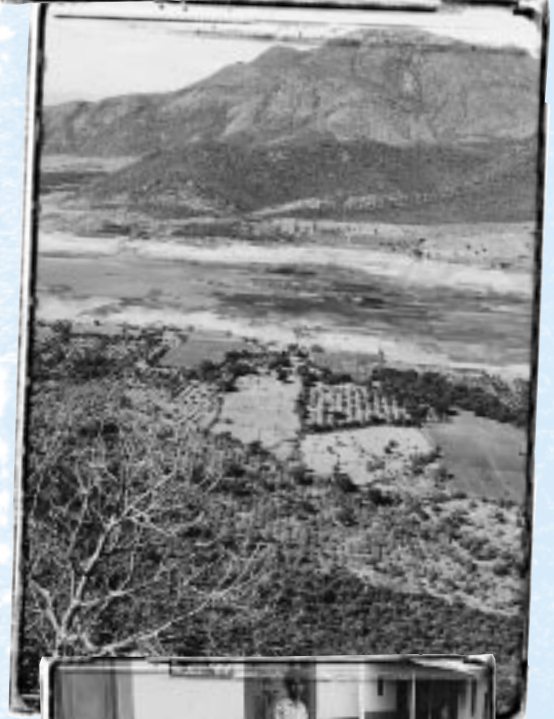


While riding on the top deck of a tour boat within the Tiger Preserve, we observed a herd of wild elephants enjoying a drink and a dust bath. The preserve was home to many species of birds, deer, wild boar, and bison.



Wearing their dress shirts, the children of Boys' Village await orders from Brother Joseph. They are sitting before one of ten large rooms that house their meager belongings. All meals and sleeping are usually done on the porch to escape the consistent heat.

for creatures and critters. It's about time for the boys to return from school. This place is so quiet and empty when they are gone. I love

meeting the bus and welcoming each boy back home. The food is wonderful. The variety of spices and flavors, mostly variations on curry, is a welcome break from my usual diet.

6/25 Worked with the bricklayer and planed boards. That evening we visited a village where the St. Joseph's Trust, under the direction of Brother Sebastian, has established an evening school, a

Left: During a spice tour, we plowed past a farmhouse and through various large leaf crops. At the crest of the trail, the plant life gave way to an expansive view.

Right: After removing all of the tiles from the chapel roof, the wood frame was replaced and repainted. Next, the tiles were re-colored and placed back on the roof.

So many lives are touched by the Brothers here; clearly, the Lasallian mission is being carried out.

6/27 Up at 5 a.m. for a 7 a.m. boat trip to the game preserve. Then on to a tour with Brother Paul. We would learn about the local herbs and their uses and tour a tea plantation. Returning to Boys' Village in the evening, I felt as though I were going home.

6/28 Started painting the boys' cottages today. Brother Joseph allowed us to pick the colors. The exteriors were to be white and "bus" green. To complete this project, we increased our hours, and we now work from 8:00 a.m.



women's forum, and a farmer's forum. This program exists in ninety villages. Some residents become certified to teach in the school. The women's forum teaches women independence and attempts to prevent early marriage. The women we visited were very proud that they had saved 60,000 rupees (about \$1,400). The farmer's forum discusses the village's agricultural issues. The Trust also provides an opportunity for the forums to obtain low interest loans.

to 5:30 p.m., with an hour lunch break. In the evening, we visited another village and met a local doctor who volunteers three evenings a week at nearby villages. Then we traveled to two other villages, riding in the back of the ambulance - a long Volkswagen bus with a painted red cross and light. Visiting the three villages made for a very long night.

Our journey is half over. Some of these boys are really starting to steal my heart. I love sitting with them after dinner under the Indian night sky and playing