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suspicion until she was done and asked for nothing in return but a smile. She beams when she tells me of many success stories with former HOINA children as they have grown up to be happy, healthy, successful adults. Many of them still return to HOINA to see Mom and their brothers and sisters.

I also was amazed at how wonderful the HOINA staff is and how hard they work. In addition to their daily responsibilities and taking care of the children, during our visits they worked even longer hours to cook, drive, and take care of us. The staff at HOINA is second-to-none, and I hope they realize their work is appreciated.

This experience was also a reminder to me about what is truly important in life. I was once again amazed, as I had been on my past visits, by how joyful and happy the children and staff at HOINA are—there is not an X-box or iPod in sight—but they are deeply



David talks with the girls during study time.

appreciative for the health, home, education, and family that HOINA has provided them. It makes me rethink my ideas of what poverty and development really mean.

As I left, the Penn State students had already begun English lessons for the staff, painted both government schools in villages nearby the boys' homes, helped the children with their homework, and

had many more projects yet to go. I trust that the Penn State students are learning and growing in ways that will continue to impact them the rest of their lives as they work in India and see Mom in action. As for me, I look forward to my next opportunity to experience India, visit my HOINA brothers and sisters, and be amazed by Mom!

## Visitor Witnesses Many Changes at HOINA

by David A. Fyfe  
Penn State Alumnae

I have just returned from my third trip to HOINA, and even though my most recent trip was brief—just a few days at the boys' and girls' homes, I was extremely impressed with all of the changes that have occurred since I was last there. My last visit was three years

ago, and I was amazed to see the new building at the girls' home that houses spaces for a dance studio, play room, tailoring, computer and medical rooms, as well as a prayer room. At the boys' home, a staff house that was just emerging as an idea three years ago is now completed. A new fence around the boys' home to protect and beautify the property is also underway with

bright colors and names of the generous contributors for each segment. I also visited the site of the new construction that will house the girls' home on the same property.

I think that on each of my successive trips, I have understood more of how things work and get done in India and at HOINA.

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David with the Penn State students at the government school they helped to whitewash, which is located near the boys' home.



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On my first visit, I identified with a statement that Papa told me about five years ago, that is: "India is an assault on the senses," and I tell everyone just how true that statement is. While in India, each of my senses has been overwhelmed with both good and bad extremes, from the intense heat and humidity of the tropical sun to the appreciation of a cool breeze at night. Visually there are sights of poverty as well as beautiful, brightly colored saris and children's smiles. The smells that emanate from all around are a mixture that range from terrible to wonderful. Some of the most beautiful sounds have been the children's voices as they sing during prayer time and Angel, one of the staff at the girls' home who will stop you in your tracks when she sings. It seemed that on my first and second visits I spent



David visited with Rama Rao, the driver at the boys' home. He is in the hospital for surgery on his kidneys.

much time just navigating these sensory experiences. On this, my third visit, I was more accustomed to the sensory experience that is India; and I felt as if I could hone in more on the 'big picture' that makes HOINA so amazing.

For one, the work that Mom does on a day-to-day basis is nothing short of extraordinary. I often reflect that, though I am half her age, I can barely keep up with her! She works tirelessly in India's heat, dealing with frustrations, miscommunications, and challenges that most of us cannot even imagine, to ensure that HOINA provides a safe haven for all of the children there. I could not imagine any one person being able to accomplish what she does during her time in India. She is a true testimony to the difference that one person can make in this world—she has touched the lives of thousands and thousands of people. I'll never forget the first time I got on the overnight train to Visak with her, and she started making the beds of complete strangers. They looked at her with

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David and the Penn State students visit two HOINA grads at the boys' restaurant in Chennai. Pictured left to right front row: Rama Rao, Reagan Copeland, Lauren Borsa, Jackie Rohrbeck. Back row from left: David Fyfe, Sambaiah, Priyanka Basak, Tessa Stubler, Kate Kissling, Laura Spess, Lauren Herwehe

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Salapu Rama Krishna

Salapu Rama Krishna was a little more than 12 years old when he was admitted to HOINA in July of 2007. His birthday is in April.

Rama Krishna's parents were married in 1990. Mr. Suryanayana worked as a laborer for a daily wage. Unfortunately, he was also addicted to alcohol. Two boys were born to this marriage, Rama Krishna and an older brother. The father died in March, 2007. Since the mother works in the fields for a daily wage, she is not able to care for the boys. The grandfather approached HOINA seeking admission for both Rama Krishna and his brother.

Rama Krishna is studying 7th grade. His favorite game is Kho Kho, and he wishes to become an engineer when he is grown. He is described as active and smart. ♿

## Remember Mom in your Prayers

HOINA President, Darlene Large, is in India working with HOINA's staff and children until the end of September. Feel free to write an encouraging note to her at [hoina1@yahoo.com](mailto:hoina1@yahoo.com).

The power and Internet connections have not always been steady this summer, but she will read your messages when she is able. Please pray for Mom's safe return. ♿

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