



NEWS FROM HOINA HOMES OF THE INDIAN NATION

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Thanksgiving

by Caitlin Carmody
HOINA Board Member

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays back home in the USA. It's a time of joy, love, and family togetherness. Every year, we cook a big feast and gather around the table to share laughs and happiness. But my most treasured



Harshavarden

memory is the prayer we give thanking God for all He has done for our family that year.

This November, we have much to be thankful for at the HOINA campus. One of our 8th standard boys, Harshavarden, was selected for the Vizianagaram District cricket team. He will be competing at the state level meet. Three of our 9th class

boys, Jagadish, Suraj, and Joseph, have also been selected at the state level for hand ball. Swathi, studying commerce, economics, and civics at her college, is participating in the state track meet for the 100m and 200m events.

Beyond sports, we welcomed one of our former students, Emmanuel John, as a much needed house father. He came as an answer to our prayers right when we needed him. He impresses us daily with his professionalism. He has only been with us a short time as a staff member but has already contributed so much to the program. John started making the children's schedules for the holidays so now they are not only busy with studies, but also dance, karate, singing, and puzzle games throughout the day.

After the deaths of our beloved pets Honey and Heidi, we were searching for another dog that could live up to the wonderful dogs we had had before. After searching for months, an injured street dog came to our campus. She had recently been hit by a vehicle and had one of her paws ripped off at the joint. Her wound was new so she

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Jagadish



Suraj



Joseph



Swathi

Recent Orphan Needs Sponsor



We are thankful to our many child sponsors. Without you, we couldn't do the work we do. Your gift of \$35 per month provides food, clothing, a loving home, an education, and medical care for a HOINA student. You have read recently in our newsletter of the many HOINA students who have gone on to higher education. We know that better education helps to break poverty's cyclical grip.

As he is now part of the HOINA family, we encourage you this month to consider caring for this sweet orphan boy. Vanapalli Lokesh just turned 12 on the first of this month. His parents married back in 1995. His late father used to work in a jute mill near our home. His late mother was a daily laborer in a peanut processing facility. Unfortunately, both parents contracted HIV. Mr. Vanapalli had a continuous fever back in 2005, which alerted the family to his illness. He died in 2009. He passed the disease to his wife, who died in June this summer, leaving her son an orphan.

This active sixth grader loves cricket. His favorite color is red, and he hopes to achieve his goal of being a doctor someday. Perhaps he, himself, will be the researcher who finds a cure for HIV/AIDS, the dreadful disease that took his parents. Will you invest in his future?

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was seeking refuge to heal. She was also very malnourished. We found her in our garage—cowering in the corner, afraid of people and struggling to walk on only three legs. After some coaxing with snacks, she eventually came close enough that I could pet her. From that day onward, she has come running (as best as she can) every time she sees or hears me. It didn't take long for her to open up to me, then eventually everyone on campus.

Her temperament is so kind, friendly, and loving. That sweet temperament

will be put to the test as little did we know when we first met her that she was pregnant. About two weeks ago, we were blessed with 5 puppies from this wonderful dog. We decided to officially accept her and her family as our next HOINA pets. We brought a vet to see them, and they are all healthy and vaccinated.

God continues to bless us daily. We are fortunate enough to be able to give thanks for all He has done and will do for us in the future.

Remembrances



Thank you to the many donors who gave memorial and honorary gifts in the past few months. When requesting a gift to be listed in someone's memory or honor, please include the name and address of the individual or family so we can send them an acknowledgment.

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Christmas Needs at HOINA

Those of you who sponsor HOINA children often wish to send them gifts during the holidays. However, for the sake of our children who haven't yet been blessed with sponsors (and because overseas shipping is expensive and unreliable), we ask you to consider making a gift to HOINA's Christmas Fund instead.

HOINA's Christmas Fund allows us to buy gifts for all of our children—making sure each boy and girl receives

something special—and, when funds allow, to give bonuses to our Indian staff members who do so much to run our homes with dignity and love.

Consider sending a gift—any amount would be a blessing—to HOINA's Christmas Fund with the coupon on the back page. As always, your generosity is such a blessing. You make HOINA's important work in India possible, and we are so deeply grateful.

Unplanned Errand a Lifesaver

by Darlene D. Large
HOINA President

It isn't every year at Thanksgiving that I can be grateful to simply be alive. On this last trip to India, I had a scare that makes me grateful to still be here. The day was blistering, and the humidity was the worst it had been all week. One of our college girls came to see me. She had received a phone call from her friends. College exam fees needed to be paid by the next day, and we were five hours away from her college. She asked if I could take her there to pay her fees; otherwise, she would be assessed a late fee.

While a day of traveling was not in my schedule, I told her yes, we would leave in the morning. I would have to cancel my other appointments. We enjoyed the day and road down with our driver, Ramana. I met her friends, and we paid her fees. We decided to drive back that same night and arrived home around 11 o'clock.

Wearily, I climbed the steps to my apartment. When I opened the door, I was shocked to see a hole in my wall. The heat and humidity had brought a thunderstorm to our area while we had been away for the day. Apparently, lightning struck a tree outside my living room wall, causing an explosion. Bujji heard the boom of the tree when it was hit, but he hadn't realized any

damage had been done to our property. However, a large chunk of concrete the size of a volleyball had blown across my living room into a cabinet. It shattered, and large pieces of rock had flown around the room all the way into my upstairs office. The couch and floor were covered with pieces of debris. If I had been home sitting in my favorite chair or on the couch, I could have been killed. When I called my staff to come and see the mess, they, too, were shocked.

This Thanksgiving I am especially grateful that God saved my life by sending me on an unplanned errand.



Keep me safe, O God,
for in You I take refuge.

Psalm 16:1



Top photo: The hole in Darlene's wall from the lightning strike. Photo above: The pieces of plaster on her couch.

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who is generous....*

Psalm 112:5a