



NEWS FROM HOINA HOMES OF THE INDIAN NATION

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Visitors Welcome!

by Darlene Large, HOINA President

Over the years a number of visitors to HOINA have contributed interesting, positive descriptions of their time spent on our campus in India near the city of Visakhapatnam in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Sometimes, we've had 5, 7, or even 14 visitors at one time. This year we broke a record and entertained 38 students from a medical college for two days. A number of college-aged volunteers have returned at their own expense to spend more time with us. HOINA is their family now.

If you are considering visiting HOINA, what would you do? List your skills and talents when you request a visit with us. That will give us a better idea of how to best utilize the many abilities you may have.

We have 24 acres, and gardening and pruning skills are always welcome. We are often whitewashing or painting walls or fences to keep them from decaying and to help the campus look its best and brightest. Your volunteer work saves us much in labor charges. Over the years we have utilized many people with vocational and trades skills.

The state language is Telegu while the national language of India is Hindi. However, the HOINA students primarily attend English schools and love practicing our language with guests. We enjoy having visitors read stories from our library books to the children. Teaching English and doing skits with puppets are always fun ways to improve our students' language skills.

Working in the kitchen cutting up veggies is a welcome help to our staff. Cooking for 200 children and staff is a huge job. Just as one meal is finished, it is time to begin preparing the next!



Neelima enjoying a summer pastime enjoyed around the globe.

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HOINA's First Ph.D. Wins Young Scientist Award



by Dr. Krishna Naragani, HOINA Alumnus

God did a miracle in my life. After successfully completing my Ph.D. study, I was given a Senior Research fellowship in the project sectioned by University Grants Commission in the Department of Botany and Microbiology, of Acharya Nagarjuna University, which is in Guntur. The fellowship ran from 2013 to March of this year. While I was working as a Senior Research fellow, I had a strong desire to be a scientist. Then as per my long vision, I applied for the Young Scientist project to Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB), New Delhi. SERB provides opportunities to Young Scientists to pursue exciting and innovative research in frontier areas. By the grace of God, my project on Biodiversity of Actinobacteria from Mangrove Ecosystem of Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh was selected. My research project began on April 1st and will continue until March 31, 2019.

I appreciate your prayers for a successful research project and much personal growth as I pursue my scientific career. Thank you.



*I will thank you, [O God] forever,
because of what you have done.*

*In the presence of the faithful
I will proclaim your name,
for it is good.*

Psalm 52:9 (NRSV)

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Can She Find a Place in Your Heart?

This month we feature a sweet girl for sponsorship, whom we had featured last summer. While we had found Siva Mani a sponsor at that time, they have had to give up her sponsorship this year. Are you available to help cover the expense associated with caring for this semi-orphan at HOINA?

After K. Siva Mani's parents were married in 1999, her father worked as a truck driver. They had two girls, with Siva Mani being born on January 26, 2006. After the girls' father died in a traffic accident, their mother was so distraught she could not care for her children.

Your gift of \$35/month will care for her physical needs—food, clothing, a loving home, her school expenses,



and medical care. Additionally, you'll be providing for her emotional and spiritual needs, because she will remain a member of the HOINA family with loving sisters to live with.

Siva Mani likes the color green, playing Chutes & Ladders; and she loves tigers, which are native to her area. She hopes her schooling will allow her to be a policewoman when she is older.

If you would like to support this cheerful 10-year-old, please complete the coupon on the back page and send it to our office with your first monthly donation.

To simplify your giving, HOINA is able to take auto-debits from your checking account. Please contact our office at 717-355-9494 for details or email: hoina@frontiernet.net.

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After school, the children relish some free time for play. Some love games or sports while others enjoy arts and crafts. We have teens who win awards at state and national levels for their skills in running, soccer, cricket, and other games. Anyone who can teach baseball or basketball or any other American sport will put smiles on many HOINA boys' faces. Our girls have loved learning to crochet and other handicrafts. Ranging from three to over 20 years old, we have 100 girls and 100 boys. There is always someone looking to spend time with you.

It costs about \$25 dollars a day to stay on campus in the guest house. That price includes three meals per day. While we are just 20 miles from the beach and ocean, about a two-hour drive in the other direction will take you to the mountains and waterfalls of Aracu, where many tribal peoples live.

We love music of many forms. Our children will learn songs that you could teach them, and they will

perform lively dances and entertaining dramas for you when you come.

If at any time in the future you are interested to visit, please do not consider April, May, or June for a number of reasons: First, the weather is simply too hot. Those months are our summer in India. Second, our students are required to take final exams in April as school is preparing to let out. Then in May, our children who have families are home visiting them and won't be on campus. June is the kickoff to our school year, so we don't want to disturb them as they are getting back into the swing of studying.

If you're looking for something to bring that is useful, please consider packing some sweatshirts for our children to wear in the cold months. (When you're used to 130° F, 55° in the winter is VERY cold!)

To visit, please contact our office in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, (see our contact info below).

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Our Heroines Met Their Match

After Roz Vinci's mention of them in our last newsletter, we sadly report that both Heidi and Honey, our two guard dogs, died in the line of duty protecting our HOINA campus. The two Dachshunds spied a terrifically venomous cobra on our property. When they went to kill the snake, it bit them both. While they did kill the snake and kept our staff and children safe once again, we lost our beloved Heidi and Honey. The staff and children buried them behind our chapel. In Mr. Anand's words, "They are real heroes. I don't have words to say how wonderful they were." We are grateful to God that no people were hurt in this melee, but we are sad to say goodbye to such good guardians, pets, and friends to all.

