

Dear friends in Presbytery/Presbyterial of Waterloo-Wellington,

In 2008 on recommendation of Knox Guelph Session, the Presbytery supported the visit of the Rev. Emmanuel Ariel of the Bhil Field in India to our Presbytery as a *missionary-in-residence*. However, the visit scheduled for May of 2008 had to be postponed because his visa was issued too late to allow his scheduled visit to Canada. Wilma Welsh and Pauline Brown did their best to cover the scheduled events at that time.

We have every reason to believe that because he was finally issued the visa in 2008 that a visa will be issued now without any problem. He has in his possession the official letter of invitation from Canada and will begin immediately the necessary steps for his visa. He also has the translation of all the court documents relating to the charges that were dropped for the 15 persons incarcerated from 2004-2006 on a murder charge. This relates to the invasion of the Bhil area by the Hindu extremists in January of 2004.

The Mission & Outreach Committee of Knox Guelph will organize his itinerary through Wilma Welsh. This email is to advise you that we are now prepared to accept invitations from congregations and groups within our Presbytery. If by early April there are open dates then we will provide the opportunity for congregations/presbyterials, etc. close to us to invite him to be with them. We do not mind a few open days for him to visit former India missionaries and friends, and also have some rest time.

We are hoping that he will arrive a few days before the first weekend in May - returning to India so as to arrive back before the 19th of June. He will be within the bounds of the Presbytery for about four weeks (depending on requests).

International Ministries of the PCC have invited him to attend *General Assembly* as an ecumenical visitor. International Ministries will cover his travel and expenses in Sydney, NS. After *General Assembly* he will go to Ottawa to visit St. Andrew's and will probably return to India from Ottawa (yet to be confirmed).

Pauline Brown hopes to accompany him and may be available to be with him during his visit with you.

Dates will be reserved on "first come first served" basis. Please provide me with date, time, type and length of event and name of contact person with phone number and email address. Dates will be confirmed immediately. Please let me know if you will provide a meal.

Wednesday, May 5th - approximate arrival date (may arrived on the 6th)

Thursday, May 6th - rest
 Friday, May 7th - rest
 Saturday, May 8th - 5:00 p.m. Knox, Guelph - mission event with dinner
 Sunday, May 9th - 10:30 a.m. Service, Knox Guelph
 Monday, May 10th -
 Tuesday, May 11th - Waterloo-Wellington Presbytery (?)
 Wednesday, May 12th - Knox College Convocation
 Thursday, May 13th -
 Friday, May 14th -
 Saturday, May 15th -
 Sunday, May 16th -
 Monday, May 17th -
 Tuesday, May 18th -
 Wednesday, May 19th -
 Thursday, May 20th -
 Friday, May 21st -
 Saturday, May 22nd -
 Sunday, May 23rd -
 Monday, May 24th -
 Tuesday, May 25th -
 Wednesday, May 26th -
 Thursday, May 27th -
 Friday, May 28th -
 Saturday, May 29th -
 Sunday, May 30th -
 Monday, May 31st -
 Tuesday, June 1st -
 Wednesday, June 2nd -
 Thursday, June 3rd -
 Friday, June 4th -

Saturday, June 5th - June 11th - General Assembly, Sydney, NS
 (hosted by International Ministries)

June 11th - 17th - (until departure) - St. Andrew's Ottawa (to include a visit
 with Pauline Brown's family)

Blessings,
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