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Children of Promise International

Caring for Orphans and Destitute Children Through Christ-Centered Homes and Programs Worldwide

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Dear friends in the Lord's work,

The pictures on the other side of this page represent the more than 400 *Children of Promise* in India. The stories are typical of what God is doing with his little ones of all ages. Thank you for uniting with us in prayer for them.

Our trip to India and the COPI conference (September 10 –18, 2011) was such a joy as we fellowshiped with representatives from all fourteen homes. Relationship building was a vision the Lord gave us even before we left home. God's principle works: communication results in relationships which results in ministry to one another. This was a trip without predesigned purpose with an open spirit to revelation. The ministry of our brothers and sisters in India to us was that of example. This could be summed up in two words-- humility and sincerity.

It was prudent to look at the situation of diminishing funds due to economic conditions and an aging donor base. This lead to mutual praise of our Lord! For despite conditions, He has sustained this work in India. This is truly about hearts and is a praise item. We still struggle with the unending needs in the India homes. It is only when we look to the Lord Jesus as our resource that we have peace. How blessed we are that COPI house parents on the front line have grasped this truth. Yes, they do look forward to the distribution of funds from COPI every month, but in a spirit of learning and training, they are seeing other ways that the Lord is supplying. They shared stories of friends and relatives, particularly in foreign countries, helping. Also there were increased gardens, and in one case two truckloads of coconuts from the property that sold for a considerable sum. This new view point is resulting in a unity of spirit among house parents that is necessary in a broken world.

How blessed we all are to have this unity of spirit among sponsors, house parents, and COPI volunteers: that life is all about Jesus. Please pray with us that these children will understand the true message of the Gospel. They do go to church, memorize scripture, and pray together, but we so want them to be walking in the spirit, trusting God, knowing that Jesus is their friend and Savior.

We must continue one day at a time, doing all we can in the Lord's strength, being sure that we are listening to the Master's voice. Obedience is the answer to the future.

T.C. and John

The fourteen Children of Promise homes in India send their blessings and want you to know they are praying for you. If you have any specific prayer needs, please send them to us and we will pass them on to the homes for the children to pray. There is no faith like these little ones have when they are down on their knees. All homes thank the Lord for your faithfulness to care for His children.

Calvary Home
House of Anthony
Karen's Cottage

Emmanuel Home
Rehoboth Home
House of Jesus
Mercy Home

Morgan Home
House of Bethany
Bread of Heaven
BALL Kid's Home

Rebekah Home
House of Bread
Rose of Sharon



A LIVING TESTIMONY - PERCY

Percy, a nursing student who finished nursing college in June 2011 is a strong believer in Christ, but could not get a job even though she went for three interviews in big private hospitals. She was not discouraged but came to minister with us at Rose of Sharon. One Sunday she spoke with power sharing how God has predestined her life. Her family was very poor and they were telling her that her studies were a waste. The reply she gave to them was, "I know who holds my future." They did not understand, but did after God give her a job in the best hospital: CSI Mission Hospital Palayamkottai with the salary no one has ever got before. Halleluiah! She came back to our home to tell the children that Jesus never fails.

NEVER ALONE AT CALVARY HOME

I am M. Venkaiah studying 8th grade. I lost my mother and my father left me and my sister in the streets and went away. (His whereabouts are not known). I came to Calvary home when I was very young, studying in the 1st grade. Now I am in 8th grade. After some time my sister left me alone in the home so, now I have no relatives. No one visits me like some other kids who have visitors. I accepted Jesus as my savior. My home parents .told me that Jesus is my visitor forever. God gave me a nice safe home.



GOD'S CARE AT KAREN'S COTTAGE

I am a Muslim guy and my original name is SK. Amir Basha. I came to Karen's Cottage in 4th standard and now studying 7th standard. After joining in home I first heard about Jesus. When I listened to Abraham and Isaac story I liked Isaac very much and I changed my name as Isaac. Accidently at school a boy with a hammer hit me unknowingly and my leg was wounded badly. My home mother took me to hospital immediately and doctor gave some tablets and said don't walk. Here all the children prayed for me. Now I can walk. Home mother loves me very much this is nothing but only Gods love. Now I happily praise the Lord. .



SECOND GENERATION AT MORGAN HOME

Ebenezer, 6 years old and sister Joshna, 10 years old. Mother is illiterate and father is deaf and mute since childhood. Father was raised in Morgan home and was a member of the home church. He goes out for small jobs but is not able to feed his family. Ebenezer and Joshna are average students and need help with schoolwork. They love garden work and both love Jesus.

