



PHOTO: AT KOLAR CHILDREN'S HOME

# hope foundation

## 2014 Action Update



## A look back at 2014

As the year comes to a close, we at Hope Foundation would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your sincere prayers and generous contributions towards our mission. We would like to provide a brief update on the progress we made in 2014.

Since our inception in 2007, God has helped Hope Foundation to progress steadily. By the grace of God, we currently support 37 children at 3 locations, as well as 8 paid employees. Dr. Varghese Philip, has been entrusted the overall responsibility for these operations and he oversees the continued work at these locations. In Kolar, Pastor Kochumon Joseph is in charge of the two homes, and **in Ranchi, Pastor Finni** Samuel is in charge of the home. God put in the hearts of many of our well wishers to visit our homes and bless us during this past year. Among these dear ones are Dr. VA Varughese, Dr. Kim Rayan, Pastor M. Kunjappu, Br. Joji Thomas, Br. Joseph Mathew and family, Sis. Susan Joseph.

### **KOLAR CHILDREN'S HOME, GIRLS HOME, ONNENAHALLI, KARNATAKA**

This location is home to 23 girls and 5 women. Last year one more girl joined the home. This year, two of our girls are studying in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade and are preparing to appear for the SSLC Karnataka State public examination.

### **KOLAR CHILDREN'S HOME, BOY'S HOME, P.C. HALLI, KARNATAKA**

There are 7 boys living at our home in this particular location; 2 boys newly joined in the past year. The building which houses these boys is a rented facility. A couple is taking care of these children at this location. One boy from this location is going to appear for SSLC examination this upcoming academic year.

### **HF RANCHI CHILDREN'S HOME, RANCHI, JHARKHAND**

7 children – 4 boys and 3 girls – are presently living at this location. They live within a rented apartment. Two women have been employed as care takers and live with these children.

### **LIBRARY FOR CHILDREN**

With the generous support and sponsorship of Bookwallah, an organization assisting children in reading and arts, we were able to set up a library at Kolar. It was inaugurated on December 14, 2014.



[Story Time at Kolar Children's Home](#)

### **BENCHMARKING STUDY**

A study focused on understanding the various operational challenge faced by children's homes in and around Bangalore was conducted. The results of the study enabled us to understand how our operations compare against other children's homes and shed light on areas we could improve.



PHOTO: AT RANCHI CHILDREN'S HOME

Pastor **Finni** Samuel has been entrusted responsibility over the home in this location. 2 new girls joined the home this year and just like the rest of the children at this location, they have lost both parents. God enabled us to enroll all the children into English medium schools, and they are adjusting to the new environment and progressing satisfactorily. We are proud to report that 2 of them stand top rank in their classes.

#### ASSISTANCE FOR DESTITUTE WOMEN

This year we helped find housing for a few displaced women. In addition, we also provided financial assistance to a few impoverished women on a monthly basis. In the upcoming year, we hope to expand our operations in this area by establishing vocational training centers for disadvantaged women, with a special focus on widows in our communities. This is especially important since often times widowed women under desparate circumstances commit suicide and leave their children behind as orphans.

#### STAFF TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Upon collaboration with Miracle Foundation, we completed the house mother training in Kolar. Many individuals on the staff benefited from the training. Various topics including, but not limited to, health, hygiene, methods to handle adolescent children, and the prevention of abuse, both emotional, physical and sexual, were covered at these training sessions.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

In the upcoming year, God willing we hope to take on new challenges and provide aid and protection to many more abandoned and orphan children within our communities. As we prepare for the year ahead, to ask all of you for your prayers and support.

Wishing you all the blessings of a happy and prosperous new year.

The Team at Hope Foundation

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[Children Enjoying Ice Cream Treats](#)

#### MEDICAL MISSION TRIP TO KOLAR

With the support of Indian Christian Assembly of New Jersey, and under the leadership of Thomson Thomas, Jessica Johnson and other dedicated individuals, a group of 14 people are preparing for a mission trip beginning on December 27, 2014. The group plans to stay in Kolar until January 6, 2015. Mrs. Leelamma Abraham and Mrs. Babymol Johnson will also be accompanying and assisting the group. Various programs such as the setting up a medical clinic, organizing a vocational bible school, training young children to play musical instruments, conducting discussions of general educational topics, arranging local field trips are part of the planned events during this mission trip.

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