



# Prayer and Update Letter

## February 2021



Dear friends,

We hope you are keeping safe and well. As you're probably aware, Children of Grace Home had to close its doors in 2020. However, we have some welcome news which we hope will uplift your spirits. So please be encouraged and join us in praying for the children in India and those for doing the Lord's work there.

***'I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten... You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you.'* Joel 2:25-26**

In April last year, government guidelines required all children's homes in India to close. This meant that, where possible, children had to go to live with family members. Thankfully, the majority of the 120 boys and girls at COG and our sister home, Children of Faith, have some family they can live with. Many have a single parent, an uncle, an aunt, or a grandparent they can live with temporarily. A handful of children from COF stayed back where Anand and Rosie, who run both homes in India, have been taking care of them.

Supplies and packages have been regularly delivered to the children living with family, and Anand and Rosie have been in regular contact with the children and their families to make sure they are doing well and have everything they need.

We trust God will use this time for his glory and for the good of those he loves. Though it has been a difficult

year, we still have so much to be thankful for in 2020: 4 new boys joined the home, the new playground, new sponsors, progress in studies, growth in character and so much more.



Solomon and Amar being visited by Anand and Rosie during lockdown

***‘But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.’ Isaiah 65:18***

The news we had been waiting for arrived just before Christmas as restrictions eased in India, with a handful of the older boys and girls returning to the homes in December. They even had time to decorate for Christmas. More and more children have been returning since then, starting with the older children and working down. The latest news is that roughly half of the 120 children from both the homes have now come back. This is such welcome news after such a long wait, and an answer to many prayers. The children can now continue growing together as brothers and sisters, and can get back to school after missing so much and being unable to do school online. We are thankful to so many of you for praying with us. Please pray that all the children can settle back in well and make up for lost time in their studies.



***'And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ  
Jesus.' Philippians 4:19***

For every need COG has had, God has provided. The home started with a prayer and a small pot of money, and God has provided ever since through the generosity of his people, surpassing our expectations time and time again. He provided land for the home, funds to build the home, sponsors for the children, an auto-rickshaw for travel, an extension to the home, beds, new trustees, donations for the college fund, and everything else in-between. Whatever has been needed has been provided for. We still have great needs, but we have a great God for our needs.

We're grateful that over 2020 funds have been raised for CCTV for the home, for a gate and an outside wall to be built, for new bunkbeds, and for sponsors for the 4 new boys. We're especially grateful that we have enough funds to send our oldest boy, Jismail, to inter-college (equivalent to A-Levels) later in 2021. The college fund will remain open as more children each year will be hoping to go to college and then even University. In 2022, there are potentially 5 more boys who, God willing, will be heading to college if they wish to do so.

One of our other needs right now is to buy a plot of land next to the home. With the owner's permission, the boys have planted a beautiful garden and have a playground on the land, though it is not currently owned by COG. So, we ask you to join us in prayer, asking that God will provide this land for the home. We are also raising funds for a minibus, solar water heaters for showers, and water filters for drinking water. We are confident that God, in his own time and own way, will provide all our needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

The Children of Grace Trustees



Christmas lights were up as soon as the oldest boys got back in December.

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