



INDIA

Mother Teresa, the angel of Calcutta

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CALCUTTA, INDIA, NIRMALA SHISHU BHAVAN IT'S THE HOUSE BUILT BY MOTHER TERESA AND THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY TO WELCOME ORPHAN KIDS AND THE ONES WITH PHYSICAL OR MENTAL PROBLEMS. IN THE AREA THERE ARE A LOT OF FAMILIES COUNTING ON THIS CENTRE TO GIVE THEIR CHILDREN A BETTER PRESENT.

ON SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2016 POPE FRANCIS WILL PROCLAIM SAINT A TINY NUN FROM ALBANIA, BORN IN 1910 AND PASSED AWAY 87 YEARS LATER: MOTHER TERESA.

JUST SAYING HER NAME RECALLS IMMEDIATELY HER MINUTE FIGURE, WRAPPED UP IN A WHITE AND BLUE SARI, ALWAYS WITH A SMILE ON HER WRINKLED FACE.

HAVING HER NAME ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY OF CALCUTTA (FROM 2001 OFFICIALLY KNOWN AS KOLKATA) IS MORE DIFFICULT FOR MANY: IT'S THE PLACE WHERE MOTHER TERESA LIVED AND WORKED MOST OF HER LIFE, SERVING THE POOREST AMONG THE POOREST SURROUNDED BY EXTREME INDIGENCE AND ITS RELATED VIOLENCE, DECAY AND ENORMOUS SUFFERING.

IT WAS THAT IMMENSE POVERTY TO PUSH MOTHER TERESA TO MOVE TO CALCUTTA RIGHT AFTER COMPLETING HER NOVITIATE AND HER NURSE EDUCATION IN THE NORTH BENGAL. SHE NEVER LEFT CALCUTTA SINCE THEN. HERE SHE STARTED TO LOOK AFTER AND CURE THE SICK PERSONS SHE WAS FINDING ON THE ROADS, FOUNDING LATER THE ORDER OF THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY AND A HUGE NUMBER OF HOMELESS CENTRES, HOSPITALS AND CLINICS DEDICATED TO PEOPLE AFFECTED BY LEPROSY.

IN MANY OCCASIONS MOTHER TERESA FOUND HERSELF INVOLVED IN CONTROVERSIES, BUT HER TIRELESS MISSIONARY ACTIVITY GAINED MORE AND MORE CREDIBILITY AS TIME WENT BY. SHE ALSO STARTED TO BE SUPPORTED FROM PERSONALITIES LIKE LADY DIANA SPENCER, AND IN 1979 SHE RECEIVED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

HUNDREDS OF VOLOUNTEERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD CONTACT MOTHER TERESA'S CONGREGATION HEADQUARTERS IN CALCUTTA TO EXPERIENCE SOME VOLUNTARY WORK IN ONE OF THE MANY CENTRES MANAGED BY THE ORDER. AND THE CITY OF CALCUTTA, WITH ITS 14 MILLIONS OF SOULS – MOST OF THEM LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY THRESHOLD – IS STILL A PLACE WHERE THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY PLAY A FUNDAMENTAL ROLE.



CALCUTTA, INDIA. TEJA SARANI JUNCTION, THE SMALL RAILWAY STATION NEAR THE KALIGHAT NEIGHBOURHOOD WHERE MOTHER TERESA CREATED THE "HOME FOR THE DYING".



CALCUTTA, INDIA, MOTHER HOUSE: BELIEVERS WAITING FOR THEIR TURN TO VISIT MOTHER TERESA'S TOMB.



INDIA, CALCUTTA: OVERVIEW ON THE HOWRAH BRIDGE.



INDIA, CALCUTTA. TWO KIDS PLAYING AFTER THEIR CLASSES IN THE PARK OF THE MOTHER TERESA COLLEGE.



INDIA, CALCUTTA. KIDS PLAYING CRICKET IN THE GLORIOUS DEAD PARK. IN MANY PARKS OF THE TOWN THERE ARE CRICKET AND FOOTBALL SCHOOLS MANAGING TRAINING SESSIONS AND CITY TOURNAMENTS.



INDIA, CALCUTTA, MOTHER TERESA COLLEGE: A STATUE OF MOTHER TERESA LOCATED IN THE PARK OF THE COLLEGE.



INDIA, CALCUTTA, NIRMALA SHISHU BHAVAN. A VOLUNTEER AND A KID PLAYING IN THE HOUSE BUILT BY MOTHER TERESA AND THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY TO WELCOME ORPHAN KIDS AND THE ONES WITH PHYSICAL OR MENTAL PROBLEMS.



INDIA, CALCUTTA, NIRMALA SHISHU BHAVAN. KIDS IN A CLASSROOM OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE HOUSE BUILT BY MOTHER TERESA AND THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY TO WELCOME ORPHAN KIDS AND THE ONES WITH PHYSICAL OR MENTAL PROBLEMS.



INDIA, CALCUTTA. SISTERS MISSIONARIES GOING TO THE SLUM OF MOTIJHEEL IN THE STREET ALONG MOTHER HOUSE. MOTHER TERESA USED TO CALL THAT SLUM, WHERE SHE STARTED HER ACTIVITIES, "WHERE THE POOREST AMONG THE POOREST LIVE".



INDIA, CALCUTTA. A FOOTBALL FIELD IN THE SLUM OF MOTIJHEEL.



INDIA, CALCUTTA, PREM DAN: A RECEPTION CENTRE OF THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY WHERE MEN AND WOMEN WITH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL PROBLEMS ARE WELCOMED, ASSISTED AND CURED IN TWO SEPARATED BUILDINGS.



INDIA, CALCUTTA, MOTHER HOUSE: A GROUP OF MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY SISTERS GATHERED AT DAWN FOR THE MORNING PRAYER.



INDIA, CALCUTTA. OVERVIEW OF THE VICTORIA MEMORIAL. IT'S A BUILDING BUILT DURING QUEEN VICTORIA REIGN, IN THE 20'S OF LAST CENTURY.



INDIA, CALCUTTA, MOTHER HOUSE: BELIEVERS PRAYING ON MOTHER TERESA'S TOMB.



INDIA, CALCUTTA, SLUM OF MOTIJHEEL: KIDS DRAWING DURING A CLASS.



INDIA, CALCUTTA, PREM DAN: A RECEPTION CENTRE OF THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY WHERE MEN AND WOMEN WITH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL PROBLEMS ARE WELCOMED, ASSISTED AND CURED IN TWO SEPARATED BUILDING.



INDIA, CALCUTTA, NIRMALA SHISHU BHAVAN: A DOCTOR VISITING A CHILD WITH SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS IN THE HOUSE BUILT BY MOTHER TERESA AND THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY TO WELCOME ORPHAN KIDS AND THE ONES WITH PHYSICAL OR MENTAL PROBLEMS.



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