



# Children of Grace Home Prayer and Update Letter – March 2020

Dear friends,

As we enter a new decade, we have a lot to be thankful for at COG. In the past 10 years, the home was founded, lives have been changed, and God has provided in truly miraculous ways.

Just 8 years ago, five school friends prayed together asking for a way for God to use them to serve others. Shortly after, the boys were asked to help with started a home for underprivileged children in Visakhapatnam, India. Since then, Children of Grace was built and 15 boys now call it home. It is only through the hard work of so many in India, your donations and support here in the UK, and through God's amazing help that any of this has been possible. So please join us in thanking God for what he's done the past decade and in praying for the boys and everyone involved with COG. We hope you are encouraged and strengthened by the news about the boys and the home.

***'And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight.' Philippians 1:9***

We have four new arrivals to the COG family, taking the number of boys at the home to 15! The new boys are Shantivardhan, Akshay, Durga Prasad and Ajay Ram. They have settled into life at COG very quickly and have made some good friends at the home. The daily routines are now the norm and they have made good start to both their life at the home and at school. These boys

arrived in the summer and recently enjoyed their first Christmas at COG. On Christmas day they enjoyed a morning of church, food and family time, followed by an afternoon of games and fun.

***‘Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.’ Proverbs 22:6***

One of our trustees Tim and his wife Tish recently went out to COG for the first time. They were there from 8<sup>th</sup> December through to 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Whilst out there, they formed good friendships with the children and staff, reviewed the governance of the home, organised Christmas games and, both being teachers, taught in the school. Also, while they were out there they were able to see our new COG play equipment installed. We now have a swing set, slide and double see-saw for the children to enjoy.

***‘How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!’  
Proverbs 16:16***

The college fund for the boys has continued to grow and we are recently seeing some great provision for this and are very thankful to God for all that has been raised so far. As well as this, we would ask you to remember Hope Academy in your prayers. There is just one signature from a senior figure needed and then the building work for the school can begin. We trust that God will provide and will continue to lift this up to Him.

Please get in touch with us if you would like to have someone from the Children of Grace team to speak at your church/group or if you would like to arrange a meeting with one of us. Thank you once again for your support to give a home and the love of Christ to children in India.

Warm regards,

The Children of Grace Trustees

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