



Dear Friends,

Each year God has been showering us with his love, protection and provision. We realize how fast days go by when we see how quickly the kids keep growing. As we learn how to be parents in every situation to these children and teenagers, we see God's guidance. These children bring a lot of joy in our lives. Their transformation is our driving force to do whatever God has planned for us to do.

Rosie had a great time in the US during her visit in February. She enjoyed seeing many supporters, visiting schools, attending a women's retreat, teaching an Indian cooking class, and making new friends. As the network grows it is humbling to see the love and encouragement of everyone towards us and the COF mission.

As we move into the school project, God has been surprising us in His own ways, reassuring us of His plan in this and reaffirming our faith in Him. We are more than excited to see what God has in store for COF, Hope Academy, and the children for His glory.

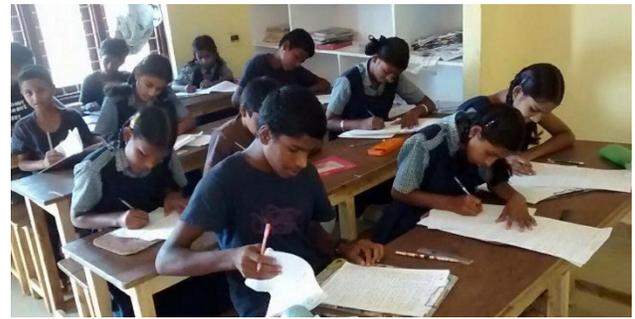
Blessings,

*Rosie and Anand*

### COF SCHOOL UPDATE

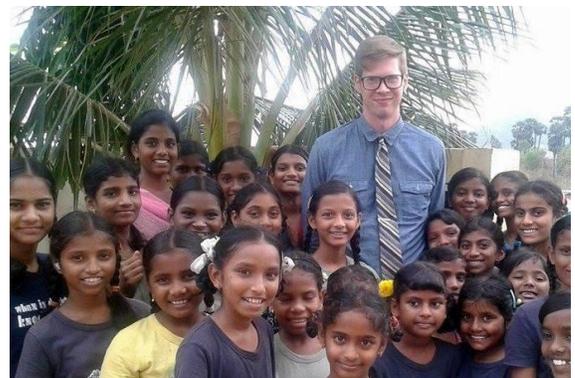
This year has been our best academic year so far. The addition of benches, desks and designated classrooms has accelerated the performance of both students and teachers. All the children are learning well, and the teachers are teaching with passion. We are starting to see significant changes in regards to the confidence level, and the reasoning and critical thinking skills, as well as the children's abilities in answering questions and problem solving. Denver Janz from TeachBeyond did an outstanding job in teaching Zoo-phonics® which is helping the children improve their reading.

During Rosie's recent visit to the US, she was able to "shadow" Donna Wiens, who is the principal of a school in Salem, OR. Rosie learned a lot from this experience that she is looking forward to implementing this academic year.



### DENVER JANZ REFLECTION

My time here at Children of Faith has been a tremendous blessing from God. I have thoroughly enjoyed myself as I have taught the children English, led devotions, and occasionally preached. I have been so encouraged by the ministry led by Rosie and Anand Thandu. It is evident that the Lord is leading and building this organization for HIS glory! I have seen growth in the kid's mentally and spiritually, which is such a blessing. Many have a deep desire to follow Jesus and to live for him. I am sure many of these kids will have a great future in the Lord and that God will continue leading COF in His willful path. I hold COF in high esteem and will undoubtedly miss them all. "



## HOPE ACADEMY UPDATE

In March, Rosie and the Hope Academy Advisory Team were meeting with various potential donors to raise funds for the site property purchase. To date, we have raised just under the amount needed to finalize the purchase. Praise God!

Below is a visualization prepared by EMI who visited the 5 acre site late last year and did some preliminary evaluation and assessment of the site.



Interested in learning more about Hope Academy?  
<http://www.hopeacademyvizag.org/about.html>.

Because you are COF supporters, we want to keep you up to date on this exciting project. Financially, however, we want to urge supporters to make their first priority the sustainability of the Children's Home.

## CHANGING LIVES — HARIKA



Harika has always been a girl with strong determination and will. In order to get admission into COF, she was very persistent and kept saying, "I want to live here, I want to study. I want to have a better life." Although we kept saying that we will let her family know

when there was availability, she stayed at the gate and wouldn't go home until we took her in that very day. It doesn't surprise us to see how she has grown into a prayer warrior.

Her mother was very depressed and hurt due to her home situation. She had no strength to bear the physical and emotional torture from her alcoholic husband, BUT prayers have been answered and her husband is treating her well, has stopped drinking, and they are both very happy now. Harika's mom came in to COF with a big smile on Easter, which made Harika and all of us happy. Glory be to God!

## PRAISES

- God's miraculous healing of Melinda McClure
- The 10th graders and the junior college students finishing their exams.
- TeachBeyond's support and Denver Janz's time at COF.
- Water buffaloes and for an abundance of milk. Gone are the days of getting store-bought milk. We now have pure and nutritious milk on the premises. All the kids are also very happy with the yogurt which is made fresh from milk each day. The kids take great care of our livestock.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Good results for the 10th graders and junior college students on their exams.
- Health and safety during the hot summer season.
- Hope Academy, that God will provide the resources for this project.

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Christmas was full of fun and the kids looked beautiful and happy in their new clothes. It was a great sight in church with their colorful clothes and even brighter smiles.



## A RECENT VISITOR'S STORY

One of our supporters and child sponsors, Joan Hughes, recently visited COF for the first time. We asked her to tell her story:

*It wasn't completely a spur of the moment decision to go to COF in India, but it was about as close as one could get. I told my sponsoree, Abhi, that I would visit some time and then found out that Lise Vilas was planning to come in February. Lise had been to COF twice before so I felt confident going with her. Rosie wanted me to do some artwork and some music. Great! I gathered music that I thought would be fun for the kids to learn and designed a piece of art in which all of the kids could participate.*

*After arriving, I quickly learned God had more planned for me. We attended Anand and Rosie's church, where I was asked to sing something. By myself. No rehearsal. Not usually how I do things. Thankfully I remembered one of the songs I was wanting to teach the kids, "Praise You." One of the many times on the trip when I was forced out of my comfort zone, my little "box."*

*The children do a devotional time every day, and I was asked to pray, out loud! Again, out of my "box". Rosie also asked if I would share an experience that taught me something about myself and God...and she wanted it to be a story about my experiences with horses, since the kids don't have any knowledge of horses...yikes! Again, forced out of my comfort zone, the little "box" I like to stay in.*

*My first day working with the kids was fun but challenging. I am not a trained teacher, especially an "English as a third, yes, third, language" teacher! Forced out of my "box" again, I realized after about one minute, that my well-thought-out plan for the artwork wasn't going to work, but I came up with another way to do the project.*



*I also created, for the week that I was there, the Children of Faith Gospel Choir, and taught the kids a special song as a surprise for Rosie. Not one of them breathed a word to her! At the end of my stay I directed as they all sang "Jesus is the Rock", with movements too! The kids also taught me Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes, in Telugu, which they thought was hysterically funny...Talah, Bujaloo, Mokaloo, Padaloo, Mokaloo, Padaloo...I practiced a lot for that!*

*Lise worked with the kids on their phonetic reading, listening to each child in the first through seventh grades, then working more intensely with those who she felt needed extra attention. She was impressed at how they had progressed since the previous year.*



*Overall I was so impressed with the kids' enthusiasm for the Lord and for life, their politeness, their helpfulness, their playfulness, their sensitivity to changing situations, and their openness to trying new things and meeting new people. COF provides a means for underprivileged children to get out of their limiting little "box" created by life without knowing God's love and poor education, and provides them hope for the future. I learned that when I get outside my little "box," God can do amazing things.*



Valentine's Day Celebration with Joan & Lise

## SUMMER IS HERE

It is that time of the year again - hot and humid. The children are mostly indoors during the day, and play in the evening after it cools down. They are used to this weather and don't feel the heat as much we do but still need to be constantly reminded of the fact that they need to drink lots of water. The birds and dogs love sitting under the shade trees.



## RECENT PASTOR VISITS



This February Gary Jones, Executive Pastor at New Life Church in Alamo, California, and Board Member John Koppel visited COF. The goal of the visit was to give Pastor Jones and New Life an understanding of the mission. John shared some highlights:

*Upon arrival Pastor Jones officiated over a naming ceremony at Anand and Rosie's church for a beautiful one-year-old girl. After a reception, we spent the night at the boys' dorm.*

*The next morning we spent some time with the boys, and then visited some of the classes taking place. The work being done by the teachers, the improvement in teaching techniques and the dedication the children have toward learning was inspiring. Knowing that these children had come from backgrounds with no opportunity—and have gotten to where they are today—is amazing. Gary was able to meet with the teachers, ask them questions and pray for them.*

*Later in the week Gary was able to visit the Junior College where several of our children are attending and walked the area planned for the new school. Gary was also able to visit with and bless some local pastors, and gave a memorable sermon at Anand and Rosie's church.*

*Before we had to leave we were able to spend a special evening with all of the children and staff of COF. We sang together, we prayed together and at the end of the evening Gary blessed each of the children individually.*



The senior pastor of Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, Morgan Murray, also recently visited COF and the pastors in the area. He had this to say:

*I just got back from an amazing two weeks with Rosie, Anand, and the kids at COF. I am so grateful to everyone at COF for taking such great care of me! This was my first time visiting a developing country, so their care made it possible for me to keep saying "yes" to the new experiences God brought to us. I returned home grateful for what God is doing in and through COF, and privileged to support it in a small way.*

*One thing that I would like COF supporters to know is that God has given Anand and Rosie a kingdom vision and spiritual influence that reaches well beyond COF Mission itself. You know about Hope Academy, their dream of a top-notch school that will emphasize the development of critical thinking skills, English language learning, and Christian formation. But you may not know that they have inspired an entire new ministry—UK-based Children of Grace—now being built just a few yards away from the boys dormitories. You also may not know that pastors throughout the region look to Anand for leadership for their ministerial association which provides support and training to pastors, and is helping to build new churches.*

*Closer to home, neighbors continuously stopped by with greetings, and often with treats for the kids. Rosie greets them, and then leads the kids in prayer for the visitors. Since establishing the COF Mission some fifteen years ago, the surrounding community has seen a significant increase in development. Dirt roads have been paved, villages have been incorporated into the city, and new homes have been built. Such is the nature of kingdom advancement, I believe: Where God's people are planted and sharing the love of Christ, communities thrive.*

*We support COF because it provides a future and a hope for children who otherwise would have none. But I believe this is only the beginning of what God has in store!*



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