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# **Local Visitors Bring Joy and Blessings**



A local group, who visited HOINA from Vizianagaram, distributed blankets and cookies to all our children. We are grateful for the help HOINA receives from incountry donors, and especially from our local village residents. When temperatures drop below 70 degrees in a tropical climate, our staff and children are cold! Blankets and sweatshirts are always a welcome gift.



#### **HOINA Grad Starts New Non-Profit**





HOINA Graduate, Anil, has joined together with other college friends to form the Seva Margam Society, to help orphaned children. The name of the organization means "Path of Service." Now that Anil and his friends have graduated from college and have jobs, they want to raise money to help different organizations with their needs. Recently, HOINA was a recipient of such support when the group came to celebrate with our children. We are proud of Anil and grateful to these young adults for generously helping others.

## Rotarians Hold First Annual Eye Clinic at HOINA





Ours thanks this month are offered to Mr. Shankar, HOINA friend and President of Rotary International Club No. 81014, Rotary Club Of Vizag Elite, in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. We are grateful for the free eye exams provided to our children and staff by his club. While Dr. Satynarayana, Optometrist works with Deekshitha (above left), Mr. Nageswar Rao checks Bhavani's eyes (above right). The optometrists and technicians of the group gave of their time and talents to secure our students' and staff members' eye health.

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### Make the New Year Brighter for Sisters





As we start a new year, we want to make an opportunity known to you. Let us tell you the story of two semi-orphans, who are now part of our HOINA family: The girls' parents, Mr. Ramana and Mrs. Devi, got married in 2004. Mr. Ramana was a plumber while his wife was able to serve her family as a homemaker. They were blessed with two girls and named the elder one Pravallika (left) and younger one, Pujitha (right). The family lived happily until Mr. Ramana got sick. His kidneys were damaged completely, making him unable to work anymore. Mrs. Devi did what a faithful wife and mother does, she went to work to feed her children and try to save her husband's life. Unfortunately, working as a daily laborer, she could not earn enough money to pay for her husband's medical bills and medicine. Thus, Mr. Ramana did not receive all the medicine he needed, and he died on September 17, 2016. After her husband died, Mrs. Devi deteriorated physically. She became unable to work every day or to care for her children. She approached HOINA, seeking admission for her girls. Seeing her poor condition, of course, we welcomed her children.

P. Pravallika, 12, and P. Pujitha, 9, joined our HOINA family seven months ago. They are still awaiting sponsorship. Can you help? Just \$35 per month will cover all associated expenses for caring for either of these sweet sisters. HOINA provides a home to live in, food, clothing, medical care, school fees and associated costs through upper level education as appropriate. If you can help us, please return the coupon on page 4 with your monthly gift of \$35 to our office. If you would like to have your gift automatically paid from your checking account, HOINA can work with you to make that happen. Our forms are online at www.hoina.org. Please see the "Sponsor A Child" button on the right side of the webpage. There you will find options to pay through PayPal or to print the auto-debit form to be downloaded, completed, and returned to our office. Of course, if you have any trouble, please leave a message on our office machine at 717.355.9494 for one of our volunteers to return your call. Thank you for your generosity.



# **Swathi Wins Again**

As we follow Swathi's progress toward her Olympic dream, we feature her wearing a gold medal yet again. Her competition was at a national level in the 200 meter race. Her competitions are sponsored by different clubs and universities in India. We will keep you apprised as to how the Olympic team selections go. Swathi is hoping to compete in the 2020 Summer Games.

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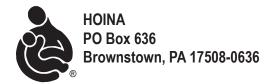
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