



# Hope Children's Home

Visakhapatnam, India

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

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**I** Greetings. The summer months have begun and slowly the mercury is getting hot.

At the end of January the children had a retreat at the church. They had competitions in singing, Bible quiz, and a written test. Anusha came 1<sup>st</sup> in singing and also in the written test. Ramani was 1<sup>st</sup> in the Bible quiz. Lalitha & Eliazer were 2<sup>nd</sup> in the written test. Every participated in the competitions and enjoyed it.

**N** This is the time the kids have to study real hard since the annual exams are around the corner. Our children, Mahesh, Syamala Rao, Esther, Eliazer, Lydia, Ratnam, and Raveena always come 1<sup>st</sup> in their respective classes in school. (The HCH children go to Indian public school.) The 1<sup>st</sup> week of April they had to write their annual exams. Two girls wrote 9<sup>th</sup> class exams, three boys and one girl wrote 8<sup>th</sup> class exams, four boys wrote 7<sup>th</sup> class exams, one boy and one girl wrote 6<sup>th</sup> class exams, six boys and four girls wrote 5<sup>th</sup> class exams, three girls wrote 4<sup>th</sup> class exams, and one boy wrote 3<sup>rd</sup> class exams. Most of the children do well in the exams. Pray that they will continue to have good health, mind and etc. to make good grades.

Thank you for your love towards these children. May God bless you.

Bro.Mathew Henry



*Dear HCH supporters and friends,  
As I travel every week singing the Gospel, I am encouraged by the people at each church who inquire about the kids at the HCH. Just this past Sunday night after singing at a particular church I was touched as the pastor presented a check to me of \$405.00 for the HCH. The children at this church had raised this amount at a recent VBS, nearly all of it in pennies! I was very thankful, but more surprises were yet to come as several church members came to my CD table and placed cash in my hand for the HCH. When all was tallied, \$610.00 was given for the children that evening! Those of you who support the home monthly enable it to continue. Giving should be free will and from the heart. [2 Cor. 9:7] I pray as your love for the Lord grows your gifts for the furtherance of the Gospel grows as well. The Hope Children's Home is a place where future Missionaries are trained for the evangelization of the spiritually dark country of India. The Lord birthed the HCH, and He will provide its needs through His people.*

Shawn, Lam 3:22-23

## India Child Facts - Think about it,

- A staggering 10,000 babies die every single day from easily preventable causes such as malnutrition and diarrhoea
- Every 6<sup>th</sup> girl-child's death is due to gender discrimination, also known as female infanticide
- Over 40% of children live in poverty and extreme hardship
- Nearly half of India's children are deprived of their fundamental right to education each day
- A startling two-thirds of girl-children cannot read or write
- India is home to the largest population of working children in the world with an estimated 111 million children struggling as child labourers - most often working in hazardous and degrading conditions, for an average of 12 hours a day and earning extremely small wages
- The third largest crime in India after drugs and gun smuggling is child trafficking - over 45,000 children go missing each year
- Over 2 million children, mainly girls aged 5-15, are forced into prostitution and sexual slavery
- Each year 500,000+ children are forced into the sex trade with an annual increase of 10%
- Thousands die each day having no comfort and hope of knowing Jesus and His salvation.