Learning Opportunities on Sustainable Community Health and Development at the Jamkhed International Institute, India

Comprehensive Rural Health Project (CRHP), Jamkhed, India Jamkhed International Institute for Training & Research in Sustainable Community Health & Development (www.jamkhed.org/training)

Come and learn!!!

about the principles and practice of comprehensive community-based primary health care (CBPHC) at a sustainable program that is an international model, from the staff and villagers who pioneered this transforming experience, through the principles of equity, integration, empowerment, based on their Christian faith and values,

bringing health and well-being to their communities for over 40 years

- and transform yourself and your understanding of health care.

Communities 'Health' Themselves Transforming Lives – Individuals, Communities!

Here are some opportunities for 2018:

PRACTITIONERS (e.g. project managers, community organizers, social workers, medical personnel) **Course in Sustainable Community Health & Development,** (2 months – Aug & Sept or Feb) – cost \$3,000 (scholarships are available especially for people from South Asia)

(mainly for people from various disciplines working with an organization in communities)

Customized Short Course for an organization (1-2 weeks) - by arrangement

STUDENTS (e.g. medical, public health, allied health, social work, development):

Practicum/Experiential Course on Sustainable Development, (3 weeks in July) - cost: \$1700 (mainly for undergraduates in various disciplines)

Internship/Practicum, e.g. public health, social work (4-6 weeks, or longer) - by arrangement

Other learning experiences for individuals and groups - by arrangement

(e.g. undergraduate or graduate class with its faculty, donor or church group, CCIH member group)

NOTE: If there is enough interest, we can develop a session for health and development professionals, e.g. for NGOs/FBOs, for 1- 2 weeks. Please let Connie Gates know if you would be interested, and when more than 5 respond, she will arrange it.

Internships and Workshops also available in the US.

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Comprehensive Rural Health Project (CRHP), Jamkhed, India is a successful comprehensive, community-based primary health care (CBPHC) program, initiated by Drs Raj

and Mabelle Arole in 1970. Based on their strong Christian faith and commitment to serve the poorest of the poor in rural India, they worked in a mission hospital and soon realized that the western medical model of clinic/hospital-based curative care was not having an impact on the health of the poor and marginalized, especially women and children. They were motivated to develop a new approach that would focus on health and on the community. Following the model of Jesus' ministry, with belief in the potential of every person, especially the poor and marginalized, they developed this approach for sustainable health of villages by the community members themselves.

CRHP's mission is to empower communities, especially poor, women and marginalized people, to attain health in its totality. CRHP's values-based approach transforms villages into capable and caring communities that work together to improve the health and well-being of everyone. The project's role is to facilitate and support building the capacity of the communities to enable them to assess their own problems, analyze causes, and develop appropriate action to solve them.

CRHP has been a pioneer since its beginning in developing the philosophy, principles and practice of comprehensive CBPHC. The "Jamkhed model" has become internationally known as a successful, sustainable approach of building the capacity of communities to address their own health needs, through empowerment, equity, addressing root causes/social determinants (e.g. poverty, women's status, caste system), etc. There is a significant impact on health indicators (e.g. infant/child and maternal health, communicable and chronic diseases). The improvements are sustainable, by the community. CRHP has been used globally as a model for other NGOs, churches, international NGOs and government programs, including UNICEF and WHO, and its experience informed the AlmaAta Declaration. It is involved in the global revitalization of PHC.

They have established the Jamkhed International Institute for Training & Research in Community Health & Development, where people (students, professionals & community members; from government, NGOs & churches; national & international) from all over the world come to learn from the staff and villagers about this approach. The learning experiences at Jamkhed will enable you to understand the principles & practice of CBPHC and to be able to incorporate these into your own work.