



# The Caravan

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## Hati

[HÄ' tee] / derived from Hindi word *hathi* meaning elephant

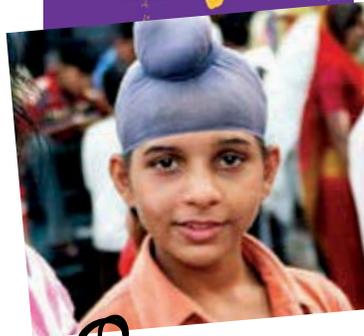
Hati is the youngest member of the Caravan. He comes from a region in the northwest of India called Punjab. Though he is small, Hati has a very big imagination. He likes to imagine that he is a great missionary like the famous William Carey, who came to India a long time ago to tell people the Good News that Jesus Christ had been sent by God to offer forgiveness from sin.

Zeke told Hati that he didn't have to imagine that he was a missionary. He could be a missionary in his own neighborhood just by telling his Sikh friends about Jesus. Hati knows many people who follow all the religious practices of Sikhism. He also has some friends who stopped following the religious teachings of the Sikh gurus, or teachers, when they learned about Jesus but they didn't stop being Sikhs.

Hati wears the Sikh turban and steel bracelet, called a *kara*, to show that he shares the same culture as his fellow Sikhs even though he knows that Jesus is the one true God. This helps Hati when he wants to tell his friends about Jesus. It shows them that they don't have to change their culture to follow Jesus. Hati lets them know that Jesus loves them and wants them to love and follow Him as well.

**Punjab, India.** Punjab is a state in northwestern India. Punjab has a greater concentration of Sikhs than anywhere else in the world. It is also the home of the city of Amritsar. The Golden Temple, which is the most sacred site of the Sikh religion, is in Amritsar.

**Sikhism.** Like many other main religions in South Asia, Sikhs believe in karma and reincarnation (that every good and bad thing we do influences how we will be reborn). They teach that, only when a person's karma (good and bad deeds) is balanced, can that person avoid being reborn and become a part of god. Instead of being assured of salvation through Jesus, what Sikhs consider "salvation" is this end of reincarnation and merging with god.



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**Elephant.** The Asian elephant lives in India, Malaysia, Sumatra and Sri Lanka. It is commonly used for labor and very few elephants are left in the wild. They live up to 70 years. Asian elephants have very strong social bonds and are excellent swimmers. They have few natural enemies.

## Favorite Verse

“ Live wisely among those who are not Christians, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and effective so that you will have the right answer for everyone. ”  
Colossians 4:5-6 (NLT)