



PHOTO: BANGALORE CHILDREN WITH THEIR SPORTS AWARDS

hope foundation

2016 Action Update



A look back at 2016

As the end of the year is approaching, we at Hope Foundation would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued prayers and contributions towards our mission. We are deeply grateful for all that God has been doing through our organization over the past twelve months. We would like to give a brief update on the progress we made in 2016.

Hope foundation was established in the year 2001. As the Lord opened our eyes to the growing need for orphan care, we started the first orphanage in Kolar in the year 2007. Ever since its inception, God has helped Hope Foundation to progress steadily. By the grace of God, today we support 50 children at 4 different locations. We have a dedicated staff of 16 people who care for the children. All of our children are currently enrolled in private schools. Our goal is to provide them with opportunities for higher education in order to build a successful future. In addition to the children's homes, we also have a women's tailoring training center in Bangalore where we conduct training programs for widows and other destitute women.

Hope Foundation is managed by a board of trustees. Dr. Varghese Philip, holds the overall responsibility for these operations and he oversees the continued work at these locations. Pastor Kochumon Joseph is in charge of the two homes in Kolar while Pastor K.J. Thomas is responsible for the Bangalore Boy's home. Pastor Finni Samuel helps lead our operations in Ranchi and Sr. Tressa Francis oversees the Widows Tailoring Center in Bangalore. Plans are underway to move all the boys to a new facility in Bangalore by June 2017.

God laid it in the hearts of many well wishers to visit the children's homes and bless us during the past year. A team from ICANJ visited our homes in Kolar and Bangalore during the month of October. In addition to them, we were honored to have many other supporters and U.S. board members visit our homes this year.

CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

On two occasions, camps were organized for the benefit of all our children in Karnataka. The first one was held in Bangalore during the month of April. The second camp was held in the month of October at Kolar. Different programs were organized, including a VBS and a team building workshop. The children and staff were also able to enjoy a memorable field trip to Mysore this year.

KOLAR CHILDREN'S HOME – GIRLS HOME

This location is home to 25 girls and 4 staff members. Last year, one of our staff got married and a new staff member joined in her place as warden. Three girls graduated from SSLC and joined junior

college in 2016. Two of our girls are in 12th grade and are planning to enroll in college to pursue higher education next year. Two girls are in 10th grade and are preparing to take the SSLC Karnataka State Public Examination.

KOLAR CHILDREN'S HOME – BOY'S HOME

There are 4 boys currently living at our home in this location; 3 boys are studying in 10th grade. One of the boys is in his final year of junior college and is planning to attend degree college next year. The boys stay in a rented facility along with a couple who takes care of them. We plan to close this location and move them to the Bangalore home by June, 2017.



COLLEGE KIDS WITH BOARD MEMBER ANNA MOSCA



Top Left: Ranchi Children with Staff, Top Middle – House Constructed for Poor Women, Top Right: Children Enjoying Team Building Activity, Bottom: Field Trip to Mysore

BANGALORE BOY'S HOME

Ten boys between the ages 6-14, are living at this home. This year, we moved three boys from Kolar to Bangalore. All the boys are doing well academically as well as in extracurricular activities.

RANCHI CHILDREN'S HOME

This location is home to ten children. We are expecting one more child to join soon. Two staff members are taking care of the children on a daily basis.

COUNSELING SERVICE

We have appointed a professional counselor who visits our homes in Karnataka on a monthly basis. She stays at the children homes for a few days at a time and counsels the children and staff on various issues they face.

ASSISTANCE FOR POOR WOMEN

This year we helped to construct houses for two poor women. In addition, we were able to provide financial assistance to a few impoverished women on a monthly basis. We also financially supported a staff member with her wedding expenses.

LIBRARY FOR CHILDREN

Bookwallah, an organization assisting children in reading and arts, continue to send their staff to help the children improve their reading and comprehension skills. In addition, they create opportunities for the children to express themselves through arts and crafts. We are grateful for their continued support and commitment towards our organization.

SEMINAR FOR ORPHAN CARE

A one day seminar was conducted under the leadership of Hope Foundation at SIACS CEO Center, Bangalore on October 5, 2016. 25 participants who are involved in orphan care, participated and discussed the various aspects and challenges associated with orphan care in India.

LOOKING AHEAD

Overall, it has been a blessed year and it is only through the support and prayers of our friends and loved ones that we are able to sustain the children's homes and continue serving those in our communities. In the upcoming year, we expect our expenses to increase significantly as more of our children will be enrolling in colleges which require higher tuition fees. We thank you for partnering with us and we request your continued support. Wishing you a happy and prosperous new year.



ORPHAN CARE SEMINAR AT SIACS CENTER

MISSION TRIP TO KOLAR

With the support of ICANJ, Bro. William Daniel, Bro. Babu Kurikattil, Sis. Neena Koshy, Dr. Tony Koshy,

Bro. Thomson Thomas, Sis. Ivy Mathew, and Bro. Dan Mathew went on a mission trip from October 7-16 2016. The group visited the children's homes at various locations and helped train the children in various activities.



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