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Youth Camp--Andaman Islands

Calvary Children's Home at Bathu Basthi, Port Blair was the site of *Youth Camp 2007* supported by our partners, Indian Christian Fellowship. "Faithfulness" was the theme of the camp and the home's youth and community youth were ministered to in regard to health and cleanliness; AIDS, its cause and effects; and being faithful in every day life. The camp had such an impact in all those who participated, that the youth and those ministering left with great passion and firm commitments. Three doctors from different parts of India instructed some sessions and *Scripture Union* and *Youth With A Mission* field staff ministered in other sessions.



More and more we see God joining together the body of Christ in one common kingdom effort. In this partnership, each ministry is playing a role in fulfilling Proverbs 22:6— raising up children in the way they should go so when they are old they will not depart from it.



Petrica Toi—Moldova

Last fall Petrica entered National College in Moldova to begin his studies to become a doctor. We just received word that at the end of his first year he is at the top of his class. Congratulations Petrica!

Four more children plan to enter college this fall.

Bethany Christian Center—Moldova, where Petrica was raised, recently finished the last two homes on the grounds. New house parents are arriving this summer. Soon they will be able to care for 20 more homeless children.

Work is also beginning on building a Christian school on the grounds. Several of the older boys have part-time paid jobs to help construct the building and learn the construction trade.

The oldest girls are in a training program in the Center's bakery.

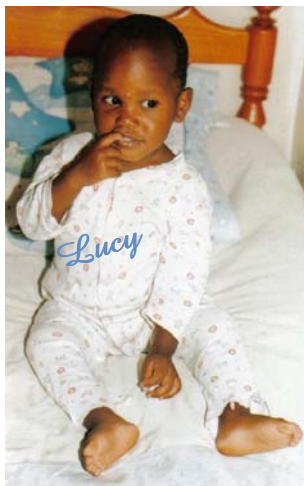
Abandoned--but now with hope

Every child has a right to life and survival as well as to be cared for by parents. However, whatever causes parents to abandon children can hardly be explained.

Being an innocent and helpless child of approximately nine months, a baby girl—later named Lucy—was found abandoned

at the Kisumu District Hospital in Kenya under a tree in front of the children's ward. One of the hospital personnel saw her sitting alone and calling for people using her hands. She was taken into the hospital to wait for anyone who would claim her, but no one came. She will never know her biological origin.

Lucy was later joined by another abandoned baby around one year of age. Trevor, was found in the slums of Kisumu, wrapped in a polythene bag. He had been left outside and was possibly rained on, and probably endured the burning heat from the hot sun. He was brought to the hospital by a good Samaritan who found him. He was so



emaciated that most people imagined he would not live. He was diagnosed with several diseases and treated. It is also suspected that he is an HIV/AIDS victim, though so far tests have shown negative signs. One more advanced test (window blot test) is needed when funding

becomes available. As Trevor grows, he will need spiritual guidance to accept his situation, to thank God for not forsaking him when his own parents did, and by His grace he is alive.

These two children were placed in the same bed in the hospital and became like siblings. Since the hospital was not the best place for the children to grow, and it was believed they needed to remain together, Kisumu Children's Department requested placement in our partnering home, Cradle of Children's Hope. Today, Trevor's health is much improved, and both Trevor and Lucy are happy with their new family of 35 children and caregivers in their new home. Both are in need of a sponsor.



Bethany Christian Center thanks all for their faithful spiritual and financial support, and prays for God's blessing and reward upon your lives!

Shadow of His Wings



Left—The second home duplex is finished.

Right—Two of the girls take part in the clowning ministry.

The girls are bringing the love of Jesus to a local nursing home. Precious seniors are filled with joy.



Shadow of His Wings Orphanage in Monjas, Guatemala is growing by leaps and bounds. They recently finished the construction of the second home duplex and have started work on the third. Within a few weeks of opening up the new duplex, it was filled with precious destitute girls. They are already finding out the blessing of the new life God has given them.



One of the girls who has been in the home over 4 years, Miriam, is now 18 years old and will earn her certificate to teach lower elementary grades in October. Another 18-year-old, Astrid, is president of her class and her GPA is the highest of 41 students.

At Shadow of His Wings, every opportunity is given to the girls to build a good healthy relationship with Jesus Christ and one another, to excel in their studies, to participate in evangelistic activities, and to begin on the road of fulfilling their purpose in life. Many participated in the clown ministry, ministered at the rest home, raised funds to help plant a rural church, conducted a VBS in the new church, and more. They are passing their blessings on.

New Children of Promise Missionary



The summer of 2006 was life changing for Joan Grunenwald of Youngstown, Ohio. She spent three months volunteering at the Children of Promise Home—The Purple Palace—and fell in love with the children. As the days went on upon return to the States, Joan began to realize God was calling her to lay down her life and go to the mission field. She sold her house, belongings, and car and laid down her teaching career

to prepare for her return. On July 17, 2007 Joan will begin her new journey as a Children of Promise International missionary. During her orientation at Children of Promise headquarters, Joan shared her love of children and life's desire to have a family. God has surprised her with a family bigger than she could have imagined. She leaves behind family and friends but is looking forward to wrapping her arms around those she left behind in Tijuana, Mexico. Tyler and Connie Youngkin welcome Joan with open arms as she comes to help with the growing number of children and accounting responsibilities at the home.

India Children Serving the Lord

Victor and Kiruba, home directors of Rose of Sharon Home, disciple the orphaned and destitute girls of the home in the Word of God, as well as encourage them in the development of their God given skills, and train them to be a light for Jesus wherever they are.



Karunya, who just finished her school final, recently went to her village to visit her poor father. While there she learned of a young girl who was out of her rightful mind and everyone feared her. Compassion filled Karunya's heart, and after fasting and praying for three days, she went to minister to her. Karunya prayed for the young girl and God did a miracle in her, bringing total healing. Karunya stepped out in faith, knowing that God would answer.

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