



Children of Grace Home Prayer and Update Letter – Summer 2019

Dear friends,

It has been almost 7 years since the idea for Children of Grace Home began, and well over 4 years since the first group of boys moved into their new home. God has provided every step of the way and continues to show his goodness and care through Children of Grace. Below are just a few points of praise of recent happenings at the home, along with key points of prayer for future needs. As always, we cannot thank our supporters enough for your continued prayers and support. We hope this update about the home and the boys will encourage and build you up.

‘And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more.’

Philippians 1:9

Summer is well and truly here and for our boys this has meant the beginning of a new school year, having broken up for their summer break in May. School for the boys means heading over to join their friends from our sister orphanage, Children of Faith, at a school ran by Rosie Thandu (who is more commonly known as ‘Mummy’ to the children). We are pleased to hear from her that all our boys are all doing very well in their studies, as well as enjoying the good Indian weather playing cricket. Work is progressing steadily for the new school, Hope Academy, with many obstacles already overcome. Your prayers are very much needed however, as it’s still early days for this giant endeavour.

‘Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.’ Proverbs 22:6

It’s hard to believe how much the boys have grown up already, with the age range being from nine to fifteen years old. Our boys are maturing into godly young men at a rapid rate, and much like any loving family, we have their welfare and interests at heart always. So, when the time comes for them to finish school, we hope to continue supporting them in helping them pursue their dreams of becoming engineers, policemen, and pastors by sending them to inter-college, the equivalent of A-Levels, with a view to them going on to potentially study at university afterwards. Naturally, not all the boys will desire to go down this route, but whatever they decide, whether it be apprenticeships or with help getting into work, we will be here with them every step along the way.

With this in mind, we have set up a dedicated college fund to meet these needs. Initially it is our desire to raise the funds for the four oldest boys, with a target of £4000 to cover inter-college costs. More details can be found on our website with a link for giving directly to the fund.

‘And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.’ Proverbs 16:16

As you can see, there’s much to be thankful for, and we can indeed say that, ‘Thus far the LORD has provided’ (1 Sam. 7:12). Knowing this, we can have confidence that, “The LORD will provide” (Gen. 22:14) for all our future needs. This considered, we see future needs

for the home as opportunities for God to display his lovingkindness and care, not as burdens we must resolve. Our current needs for the future are two more bunkbeds, CCTV to ensure better safety of the home, and a water cooler so that the boys can keep well hydrated in the long hot days. These things must be held up to our generous and caring Father in prayer, so please remember them in your prayers, as well as praying for the boys deepening in their knowledge and love of Him. As always, information on how to donate towards these causes can be found on our website.

Do get in touch with us if you would like to have some of the Children of Grace team to speak at your church or group or if you would like to arrange a meeting with one of us. Thank you once again for joining us in prayer and partnering with us to bring Christ and a loving home into the lives of these fantastic boys. To God be the glory.

Warm regards,

The Children of Grace Trustees

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