

## Embroidery Work by Bangalas of Punjab



**This lady is working on a wall hanging in one of our sewing centers in Barwala, India. This wall hanging will be one of the items for auction at FAME's Banquet and Silent Auction.**

Embroidery is India's quintessential handicraft. Techniques vary with the community and different regions of India. It is a simple needle work but exquisite effects of the Bangala embroidery are brought to the fabulous bright yellow and red kachhi embroidery. There are different kinds of embroideries, like the embroidery of the Rajasthani's, reminiscent of their local life style, inlaid with triangular, square and many different shaped mirrors.

NICM has been working amongst this lost and forgotten tribe and has planted several cell group churches and also established a full Christian Church in Rajpura. Most of these Bangala people are travelers and wanders within northern India mostly, as they are illiterate and were mostly snake catchers, but ever since government of India has banned snake catchers and snake charmers business, this community is turning to handicraft.

NICM's FAME clinic has conducted dozens of medical camps and several of the people of this community have accepted Christ and are now faithful members of Christian churches all over North India. In fact, we have trained one person from this community and he is now a pastor of one of the Bangala church.

Blessings,

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