



**THE  
DALIT  
DRUM**

**Now  
available to  
download!**

**by Garth Hewitt  
and Paul Field**

**incorporating on location  
recordings of Dalit drummers and  
musicians**

- In 2001 Garth Hewitt and Paul Field travelled to India and visited Christian Aid partners *Activists for Social Alternatives (ASA)* in Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu and *Prajwala* in Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh. They also visited the Dalit Resource Centre at Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary in Madurai and met with the Director of the Board of Social Ministry of the Church of South India (CSI), the Director of CSI's Synod department of Dalit and Adivasi concerns and the General Secretary of CSI in Chennai.
- The trip was an eye opener in so many ways, giving Garth and Paul an insight into the history of Dalit suffering, introducing them to some of those who have been oppressed and victimised as well as giving them an appreciation of dalit culture.
- Garth and Paul visited or heard musicians from the villages of Acculamnaikampatti, Kottapaluvanchi, Karvadi, Thathakavundapatti in the Tiruchirapalli area of Tamil Nadu and also Peddathayyur, Nellaipalli, TTKandigar villages in the area of Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh.
- "The Dalit Drum", released on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2001, was a collection of songs written to highlight the oppression of the Dalits in India. The songs were written by Paul and Garth in India and incorporate location recordings of Dalit drummers and musicians.
- In the early part of 2013, this evocative and disturbing collection of music became available again, partly as a result of the interest shown by **Methodist Women in Britain** ([www.mwib.org.uk](http://www.mwib.org.uk)), amongst other groups and individuals focussing on the injustice of caste discrimination, seeking ways to raise awareness, encourage prayer and stimulate action.
- MWiB thanks Paul Field and Garth Hewitt for their encouragement and helpful co-operation in our work on Dalit solidarity. To download, go to:

<http://www.garthhewitt.org> or

<http://paulfield.bandcamp.com/album/the-dalit-drum-2>