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Helping Where We're Able

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President

One night in August found my staff and me in Parry's Corner, a section of Chennai in India. It was about seven in the evening, and I was waiting in our car while our HOINA Manager, Mr. Anand, and our driver, Ramana, were negotiating some prices on goods for the children. One of the items they were searching for was a battery-powered toy for our maintenance supervisor's little boy. We had finished labeling the names on each thing we had purchased for the children and were making sure not one was forgotten. We had found each boy a beautiful, soft cotton polo shirt. The collars would not require any ironing, which would please the boys since the older children do their own laundry. The wholesale shop sold them to us for less than two dollars each.



HOINA President Darlene "Mom" Large gets a hug from Yogi.

As I sat in the car waiting, I was reminiscing about past visits to India from long ago. The staff returned from shopping, and I told them I needed to walk for a bit. I had found on this trip that too much sitting in the heat and humidity caused my feet to swell. As we walked along the sidewalk, we noticed many shops were closed because it was a Muslim holiday that day, and they were the owners of many of the stores.

We continued discussing our agenda for my trip and other HOINA business when I realized that someone on my left was trying to get my attention. She was begging for help. As Mr. Anand translated for me, I learned that her mother and father had both died. She had just turned 19, and she had an 11-year-old brother she was feeding besides herself. Her name was Yogi. She was thin, with a warm smile. It was obvious that she had suffered from

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polio or at least a bad case of scoliosis. She told me she had a heart condition as well.

When I first saw her face, she startled me. Her teeth not only protruded in a pronounced overbite but also hung from her gums like icicles from a tree branch. They appeared to be so loose that anyone seeing her for the first time might think that they could fall out at any moment.

We told Yogi about our HOINA campus. She was welcome to come with her brother to live with us. We explained that we would repair her teeth, but she appeared terrified by this news. How sad that we found Yogi so late. In 2009, we moved our girls from our nearby home near Chennai to our home in Andhra Pradesh State (one state north of Tamil Nadu State where the City of Chennai is located). Yogi's home village must not be far from where our old girls' home was, where I had begun the HOINA work in 1978.

I still remember that Easter Sunday. My church needed a deaconess to serve the needs of the ladies in the congregation, and I had been selected for the job. I had tried to explain I would not have time, but I had not told anyone in my church about the HOINA work that Jesus had called me to do. As the pastor prayed for me that day in the U.S., I was shocked to hear him ask God to bless me in this deaconess work so that I could "help widows and orphans." That was precisely what God was calling me to do. I have never forgotten that prayer of blessing.

As I gave Yogi a hug goodbye with tears in my eyes, she smiled and hugged me back. I reached into my bag and gave her a gift to help her with her food and her little brother's expenses. How I wished I could have brought her home to safety and medical care. In the past I had rescued many children. As you read about Yogi now, please remember to pray for her.



Just a day or two before, we journeyed into the nearby mountains to visit Aruna (pictured above). When I met Aruna, she was about 12 years old and unable to walk. Her spine was severely twisted by polio. Her parents were gone, and she lived with her grandmother, who had taken her for physical therapy. Unfortunately, the physical therapist had broken her knees in the process. She had managed to move about by picking her feet up with her hands and scuttling a bit like a crab walk.

HOINA brought Aruna to the U.S., and the Dupont Medical Institute did her surgery. They placed Harrington rods in her spine and placed her in halo traction for many months. Aruna is now almost 40 years old. An amazing woman with a darling daughter, Nikita, Aruna rides a three-wheeled motorcycle to work at a local university. Her master's degree has led to many successes, which we celebrate with her. We are thankful for Aruna and Nikita and for Marge and Jim Cunningham, who have played a key role in Aruna's success story these many years.

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Orphan Brothers Need Help



P. Vamsi



P. Karthik

P. Vamsi and his little brother, P. Karthik, came to live at HOINA in June of last year. We have more children from 2018 who will need sponsors, but we are trying to assign students who have been waiting faithfully for their new and equally faithful donors. If you are willing to contribute \$35 each month, you can provide food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and education to these little boys. Please consider donating to HOINA in honor of one of your loved ones this Christmas. Wouldn't they enjoy knowing that they helped change a life more than enjoying those season passes to the symphony this year?

Mr. Eswara Rao and Mrs. Eswaramma got married in 2004. Both worked as daily laborers, which typically means they were fieldhands. They were blessed with two sons and named the elder boy Vamsi and the younger, Karthik. Mrs. Eswaramma died on November 13, 2008, due to an illness that led to severe diarrhea and dehydration. After his wife passed away, Mr. Eswara Rao became infected with T.B. He perished in 2010. After both parents died, their grandmother took the brothers in. Unfortunately, she became sick and was unable to take care of these children herself. She approached her village elders, who were instrumental in getting both boys placed at HOINA.

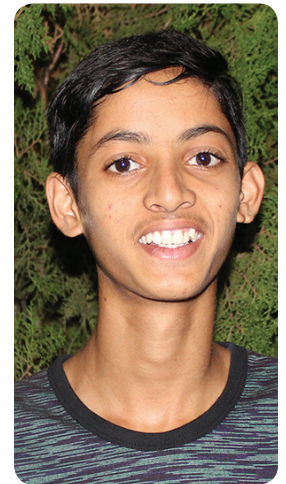
Though young, these fellows are looking forward to a life of service. At twelve, Vamsi hopes to be a policeman when he grows up. His brother has plans for medicine, but he's only ten, so who knows what the future holds for him!

Please send your first monthly gift of \$35 with the coupon on the back page. Return it to our office, and you will hear from our volunteers in Pennsylvania soon. God bless your generosity!

HOINA Awards cont.

Bible quizzing our children ranked third of those same 17 groups.

HOINA students succeed in sports as well as academics. Those winning District sports awards earned spots at States.



Pradeep, 4th Place
Mega Quiz

Those going further in Throw Ball are Kumari, Sai Eswar, Madhavi, Yuriwon, and Esther Joy. Satyavathi is headed to States in soccer, and Harshawardhan and P. Karthik [not the same boy in the sponsor child article] were selected for the state cricket team.

At a National Athletic competition in Jharkhand State, Swathi took fourth place; but in the National University level races on November 7th in Visakhapatnam, she placed second! We are praying for her to successfully join the Indian National team for the 2020 Olympic Games.

Year-End Donations

We value your gifts to HOINA. To allow us to better serve you, please be sure to send your tax-deductible contributions to our office by Dec. 31 to ensure they will be counted on this year's giving statement, which will be sent to you in January.

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HOINA Sweeps Award Categories

The latest report from our General Manager, Mr. Anand, in India tells us: "Most of our children got very good grades in their mid-year exams. A+ and A marks were earned by 60%, another 20% got B+ grades, and the last 20% earned C's."

The Government of Andhra Pradesh conducted a Telugu poetry contest. Of the 104 elementary school children participating, our T. Esther won second prize while Pradeep took fourth place in his school's Mega Quiz competition.

At the Andhra Baptist Church in Vizag, our children took second prize of the 17 groups participating in the singing competition. In the

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T. Esther, State Poetry Contest