



## GLOBAL MISSION

### *Center for* SOUTH ASIAN RELIGIONS

The Global Mission Center for South Asian Religions (CSAR) is a service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Our purpose is to help Adventists build bridges of understanding with people coming from a South Asian religious background.

South Asia is the birthplace of several religions, including Hinduism, one of the world's oldest religions. It is our hope that the following tips will help you to build bridges of understanding with your South Asian neighbors.



## SHARING WITH SOUTH ASIANS

- Visit people in their homes since many South Asians believe that having visitors brings blessings to the host.
- Avoid being alone with persons of the opposite gender.
- Take every opportunity to pray with people, especially for health and family issues.
- Converse on day-to-day topics such as health, family, and children's education.
- Share a meal to help build strong friendships.
- Dress modestly. If possible, wear the South Asian cultural attire.
- Use titles of respect for older persons, i.e. "Bapuji" for men, and "Mataji" for women.
- Share your personal testimony, especially the stories of healing from sickness.

## COMMON GROUND

- Look for ways in which biblical values are practiced by South Asians, and build on these.
- Share our health message and vegetarian lifestyle as this will open doors and hearts.
- Speak about the biblical teaching that you reap what you sow.
- Tell Bible stories of characters who practiced selfless giving, such as Ruth and Naomi.
- Share the importance of adhering to a strict moral lifestyle.

## FYI

- South Asians make up about one-fifth of the world's population.
- About 20 million South Asians live outside Southern Asia.
- Hinduism is the third-largest world religion.

## HOW WE CAN HELP

Training is an essential component in sharing the gospel with our South Asians friends. CSAR provides the following training:

- Understanding the South Asian worldview
- Sharing Jesus with South Asian friends
- Addressing barriers to ministry

For free resources and more information,  
please visit [csar.globalmissioncenters.org](http://csar.globalmissioncenters.org).

