



Dear Friends,

Greetings to you from your COF family in India. We hope you are all well, enjoying Spring, and had a happy Easter. We have once again seen God's hand of protection on us all as he poured out His grace and provision on us this quarter. The children are doing well and keep growing in every dimension. We are very proud to see the way they interact, love and care for one another, as well as cheer for each other.

In addition to providing the best shelter, food and living, our goal is to provide the best education—as only education can give them the opportunity for a bright future and break the cycle of poverty. We are amazed at the way the children have been excelling in school and displaying creativity and analytical skills. It is a joy to be parenting these special children who are all so unique and are gifted in their own ways.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers, love, and financial support. You make this all happen! We love you all!

Blessings,

*Rosie and Anand*

## MEET MS. MADHU



Ms. Madhu is our science and mathematics teacher for the primary grades. She is a very passionate hard worker and she loves the children well. Being a teacher at Children of Faith can be challenging because of the variety of backgrounds from which the children come. Some have never been to school or are first generation literates, so it takes a lot of effort to get them engaged so they can enjoy learning. Ms. Madhu is one of our best teachers and has successfully helped all our children to excel in her subjects.

## A GOOD ACADEMIC YEAR

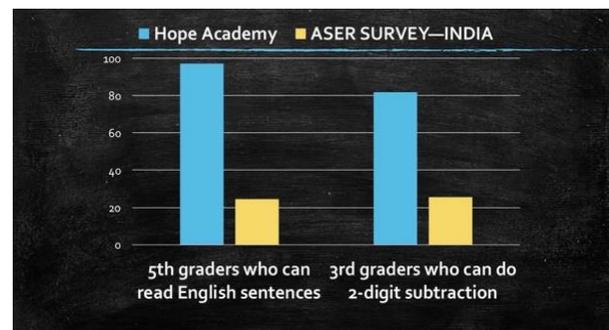
Each year keeps getting better and this has been our best academic year so far. The children in particular are doing very well in mathematics and are mastering it. We had a celebration and awarded trophies and medals to the children who scored well, improved in the year, displayed creativity and did well in their projects. The 10<sup>th</sup> grade exam and junior college results were also very good.

Just one success story: Priyanka struggled a lot with school, and we were just hoping she would pass all the subjects (passing is 3.5 out of 10). She scored an 8.2! We are all overjoyed and thrilled. She is “over the moon” happy. This success stems from the one-on-one attention the teachers give.



## HOPE ACADEMY PROJECT UPDATE

Our children are performing exceedingly well at the Hope Academy pilot school connected with COF. But as we've talked about in other newsletters, this is not a sustainable long-term solution for a host of reasons.

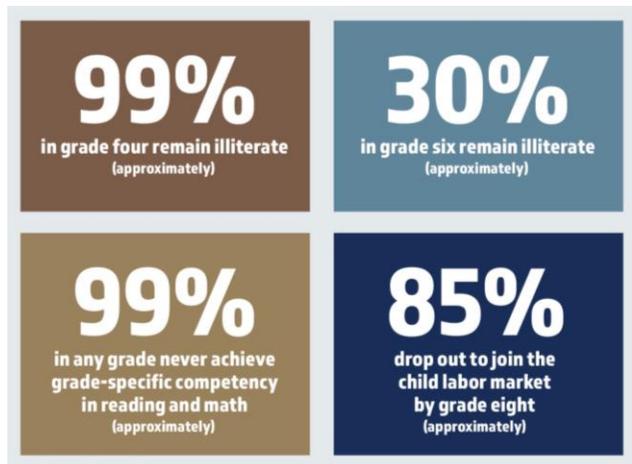


The following is an update on the status of our Hope Academy school project that will someday serve 800 students on a 5+ acre campus.

- We're almost to the halfway point of funding this project! Praise God!
- Not only that—because of your early support for purchasing land—we're increasingly able to compete for major grants from corporations and foundations!
- However, we have had trouble finding a team of engineers and contractors who possess a sufficiently robust mix of engineering skills, language skills (English and Telugu), construction experience and known integrity. This means that we've placed major construction on hold until we identify the right people.

### WITHOUT HOPE ACADEMY

Access to high-quality education is virtually non-existent for children who are ultra-poor. UNESCO statistics indicate that for Indian children who live well below the poverty line:



### CHILD HIGHLIGHT—NAIMUSHA



Naimusha has been at COF for the past 8 years. She lost her dad at a very young age but has a mother and little sister. Naimusha had learning disabilities and struggled a lot in school, but by God's grace she is now in 2nd year of junior college. Naimusha says, "This is my

home and I am very happy here. It is a very peaceful place. I always love getting letters from my sponsor, who has been very encouraging and also throws a big party for the children on my birthday every year."

### ROSIE AND THE SHE CONFERENCE

Children of Faith was featured at the SHE women's conference at New Life Church in Dublin. During the conference, the 650 women who attended prayed for the children. It is a blessing to see the network of supporters growing and the abundance of love and prayers for the children and the ministry. In the photo below is Pastor Crystal Heisel introducing Rosie to the attendees.



### PRAISES

- All the children passed their classes and have been promoted to the next class.
- A very good Easter celebration.
- The children are doing well in health and in school.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Hope Academy project. For more, see [www.hopeacademyindia.com](http://www.hopeacademyindia.com).
- Guidance for selecting the neediest children to be admitted to COF.
- Older children as they move on in their education and careers.
- Four new teachers.
- Health during the hot summer months.

## A JOURNEY "HOME" BY MARY LEE

It was my third time to visit Children of Faith since I began sponsoring Vijay Kumar Chillari in 2006. He was just 5 years old in 2008 (photo right) when I was part of a six-member mission team from Walnut Creek Presbyterian to travel to COF. Vijay was 10 years old in 2013 for my second WCPC mission trip and now finally returning January 27, I was speechless to find a tall, handsome, bright and confident Vijay, now age 16 (1<sup>st</sup> photo below). I was blessed to be accompanied by my adult daughter, Christine Lee-Rojas (2<sup>nd</sup> photo below) who has been sponsoring Manohar for a decade. The purpose of our trip was to simply "be present" with Vijay, Manohar and the children in a relaxed setting, knowing that our two sponsored boys may leave COF for college one day in the future.



God is truly at work at COF. We were particularly impressed with the onsite school. The quality of the teachers and education is excellent. We had the opportunity to teach new songs in the English Class which we later heard them singing on their own!! We spent time with the children before and after school as they diligently carried out their responsibilities. They loved engaging us in conversation and showing us their school work, projects and skills.

The highlight of our time was being "guests of honor" at an evening party at which the children performed a variety of songs, music and dance! There is so much talent at COF that Rosie and Anand foster! At the end of our last evening Manohar and Vijay eloquently shared the value of child sponsorship and what it meant to them to have us praying for and supporting them. Yes, there were tears.

Our time in India ended by Rosie and Anand playing tourist with us in Northern India, Delhi, Agra and the Taj Mahal and historic Jaipur in Rajasthan. It was such fun to get Rosie & Anand away for a little R & R!



Regarding our treasured visit to COF, Philippians 1:6-7 comes to mind. "For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, and you are all partakers of the gospel with me. "

## EVERYONE LOVES MANGOES

It is hot and humid summertime in Vizag. The best part of summer, though, is mangoes—the favorite fruit of all the children. With raw mangoes we make pickles and, of course, the ripe ones are instantly devoured as is. The children take good care of the garden. Our fruit garden has coconut, mango, papaya, guava, gooseberry, sapota and pomegranate trees.



## ABUNDANT RICE

Thanks to Otis McAllister, Inc., for donating another huge truckload of rice. This rice will feed all the children for over a year. This is the BEST quality basmati rice that is grown in north India and we are blessed to have it. At COF, we consume more rice than any other food and the children absolutely love this brand. We are very grateful to Royce Nicolaisen and John Koppel (Board members of COF) for making this happen 5 years in a row.



## EASTER CELEBRATION

We had a very good Easter celebration, and all the children were able to attend church all dressed up. The children were able to sing some special songs and enjoy a delicious Easter feast. The children are very helpful and always volunteer to serve during any events they attend. They always look forward to their bus ride and are delighted to get out in the community.



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