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Dear friends,

We trust this small summer update letter finds you well! In it we hope to provide you with news of the home and how God has been answering the prayers of all those who support this work. True to her name, Children of Grace Home has continued to see God's merciful grace in action and below you will find some points, both for praise and further prayer.

***'Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.'* (Prov. 16:3)**

In December, our boys moved in to their newly built home and since then have developed a strong brotherliness as 'COG boys'! It was a long time coming and something for which we praise God for as a Father who is the giver of all good gifts. In our previous letter, however, we mentioned that this was never the end goal of Children of Grace, but that it was our hope that the doors would be open to new children once the finances were secure for the 12 boys we currently have. Recently this summer, the remaining 5 boys found donors to provide for their needs, which means we can now look to bringing in at 4 new boys into our little home. This is amazing news, never have we seen such growth in the level of support in such a short space of time! We would like to take the time now to thank each of you all so much for your continued prayers and support, this is a home that continues to be built by our God through prayer, so please persevere and be praying for the future 'COG boys' yet to call COG their home!



Children of Grace (left) with sister orphanage Children of Faith (centre)

***'But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.'* (Is. 40:31)**



Emily with her students

We are joyful to have back with us both Emily and Miriam who have returned to the UK having spent some time at the orphanage working in the COF school, teaching English and Art. The children grew incredibly fond of them both and we are so proud to have such ambassadors



Miriam and her newly painted Jonah mural



Mike and Wes in the lake district

from the UK going over to help with the work on the ground. In other news, our Head Trustee, Mike Cadge, has been on his bike again on a fundraising cycle to the Lake District... and back again. With the company of a couple of other friends, Kieran and Wes, they managed to raise a total of over £1500 divided equally between the orphanage and Wes's chosen charity, Parkinson's UK. Well done guys!

***'For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.'* (2 Cor. 12:9-10)**

We were blessed at the start of the summer to have Rosie (Co-Founder of Children of Faith) visit us and give an update on plans for a new school. The present situation in India, with a government becoming increasingly opposed towards Christian activity, has resulted in certain large western organisations being hindered in their ability to work on the ground in India. This opposition has resulted in Anand and Rosie having to rethink how the orphanages and school operates, but far from limiting the good work going on they have instead chosen to trust in God by increasing their vision



Rosie on her visit to England

for what they can accomplish in Vizag. Plans are underway for the construction of a purpose built Christian School with a capacity of 800 students. Naturally our 'COG boys' would be among the first intake of students, being able to take advantage of state of the art facilities and teaching styles leagues ahead of the standard 'rote learning' that is found in government schools, and one that teaches the gospel as the sole means for reconciliation with God. Christian schools especially are very well respected, and are mostly unaffected by government opposition, and having an intake from the wider community will result in a sustainable source of domestic income for the school and orphanages. For more information please visit the new website hopeacademyindia.com



Architectural model of Hope Academy

It is truly a blessing to be involved in a work that not only gives a home to underprivileged children, but also teaches them the gospel and helps them to know God personally as their Lord and saviour. And we hope that you may take much encouragement in this also as partners with us in this work as you continue to partner with us in prayer as well as financial support. 'For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever! Amen.' Rom. 11:36

Warm regards,

The Children of Grace Team

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