



Hope Children's Home

Visakhapatnam, India

HCH Newsletter
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.....the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless. Ps. 10:14

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Letter from Bro.Mathew,

Greetings. Schools were reopened in the 2nd week of June. The children are happy to enter into the new classes. Everybody expected a normal monsoon season this year. It seemed that it would be at the end of the summer (end of May), but the rains did not come. Not until the 2nd week of July. The extended summer made it hotter and drier than the regular summer. There is a shortage of water everywhere. The ground water level went deeper this year. But by the grace of God our children did not suffer since we have a deep bore well. (This was funded by supporters of the HCH). Three of our children had to leave the home. Paul - who has been here since the beginning, wanted to go home and stay with his mother. His mother came to see him in the summer holidays. She stayed here for few days and when she was to leave he wanted to go with her. We tried to convince him, and his mother begged him to stay. She even cried and said there is nothing to eat there but he wanted to go. His mother told us may be after few days he will comeback. Eliezer - His father got sick and wanted to see his son. So we sent him. Since then he has not returned. Jabez (Ebez) - His mother came to see him and his brother George Muller. When she was to leave he wanted to go back with his mother. We have four new children and a few more are expected which have not arrived yet. Amani - is studying 3rd class now. She comes from a fishing community. Seven years ago, when she was small, her father had just returned from fishing and was still washing the nets when another boat came and struck him and he died. Srinivasarao - He is studying 6th class now. His father left the family 4 years ago. His mother struggled hard to feed the 3 children but could not. Suresh - he is studying 3rd Class. Kumari - is studying 6th class. Her father left the family with another woman. Her mother could not work hard to earn enough money to maintain the family. She has two daughters. She is the oldest in the family. Thanks for your continued support for this ministry.



The new children:
Suresh, Kumari, Srinivasarao, and Amani

Dear friends and supporters of the HCH,

I am so happy to learn of several new children being added to the HCH, and it is all because of your support. Even though the children live on the other side of the world, I know that God is working in their lives on a day to day basis in accordance with our prayers and desires.

If the Lord wills, my plans are to visit the children before the year's end. Each trip I take cost nearly \$2500.00 as well as the time taken off from my singing schedule. For this reason, I only visit every couple of years. A lot can be provided for the kids for \$2500.00 American dollars. Nevertheless, I desire to see the kids and convey my love, and yours as well.

On a personal note, Jennifer and I had our second girl, Jeannie Katherine Drewett on the 23rd of June! This makes three for us. Watch my hair closely --- it will gray quickly! Just joking! Thank God for His gifts, mercy and provision.

Shawn

Lam. 3:22-23