

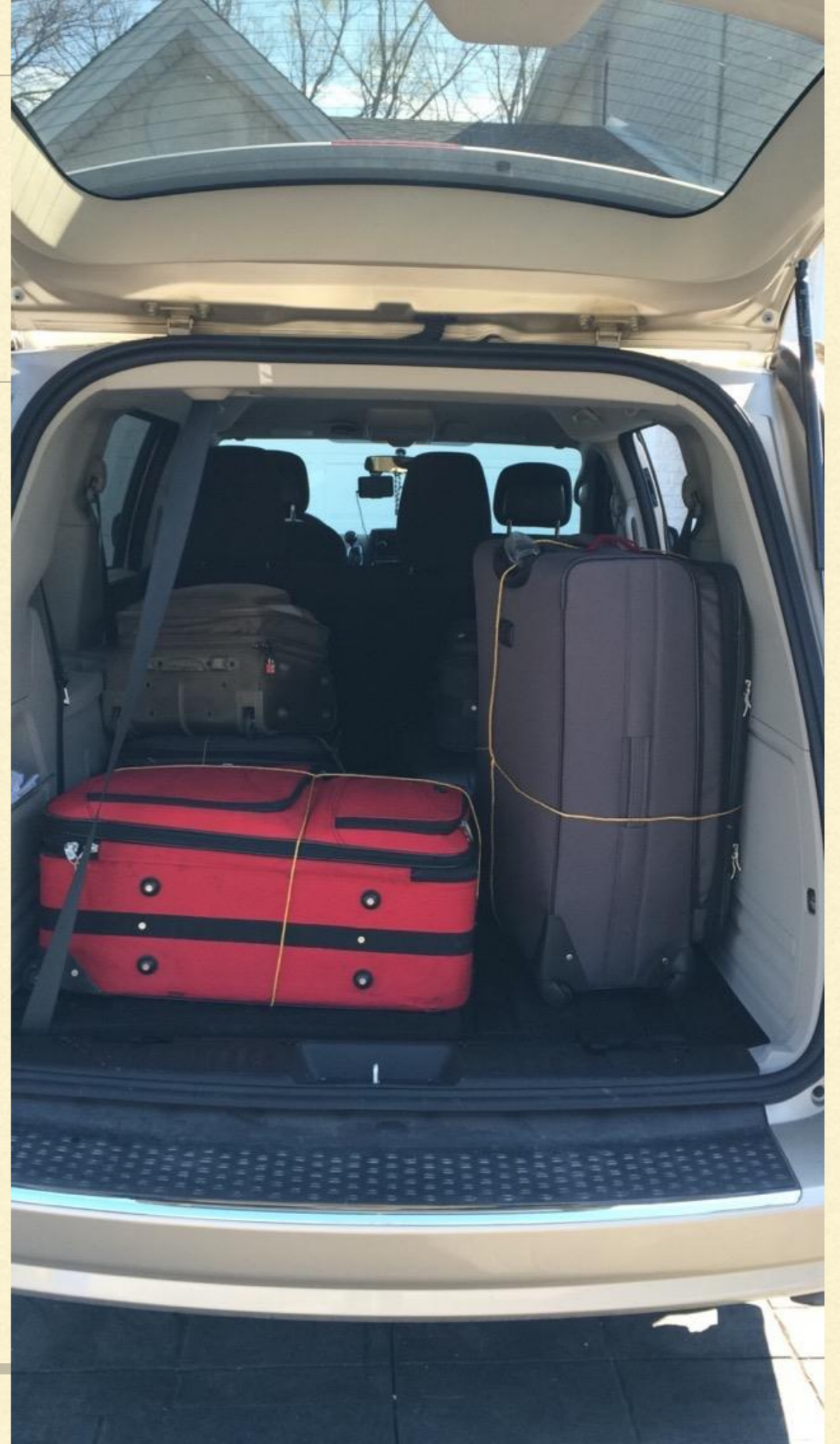


PINGALWARA: IN LETTER & SPIRIT

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THESIS PLANS

- Summer of 2016
- Six weeks
- Stayed mostly at Pingalwara
- Experience



PUNJAB, INDIA



AMRITSAR, PUNJAB

Map of Punjab



Overpopulated

City

Busy

Poverty

THE INDIAN CASTE SYSTEM

- India is structured with the caste system
 - Higher castes
 - Honor, respect, purity
 - Lower castes
 - disgust, untouchable
 - The influence and result of this caste system is used as the foundation for discrimination, selectivity, and helplessness for those belonging to a lower caste.
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STATISTICS

- India is one of the least inclusive countries with regards to individuals who have a disability (Isaac, 2005)
- For the elderly in India who have a disability, there is limited availability of health facilities (Lahariya, Khandekar, Pradhan, 2012).
- Individuals aged 50 or older in lower castes experienced poorer health and higher levels of disability than those belonging to a higher caste (Kowal, Afshar, 2015)





STATISTICS

- Children born into lower castes are more vulnerable to obtain infections and diseases than individuals in a higher caste (Vart, Jaglan, Shafique, 2015)
 - Suggests that the longer an individual is exposed to poverty and poorer conditions, the more likely the individual will experience a future disability or illness.
 - Individuals with disabilities have a greater risk of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and violence (Dawn, 2013).
 - Specifically, women with disabilities were the greatest at risk population for physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and violence (Dawn, 2013).
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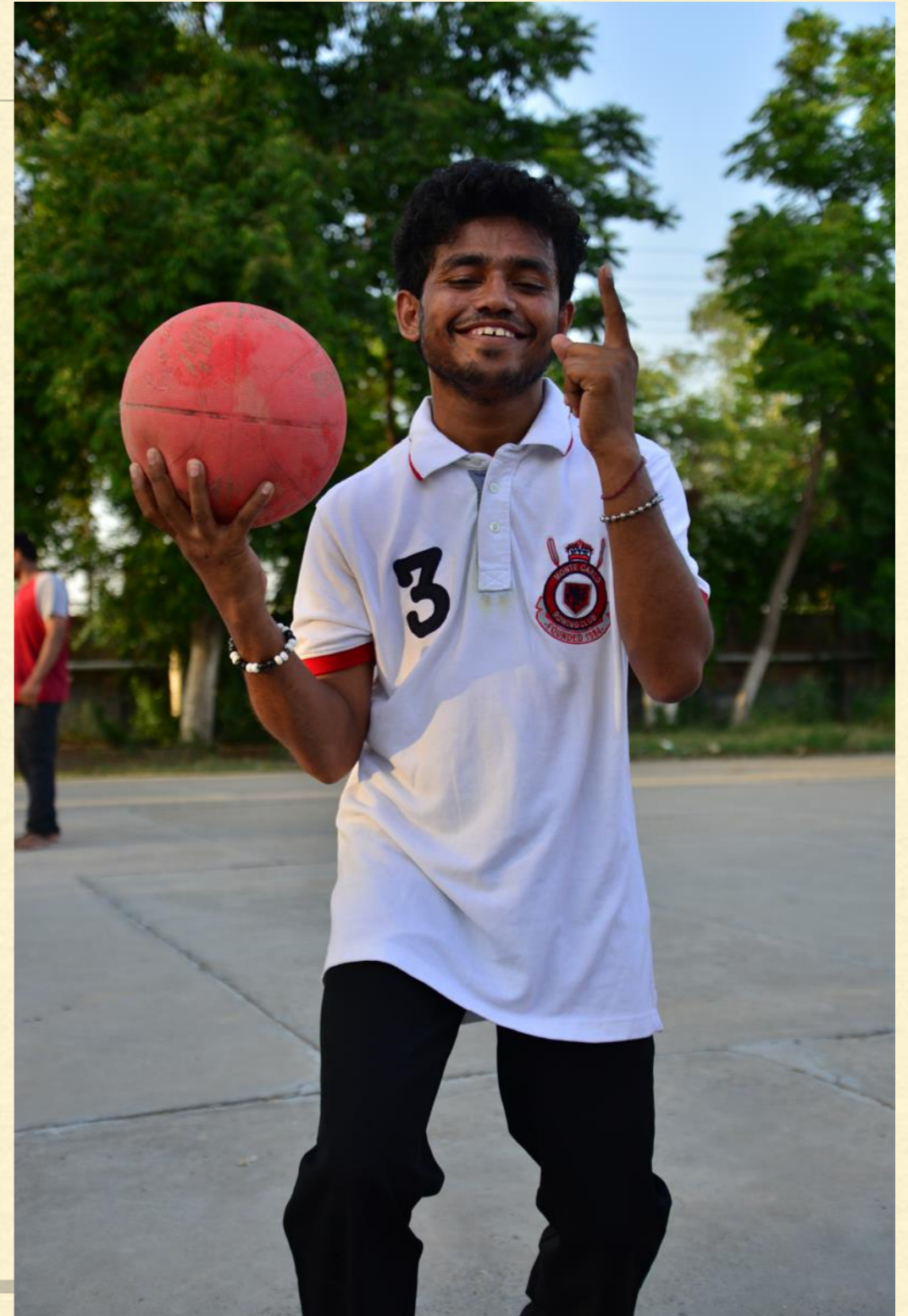
PERCEPTION

- India is known for its stigma towards individuals with diseases and/or disorders.
- In a study of perceptions of people who had contracted tuberculosis, individuals still stigmatized patients even after completion of the treatment and being cured of tuberculosis. (Rajeswari, Muniyandi, Balasubramanian, Narayanan, 2005).
 - In fact, the stigma was still so relevant that some patients gave wrong names and addresses to avoid being connected to the conducted study (Rajeswari, Muniyandi, Balasubramanian, Narayanan, 2005).



STIGMA OF DISABILITIES

- Many factors:
 - Little to no knowledge
 - Limited awareness of mental illness
 - Little to no recognition for disabilities
 - Lack of governmental aid
 - Limited facilities and hospitals for this population
 - Social “embrassement”



WHAT IS PINGALWARA?



- Pingalwara
 - Pingal = disabled
 - Wara = house
 - A house for the disabled
- An orphanage for individuals abandoned because of their disability, age, or sex.

PINGALWARA FACILITIES

- 8 Branches
- Organic Farm & Research Center
- Ambulances and Trauma Vans
- Prosthetic Centre
- Physical Therapy Centre
- Dental Care
- Eye Care



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DISPENSARY
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PINGALWARA FACILITIES

- Elderly Care Facility
- Typically Developing School
- School for the Deaf
- Special Education School

PINGALWARA'S RESIDENTS

- Houses more than 1,000 residents:

- Cognitively impaired

- Polio, paralysis

- Unable to hear

- Elderly

- Physically impaired

- TB



PINGALWARA'S RESIDENTS



- Blind
 - AIDS/HIV
 - Epilepsy
 - Cancer
 - Diabetes
 - Typically developing children
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qi2bHuhI6k&feature=youtu.be>

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