important role for the last 50 years in addressing the health and literacy issues of women in the district. Apart from operating one of the most modern hospitals in the district, the Franciscan Clarist sisters operate a number of NGOs aimed at promoting AIDS/HIV awareness, increasing female literacy, and providing shelter to destitute. Professor Banerjee and his family are very closely associated with all these activities of the Holy Family Hospital.

In addition to working in the hospital, interns will teach English in a Hindi-medium co-educational school nearby.

It is expected that students can participate in the various activities of the Hospital and teach in the Hindi-medium school in order to contribute to a mutually enriching process. The internship will provide an excellent opportunity to become familiar with social issues first hand.

This internship requires a tremendous amount of personal initiative, both in the hospital work and teaching. Students will study with a Hindi tutor for the first two weeks of the program in order to learn basic Hindi language.

Professor Bish Banerjee in the Economics Department has a close affiliation with this organization and will provide additional oversight for the internship experience.

- **The deadline for this internship is February 12, 2011 (using the India Summer Internship Program application on OASuS: www.haverford.edu/CPGC/apply.php)**
- **This internship is open to freshmen, sophomore, and junior women.**
- **For general information about international CPGC internships, contact International Program Coordinator Chloe Tucker: ctucker@haverford.edu**