



Dear Friend,

Greetings from all of us. I hope you're enjoying your summer over in the US. For us in India, monsoons have set in and many parts of India have been receiving rains except for our town. I was told that the pattern of rain we receive is on “Feast or Famine” mode. I can't wait for that so called “Feast” to come.

Around the time that I was sending our last newsletter, my worst fears have come true. We have reached the capacity of this building and cannot take any more children due to infrastructure limitations.

Now we have 14 girls and 4 staff living in the same building. As much as I fear to say “NO” to a very needy child, I am equally determined to stay in prayer to seek Almighty's guidance to seek a solution. I know in His time, the doors of opportunity will be opened.

Just about the time I completed typing the second paragraph of this newsletter (It takes weeks for me to complete the newsletter), on the same day, I received a phone call from a well wisher who wanted to buy a piece of land for us to build an orphanage. Also recently, I was visiting a volunteer friend of mine in a rehab center, and there I met an American volunteer (Physical Therapist) from California. We had talked for about 15 minutes and I gave my business card. Two weeks later, to my absolute surprise, she came to visit the HOPE House and brought a bag full of goodies for the children. It is these goodies (crayons, marker pens, scales and many other school items) we use as prizes for our coloring competition. Thank you Bernadette for your visit and the goodies. The reason I say these two things is this: Our conviction to depend on our Almighty for our needs has never disappointed us but rejuvenates our desire to do more.

During the recent train bombings (on July 11<sup>th</sup>), some of you had enquired about our well being. We say thank you for your concern. We are quite far from the site of the bombings but you always suffer along with your countrymen in situations like that.

To encourage our children to expand the horizons of their thinking and allow them to dream bigger, we are starting a Pen-Pal program where they get to know people of other cultures and nationalities. We have created a small electronic file of instructions for one to follow to participate in this program. If you're interested, write to us.

## **TWO SIDES OF INDIA**

- *India has created 80,000 millionaires and second most number of billion dollar companies in the world – Wealth Report, 2006.*
- *47% of Indian children (under age 5) are malnourished, same as Ethiopia. - State of the world children’s report, UNICEF, 2006*
- *12.7 million Indian children are in child labor. - 2001 India census.*

In reply to my letter after the last visitation day on June 8<sup>th</sup>, many of you have written to me personally and as some suggested we are planning to incorporate some changes to engage the children in activities and to increase the family member’s participation on the visitation day. One activity that we have taken up is “Letter Writing Day” on the first Saturday of the month. Children will write letters to their families to remind them about the upcoming visitation date

(second Saturday of the month). This in itself could be an engaging activity for the children apart from encouraging the family members to visit them on a specific day. Also planning for lot of engaging activities on the visitation day apart from having special guests such as young men and women of our youth fellowship spending time with our kids.

### **NEWS:**

- Bernadette of California, USA visited us on 28<sup>th</sup> of June, 2006.
- Ms. Saroja Thiruvankatam, District Social Welfare Officer visited on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July as part of state inspection.
- Many of our children won prizes for the competitions that were held at School (for sports) and at Church for scripture memorization.
- A local building contractor had volunteered to donate a computer for the HOPE House children.
- Mr. Balaji, a software consultant (at SAP), Bangalore – India, visited us on 29<sup>th</sup> July. Balaji ate lunch with the children and volunteered to use his expertise to build a secure online data access interface for our Pen-Pal program.

Lastly, I want to leave you with this thought: In 1997, when we were visiting Washington DC, I was touched by a quote on a wall at the Holocaust museum and I took a picture in front of it. The quote by Charles Augustus Lindberg says: “WHAT KIND OF

MAN WOULD LIVE WHERE THERE IS NO DARING? I DON'T BELIEVE IN TAKING FOOLISH CHANCES, BUT NOTHING CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT TAKING ANY CHANCE AT ALL”

Thank you for your courage to make a difference.

God Bless and more in two months.

Ruby

**HELP YOUR KID TO BE A PEN-PAL...**

*Help your child to become a Pen-Pal to our children by writing to us and we will assist them. Write to us at [indiahopehouse@gmail.com](mailto:indiahopehouse@gmail.com)*

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*If you're inspired by our message and able to support us financially, we say thank you in advance. Kindly follow the details below:*

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