



Dear Friends,

We had an amazing time in the U.S. meeting friends and making new connections. We had our biggest fundraiser at WCPC towards the furnishing of the boys' dorm. The kids were sharing beds, and many were sleeping on the floor, but now they will all have their own bed. It was a great experience also to visit many schools and learn about the education system, discipline methods, teaching strategies, classroom management and much more. The school is going well; the kids are grasping concepts faster and are learning more.

We are really happy to see what the Lord is doing at COF. The kids are growing physically, spiritually and intellectually. God has been providing the best of everything—the beautiful boys' dorm, dining tables, beds, closets, and more! The children are all filled with joy and keep saying, "it is too good to be true."

We thank all of you for everything you do towards building up these children and making a difference in their lives.

Blessings,

**Rosie and Anand**

### TRIP REPORT: SCHOOL VISITS

In addition to visiting our friends and supporters, a key goal of our recent trip to the U.S. was to visit a number of schools and educators to learn more about providing our students with a stellar education and begin to explore what would be required to open up a school that could draw children from the greater Vizag area. Our desire is to impact the lives of additional children, to share Christ's love with them and provide them an opportunity for a high-quality Christian education.

During our stay, we gathered a wealth of information which we are now processing. We will be focusing on a number of items related to teacher training including: lesson plan development, managing class time, interaction between the teachers and students, collaboration, discipline techniques and teamwork. We also came away with many new ideas from the use of classroom wall space and holding educational events to learning manipulatives for math, field trip ideas and the use of technology. We are excited and looking forward to taking additional steps towards making our school better.

### MOVING ON TO JUNIOR COLLEGE

All three of our students (Kinnera, Shanthi Nakka & Abhishek) who took the 10<sup>th</sup> grade exams in March and April passed with good scores and have been admitted to Sri Chaitanya Junior College. This school is part of a reputable chain of colleges throughout our State.

Abhishek has been admitted in the Math group, with a focus on Engineering, while Shanthi & Kinnera were admitted in the Biology group with a focus on Nursing. Thank you for all your prayers and support. Our hearts are filled with joy, and we are so grateful for what the Lord is doing. Each of these children are the first ones in their families to pursue Junior College.



Kinnera, Abhishek, Shanthi Nakka

**A GIVING OPPORTUNITY** - Admission, tuition and books cost about \$400 per student for the entire year, even after a lot of bargaining. We have to buy uniforms (2 sets) and bus passes for transportation on top of the admission, tuition and books, which is another \$150 per student. Donations are welcome.

## VIGNETTE OF COF CHILD



Shanthi Nakka, has been at COF for the past 7 years. She comes from a very poor family of 6 girls, and is the youngest. Her parents wanted a boy and when Shanthi turned out to be the 6<sup>th</sup> girl they were very disappointed, and she was literally shunned at birth.

Shanthi lost 2 of her sisters due to malnutrition and poverty and was in very desperate need of help. It is such a joy to have Shanthi as a part of COF. She brings great joy to us with her sense of humor and fun-loving attitude. She is beautiful on the inside and out.

Shanthi is now in junior college. This is what she says, "I have never imagined that I would ever go to college. None of my family members ever went to college or even to school. My parents are very old, and they wanted me to get married early just like my sisters. I thank God and COF and all my supporters for making a difference in my life. I want to study well and get a job and take care of my elderly parents."

## PRAISES

- Our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students passed their exams and are now in junior college.
- The boys' dorm construction is completed and the furnishings have arrived.
- The children have remained healthy during summer, which had record temperatures.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For our college students, for wisdom, protection and guidance as they explore the outside world and make new friends.
- For the new children coming to COF, and their adjustment to and thriving in this new home.
- For the health of the children during this

monsoon season.

- For the teachers and staff.
- For the LOPC Youth Mission trip.



## LOPC MISSION TRIP

On July 25th, 43 enthusiastic high school students and 15 talented adult advisors from Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church (LOPC), in Lafayette, CA will begin their two-week youth mission trip at COF. To help defray costs of the upcoming trip, the youth families and adult advisors held a month-long "Invest in Youth" fundraiser which brought in about \$22,000. Anand and Rosie were able to make a guest appearance during their visit to California. LOPC's Vacation Bible Camp in Childrens' Ministry also collected an offering for COFM which raised \$1,200 in contributions.



"Investing in Youth" Booth at LOPC

While at COF, this hardworking, fun and faith-filled team will build a large boundary wall to encircle/protect the new boys' dormitory, erect a treehouse and construct a sandbox for the children. In addition, the LOPC youth will be painting the new boys' dormitory and hanging curtains there, and installing much-needed restrooms at the nearby church.



Lastly, over the past couple of months, the LOPC youth met often to paint murals depicting Noah's Ark and a world map, which they will bring to India to decorate the walls of the boys' dormitory. The youth also took turns recording themselves reading childrens' books aloud which will be used to launch COF's new Listening Library. More importantly, the LOPC team and the COF family will be able to spend an amazing time together learning, singing and playing, while they are all sharing and growing their faith and love of God.



Painting Noah's Ark Mural

## WCPC FUNDRAISING EVENT

Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church (WCPC) held a celebration dinner and fundraiser on its campus on May 9<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful evening with great Indian food, sharing by Rosie and Anand, singing, dancing, laughter and lots of fellowship. What could be better than sharing a meal with friends that share a common faith in Jesus and who share that faith in so many ways with others here and throughout the world.



Rosie and Anand leading dancing at Fundraiser

Thanks to all who purchased a bed, storage closet, mattress, desk or any of the other items "on sale" at the event. Over \$31,000 was raised towards furnishings for the new boys' dorm, exceeding the event's goal of funding the core furnishings required for the dorm. We want to give a special thanks to our matching funds donors for this event.

## VISITOR PERSPECTIVE...

JOHN KOPPEL

This June I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to visit Anand, Rosie and all of the children. I go to India often on business so I always make an effort to stop by and visit. As always Anand and Rosie took great care of me during my visit, but I was really blessed to see so many new things that I have only heard about by email or phone.

The New Boys' Dorm—The last time I was at the site of the building, only rebar and cement footings were completed. At this visit, I saw a beautiful two-story building ready to be occupied by the boys. They had completed everything except for some tile work on the floors, kitchen and bathrooms. The doors and windows look great, as does the entire layout of the rooms.



Boys' Dorm Dedication Event—One afternoon during my visit, Anand, Rosie, family, friends, teachers, caretakers and all of the children gathered in front of the building to celebrate and dedicate the building to the glory of the Lord. We prayed at the front door, then we walked through each room in the building, praying that God would bless this building with His love and protection.

Towards the end of the dedication, we sang hymns up on the roof under the open sky after which we returned to the main COF building for a delicious dinner of rice and chicken. The dedication blessing of the building was a blessing for everyone at COF, and I felt truly privileged to be in attendance. A big thank you goes out to efforts made by everyone who contributed towards the completion of this project in such a short period of time.



Dorm Dedication

Children's Education—During my stay, I also witnessed our children's educational growth. Rosie introduced me to the teachers at COF during class time so I could see what they were studying that day. I was very happy to see the children receiving lessons in smaller classes and that each child was receiving more individualized attention from their teachers.

I have personally visited both private and government schools in India. I am pleased to report that the gap between these schools and our quality schooling at COF is large. COF has hired quality teachers and is under the superb direction of our dedicated directors, Anand and Rosie. These efforts, coupled with the continued educational planning and support provided by volunteers Mark and Joanne Perra, Larry and Esther Wiens, Jim and Donna Wiens, as well as others are having tremendous impact. We expect an even better future as plans for the children's education continue to develop.

Thank you for supporting COF through your donations and continued prayers as this essential part of COF continues to grow and evolve.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT

### College Scholarship Fund

Earlier in the newsletter, we mentioned a giving opportunity to help fund the educational costs for our three new Junior College attendees. With the success of our school, we expect more and more of our students to qualify for Junior College.

We have established a college scholarship fund for the future college education of our students. Every year we anticipate having at least 3-5 kids graduating from the tenth grade, and we want to help send them to the best colleges.

### Donations of Cameras

We're lucky to have Terry Riggins, a professional photographer planning to visit the orphanage in late August! She's going to be working with the children to teach them about photography and to help them see their creativity open up through a camera lens.

Do you have a used, digital camera, pocket or DSLR that you would be willing to donate to this cause? We'll take it! If your camera requires a unique rechargeable battery, the charging unit and battery must be included in the donation as well. Ideally, we'd love to have the operator's manual too. And remember, your donation is tax-deductible.

For more information, you can email Terry directly at: [info@terryrigginsphotography.com](mailto:info@terryrigginsphotography.com).



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