

The First Weekend Given in Hindi, the National Language of India

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The first Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend ever given in Hindi (the national language of India) was held in *Ranchi, India* during the weekend October 5-7. The team was made up of all local couples; Marcel & Josephine Hembron, Igrace & Anastesia Lokra, Caesar Paul & Laetitia Kachlap and Fr Vincent Topp, SJ. Eleven couples, two priests and eight nuns participated in the Weekend. Fr. Pepe, who was an observer, commented afterward that "it was a beautiful Weekend. The seed^{is} planted; we have to keep it watered. Surely, the Lord will make it grow." All the banners, posters, name tags and handouts were translated into Hindi - for the Weekend. Everyone involved agrees that this is another big step in sharing the gift of the weekend with the millions of the India subcontinent.