



Partner Church News

River Road's support of Partner Church initiatives makes a difference in India and Transylvania



River Road's Partner Church Committee is happy to share exciting news from both of the communities we are joined with in partnership.

50th Anniversary in Kyrdem

The Unitarian Church in Kyrdem, N.E. India, is celebrating its 50 Year Anniversary in 2017! Founded in 1967 with one family, it now has 46 families and operates a school to provide educational opportunities to the children of the community. Supporting this school is the principal focus of River Road's partnership efforts.



In addition to celebrating its fiftieth anniversary, in early February the Kyrdem church hosted the Unitarian Union of N.E. India's General Assembly. As a gift to our friends, River Road's Partner Church committee provided funding to purchase a new bell for the church (pictured above). We hope that the bell will ring out in love and friendship for the next 50 years!

10th Anniversary in Fiafalva

Ten years ago, the minister of our partner congregation in Fiafalva, Alpár Bartha, and his wife Márta started an afternoon school program for the local Roma children, in order to provide supplemental instruction to improve their opportunities in life. This program has served as a model for similar programs that are starting at Unitarian churches in other communities in Transylvania.

At the anniversary celebration, Márta was pleased to receive a memorial plaque, which identifies Dwight Cramer, a true champion of partnership, as one of the forces guiding the creation of the program. River Road's Partner Church Committee honors Dwight's enduring legacy by continuing to support this vital program.

