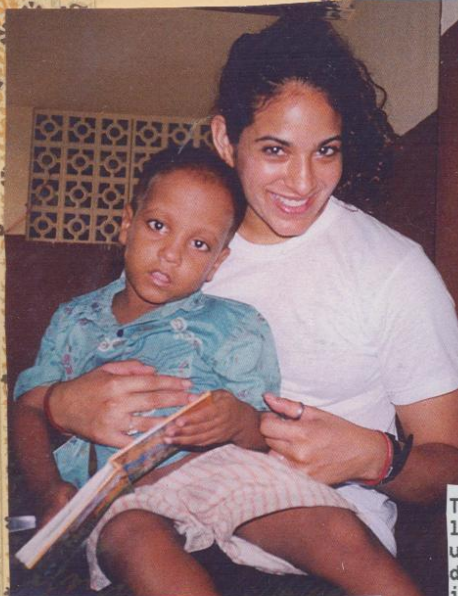


CALCUTTA, INDIA

Raina Paul

Lisa Asgaonkar and I had the incredible experience of teaching with the Missionaries of Charity at the Ghandi Welfare Centre, one of several projects instituted in Calcutta. The children, although orphaned and malnourished were a continual source of joy, as their smiling faces greeted us every morning.

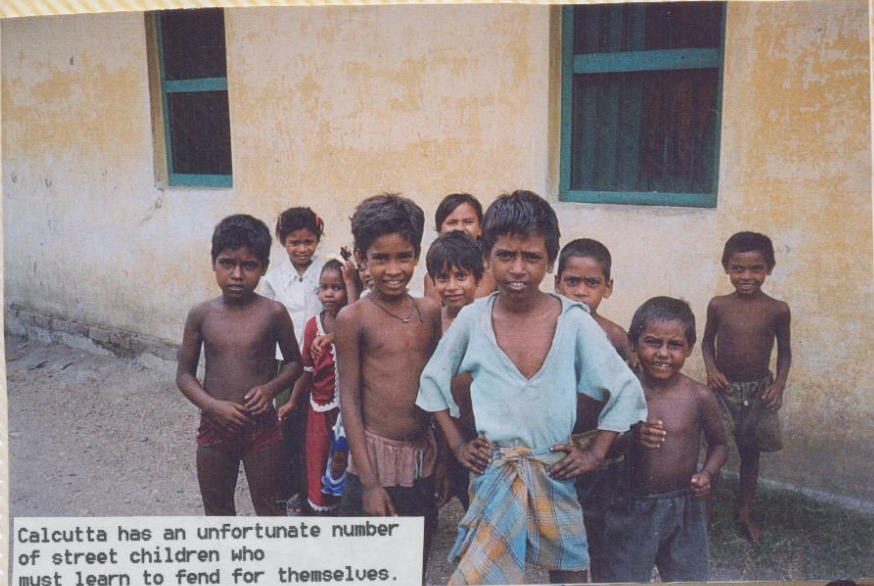


One of my favourite students was Aman, a mischievous, yet eager and adorable child, who was especially fond of Curious George picture books!



The Missionary Sisters devoted their lives to helping the underprivileged of one of the most densely populated cities in the world. Here, Sister Helen smiles cheerfully with another volunteer, as they take a break from sewing clothing for the children.





Calcutta has an unfortunate number of street children who must learn to fend for themselves. Several of these children are fortunate enough to be taken to the Ghandi school by the Sisters, where they can spend a few hours a day away from the harsh realities of the street.



We were honoured to be able to visit the Leprosy Colony of Calcutta. This incredible institution, entirely populated by those afflicted with leprosy, is fully self-sufficient. The residents even spin their own clothing and make their own prostheses.

