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Lanka Sarath Kumar

Lanka Sarath Kumar came to HOINA in March of 2007. His parents, Mr. Srinivasa Rao and Ms. Lalitha, were married in 1997. At that time Mr. Rao was working as a lorry [truck] driver. Unfortunately, he was addicted to alcohol. Two children were born to this marriage, Sarath Kumar and a sister, who is older. The father died in October, 2005 at age 38. After his death, the mother left her children with her mother-in-law and went to

her parents' home. She died there in July 2006 of tuberculosis. The grandmother is a widow and sought admission for both children to our HOINA homes.

Sarath Kumar is in Lower Kindergarten in an English school. He enjoys cricket, and his favorite animal is the elephant. He wishes to become a driver then he is grown. The HOINA staff describes him as calm, with good manners and a smiling face.

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is to have young men and women learn tailoring, computer skills, carpentry, basket weaving, pottery making, toy making, applique, metal working, and electrical skills; so that, they can provide for themselves and their families.

Besides the two children's homes we will have and the vocational school, the local village elders came to us and requested that we build a medical clinic. Once again, Mr. Leon from Penna.

has graciously donated his talents to design such a building for us. Our dreams for the future of this campus are grand, and we look forward to the day when our facilities will help our HOINA children and the local villagers. We hope that the good news of what we are doing will spread and even that tourists will visit and see our good work and tell others about us in their countries. Please keep us in your prayers.

*Darlene*

### Darlene to Receive Award

On August 1, Darlene will be receiving an award from the Tiruvallur Child Welfare Committee of Greater Chennai for the best children's home in our district. This is for the HOINA girls' home in Tiruninravur. God is so good.

## Construction Begins on New Home

by Darlene Large  
HOINA President  
Currently in India

Each time I return to India, I go back to Dasarpuram Village (where HOINA began many years ago) to see the little house that we used to rent for 15 dollars a month. While we began with just seven boys, we had 25 little boys and girls by the end of that year. When the Lancaster-Lebanon Pennsylvania Lions District 14-D reached out and helped us to find a grant to build our present girls' home, we saw it as a miracle. That Tiruninravur campus holds so much HOINA history. Recently, the District Committee on Children's Homes in that area voted us the number one children's home in the district. Our once-small village is now considered part of Greater Chennai (formerly known as Madras).

A couple of years ago when our secretary of the board and office manager, Amy Mowbray, came to India, she suggested that we move our HOINA girls away from that area. We were looking at ways to reduce our expenses overseas, and prices were skyrocketing in



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the Chennai area. We certainly could not afford to buy new land as prices rose. Additionally, a large new road was to be built right in front of our current property, making it dangerous for the girls to walk there. Anyone living in a metropolitan area knows the various dangers and concerns of raising children in such a busy environment.

At first I did not want to face Amy's suggestions as I had so many emotional ties to the property. Besides that, the effort involved with selling our building, buying property, building a new

home, and relocating our girls was more than I wanted to face. However, the more the Indian board and I looked at things, the more we realized we could save a lot of travel costs and supply expenses by leaving that area. Because of a tightening economy in the U.S., where a large portion of our donations come from, we had had to cut back by \$2000 each month in funds we sent overseas for the children's food, clothing, school, and medical expenses plus staff salaries and maintenance. Operating on \$24,000 less each

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year was a difficult thing for us to do. Something had to change.

When some local gypsies brought us five little sisters and one baby brother who had been orphaned the day before, and in the same day another mother came with a semi-orphan who was badly malnourished, I couldn't say no. Since I did not want to put children out of the house and our funds were on the decline, we had to approach it another way. We would sell the old properties and build a new home on our existing 21 acres in Andhra Pradesh State, where the boys live and where our organic farm is located. Consolidating our two homes onto one property saves money while giving the girls a better education, a cleaner area in which to live, and a safer home in the country. Amy was right. Now God has shown us how to accomplish it.

We happily announce that we have sold our old properties in

Andhra this May. We used that money to build the foundation for the new home. It was our architect, ILN Prasad, a member of the Indian board, who suggested that we move the boys into the new home as soon as it is inhabitable. We will then move the girls into the present boys' home which is on the front side of our property, where they will be more visible and safer. The boys will have one road and gate to enter the back of our property and the girls, another. It will be another year or so before the construction is complete.

Don Leon an architect from The Pennsylvania State University in State College, Penna., designed our current boys' home. It has been a wonderful plan. He and I met in June and discussed some adjustments to that plan, and we are using it to build the new boys' home. The design works very well for us.

The Andhra Pradesh child welfare director says our present

boys' home near Visakhapatnam is the best home she knows of in the state. She and her staff were very pleased with it when they visited in April and May of this year. Our last school year ended in April with many of the children taking a first rank in school.

On another note, Mr. Midha of The Guindy Rotary Club in Chennai gave us six new computers, and another Rotarian promised us six more. As we trust in His provision, God is meeting our needs at every turn.

As you read this, I will be in India working with Giri our engineer on building the new home. The campus near Vizakhapatnam will have all our staff and children on it together. Our staff and board have a dream for the children and the tribals from the mountains and for the villagers near us in that area. We have received some funds to build a vocational school. Our plan

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## Remembrances

Thank you to the many donors who chose to give memorial and honorary gifts. 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.

### In Honor of

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Dirk Large  
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Gautam Ranji- to date he has pledges of \$5500 towards his triathlon  
Hugh B. Urban

### In Memory of

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## News from India

P.G.V.S.N. Murthy, whom we call Anand, is currently being groomed and mentored to take over the HOINA leadership position in India. Anand has been with us for the past two years. He is definitely an answer to our prayers and does a great job for us in India. Below we have included an update from him on how well our boys did on their final exams this year.



Mindla Gopi



Pamba Gopi

"This year our children got good marks and ranks in their exams. Mindla Gopi passed in first class in graduation, and he got 90 marks in chemistry.

"This is a record. In the last 20 years, no one did get 90 marks in chemistry. The college principal is going to honor him.

"P. G o p i also got first class in inter-

mediate exams. He got very good marks.

"All Telegu Medium School children got first class marks in final exams. Our children are first in their school. The staff honored the children in a recent meeting. Child Welfare Board people are impressed by their marks, and they appreciated them."

## Schreyer Honors College Students to Visit India

While at Penn State University this June, I met with Shaunna Barnhart, who has brought over our Penn State student volunteers in the past. She looked so good. Your prayers are helping, so please continue them as she fights this battle with cancer.

I also met the new honor students who will be coming to visit us in July. They plan to teach English and puppetry. They look like a really promising group of young women. David Fyfe will be returning with them as one of the group's leaders.

## Spread the Word!

A PowerPoint presentation is now available on CD with photos of our history and text that goes with it. If you want a copy to show to your friends or family to spread the word about HOINA, call Amy at our office at 717.355.9494. We will need to charge a small fee for postage.

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