

December 15, 2010

Dear Rotarians, Friends, Former Polio Immunization Travelers:

Happy holidays! I hope that you have enjoyed the first half of your Rotary year and that you will have a wonderful holiday season. [If] You have interest in participating in a polio national immunization day, or you have joined us in the past and may know others who might want this experience, [read further].

The purpose of this correspondence is to let you know that **the Government of India has announced their February 2011 Polio Immunization dates**. We have organized a group that will be traveling to Delhi and Ghaziabad to participate in these exercises. We are inviting Rotarians from your District to join us.

We apologize for the short lead time, but the Indian Government just announced the January and February dates last week. Although this is short notice, this may be one of the last opportunities you may have to join such a trip. 2010 has been a remarkable year in the battle against polio. In 2010, there have only been 40 cases of the wild polio virus, compared to 659 cases last year at this time. In just a year or two, the disease may be gone. Therefore, if ...anyone in your District has expressed interest in mak[ing] this trip, now is the time to join.

[DG Claire has attachments she has received from Rotary International and you may receive those copies from her, Clairejlittle@aol.com.]

[In summary the key points are:]

- Departs the North America - Tuesday, February 15
- Returns to North America – Wednesday, February 23
- Travels to Delhi and Ghaziabad, India
- The attach program includes hotels, private transfers, Rotary meetings and special events, meals, and participation in two days of immunization activities. Round airfare is not included, but we will facilitate securing the lowest cost airfare from throughout the U.S. and Canada for anyone who needs such assistance.

This group will be limited to the first 40 people who join us. We are already aware of almost a dozen people who will immediately join the program. Therefore, if anyone you know is interested in joining us, we strongly recommend that they act quickly as we expect this trip will fill up very soon, and we will need to immediately apply for the Indian visas.

Thank you for your interest. I hope you can join us!

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