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Won't you sponsor this adorable four-year-old?



Shifana Begum

When he died, Shifana's mother could not provide for

Shifana Begum was born in March of 2004 and came to HOINA in June of 2007. Her parents were married in 2000 and had a happy marriage. They had two children. Unfortunately in April, 2006, the father had head injuries and was unable to receive

the family. Shifana's aunt knew about HOINA and asked Mom to admit her niece.

Shifana loves to dance. She is described as a smiling, playful girl, who enjoys play ball. Her favorite color is blue.

Year-End Donations

Please remember that donations received after 12/31/08 will not appear on your 2008 Donation Statement that will be sent to you in January. Please send your December gifts well before that deadline to make sure they can be posted on our computer on or before Dec. 31.

HOINA's updated website

The HOINA website has a new look.

Thanks to the technical and artistic skills of Jason Parmer at Apparel Studios, the HOINA website has been completely transformed. We have added lots of new information and pictures, including profiles of 10 new children needing sponsors. We are now able to accept credit card donations on line. Additionally, we plan to have current news updated monthly and a place for you to respond to our updates.

Check out our website at www.hoina.org.



A New Year Brings Joys and Challenges

By Darlene Large
HOINA President

As the year comes to a close, I am reminded of the past as I consider the present. The financial problems of this year reminded me of my past. In 1942 I went shopping with my mother and sister. At the time we lived in a two-room apartment over Orlando's Fruit Market. We shared the space with another family. My mother helped

us into our coats and leggings that day, and the three of us marched off to the five and dime store down the block. We went up and down the aisles looking at all the items and wanting so much to buy something, but my mom didn't have much money, only a few dollars and some coins. Finally, we made our purchase and left the store. My mother looked sad. She wanted to buy us something big, but she just couldn't afford it.

I learned so much about love from my mother. She was the most unselfish, humble person I had ever seen. Whatever you wanted from her she sacrificed to give. She lived the Word of God. She loved her neighbor as she loved herself. She was forgiving and hardworking. She molded me into the person God needed for the future HOINA work. Her name Sophie meant "wisdom," and Mum was certainly very wise. Seeing how she survived the tough times encourages



David Sheppard is happy and walking at almost a year old.

me today. I know that I, too, will survive the tough times of 2009.

Know that the HOINA children and staff in India are praying for each of you because of the news that has reached them about our economic difficulties here in the USA.

As I look at the HOINA work facing us in 2009, I wonder how God will get it all done. While Bruce was with me overseas this year, he learned from a

local dairy that our water buffaloes do not give enough milk. The people from the dairy said if we would buy cows instead of buffaloes we would have more than enough milk and be able to sell the excess to them and have some local income.

We sold one buffalo for about \$300. However, a dairy cow costs \$1,000. We are trusting that the Lord will provide some way for us to buy more cows.

Knowing how difficult things are financially, our staff want to help us to save money and therefore have cultivated garden plots to grow vegetables. They have planted at different times so the harvest of food will continue throughout many weeks. When our boys saw them helping in their way, they wanted to pitch in and are also doing gardening. HOINA has 21 acres on that campus, which affords plenty of room for the

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plots. Their labor will not be in vain. Pray that God blesses their efforts with a bountiful harvest. Every item we produce internally will stretch our budget.

Building the new children's home is not so easily solved. Unfortunately, the cost of everything has skyrocketed.

The new home will cost \$198,000 to build. We have sold one of our properties and have used \$170,000 to purchase metal-framed windows instead of wooden ones since we have a termite problem in that area. We have bought cement and bricks at a reduced price from a factory which is several hours' drive from us. The slab roof is on, and we can get the walls up and a lot of it done.

This 15,000 sq. ft. building will house over 100 children and staff. However, the plumbing, floor tiles, kitchen equipment, and other things will have to wait. We plan to move into the new house, unfinished, and trust that the Lord will, over time, help us to build the home piece by piece. I remember my mother's example, living on little. If she could do it, we can, too.

Recently, a tribal man came. His wife had died and left him with three girls. He can manage the 14- and 10-year-old girls but not the infant. She has a severe case of anemia and a deformed foot. We ask for your



prayers. Her name is Lydia Ann (pictured at left). We are all helping to save her but we need your prayers. When baby David Sheppard was brought to us last March at three days old, he, too, was very weak. Today, David is fat and healthy, walking about and bossing those in

the office. Our hope is that Lydia will be healthy and strong in nine months, also.

Last summer I asked you for prayers because a gang of fifteen men was stealing children in our area and selling them for their body parts. Our local police came to warn us of the danger. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedules to pray for our safety. All the HOINA children are okay as are the village children near us.

Thank you for helping us to give Christmas to our boys and girls. We appreciate all of your generous kindness to us.

For those planning to visit us in 2009, please let us know your plans in advance since our schedules will be altered with the relocation of over 100 girls from one state to another.

God bless you all.

Darlene



Construction progresses on the new home. We plan to move in during 2009.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
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 E-mail: _____

- Please use this \$ _____ toward the Christmas Fund.
- I want to sponsor a HOINA boy / girl (circle one). Here is my first monthly gift of \$30.
- This gift of \$ _____ is in honor OR memory of (circle one): _____

(please print clearly)

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- I would like to order _____ sets of notecards. Here's my check for \$ _____ made out to HOINA.

Student begins nurses training

V. Merlin Jenova completed her 10+2 studies in May. She began her nursing education and training in mid-September. She will be staying at the school until December, and will come home to HOINA for Christmas. Her address is:

V. Merlin Jenova
 Arokklyavaram
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 School of Nursing
 Madanappallee
 Chitecr District
 Andhar Praderh A.P.
 India



Need a last minute gift idea?

Having trouble thinking of the perfect gift for that family member who has everything?

Check the donation coupon in this newsletter for details on how you can give a gift that keeps on giving:

- HOINA note cards
- A Christmas donation to HOINA that will be used to purchase a gift for a HOINA child.
- A one-time donation in honor or memory of someone. If you provide a name and address with your gift, we will send your recipient a thank you letter acknowledging their gift. In our February newsletter, we will publish our semi-annual recognition list as well.
- A child sponsorship
- A donation to our education fund, which provides scholarships for secondary and technical schooling for our child.



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