



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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Dear HCH supporters and friends,

It's especially good this time to give you a first hand report of the Hope Children's Home. Bro.Shawn Nichols and I just returned from India and the Lord gave us a wonderful trip. I have already posted several photos from the trip on the HCH website for your viewing. The reception from the children has never been better. They showed their love in several ways. Both the girls and boys made welcome cakes for us and decorated their rooms as well. We took the kids to the park and beach and enjoyed giving gifts to them also. None of the children had ever had peanut butter so I brought some for them to try. It was a real joy to take them shopping and allow them to spend \$10.00 each. Since the average wage in India is \$2.50 a day, this was a nice gift. They pleased and surprised us by choosing to purchase clothing outfits. They seem very happy and healthy and well taken care of. Bro.Nichols got several opportunities to preach while we were there. A special meeting took place at a church near the beach and I heard the HCH kids sing for the first time. It was such a blessing!

While traveling to visit a church near the beach, we passed near Paul's house and I requested from Bro.Mathew to see him. (Paul was one of the first children admitted to the HCH and is featured in the brochure. Recently he left the HCH and returned home much to his mother's grief.) We pulled to the side of the road and there he and his mother were, waiting for us. I put my hand on him and encouraged him to return to the HCH. His mother stood by crying. She told us through Bro.Mathew that she has been trying to get him to return because their life is so hard and he will suffer much at home. Paul remained quiet. Please pray that he would return for his own good. God's will be done.

On the way to the Visakhapatnam airport the kids met us to say goodbye. It was tough. Several cried and my heart was heavy but I did give thanks to God that I was leaving them in good hands and their future is bright.

Each year about \$150.00 is spent on envelopes, paper, ink, and postage to mail out the HCH Newsletter (enough to support one HCH child for 4 months.) After consideration and counsel I have decided to discontinue paper mail outs and simply email each Newsletter. Please email me @ shawndrewett@juno.com and put "Newsletter" in the subject field so that I can include you in Newsletter emails. Of course all the Newsletters are available to view online @ www.hopechildrenshome.homestead.com.

Once again I thank you for your prayers and support for these kids.

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The boys and Bro.Abraham present me with a welcome cake!