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## A Cheerful Heart is Good Medicine Proverbs 17:22 (NIV)

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We often hear from people who haven't been to India to see our work personally that they think HOINA doesn't "need" financial support, because the pictures we publish make everything look so great. One thing that we decided somewhere along the way was that we knew our sponsors in the West saw plenty of images of sad, destitute children from a variety of impoverished places. Unless you are purposefully hiding from the world news, you cannot help but hear about (and see pictures of) needy people. We do not deny they exist. Most of our HOINA children are semi-orphaned with one poor, remaining parent to provide for the family. That single parent may have health issues and not be able to work a steady job to support his or her family as you'll read in our sponsorship feature this month on page four.

Frankly, we enjoy and like for you to see what your funds do in India. Our newsletter is meant to cheer and encourage you with



Left to right: Rohit, Prasad, Mohan, Simhadri



Deekshita

# A Cheerful Heart is Good Medicine

bright, smiling faces of kids who used to be the sad and destitute ones but who now have a bright future of hope, health, and higher education. While we try not to change the culture of the children, we do strive to make our homes places of refuge and peace. Whether we are feeding widowed grandmas at our lunch outreach or taking in new children, HOINA's gift to India is to offer a hand up. Better nutrition means better health. Better health taxes the local human service providers less. People who are well-fed think more clearly and are better able to contribute to their community. For our children they may contribute by cleaning up trash in the village. Or perhaps they are simply good students who study hard. Teachers everywhere appreciate diligent students, and HOINA's students have proven themselves willing and able to succeed academically. Your financial support helps make that possible.

On her most recent trip to India in February, HOINA President Darlene Large oversaw the installation of new playground equipment as pictured here. Because of your generosity, these smiling children enjoy a life they otherwise would not have had. You contribute to our general fund to assure that our staff members have salaries and that our children have food. Your gifts to our education fund pay for



Two girls Yasaswani and Venkatalakshmi with staff member Eswari



Jaswanth and Koteswararao

school fees, uniforms, and books while we are able to send our older children on to college and technical schools. Our children and staff pray for you daily—that you would have good health and that your problems would be minimal. They are aware of your sacrifices and are grateful for your kindness. The smiling faces on these pages are proof of that.

*Finally, brothers and sisters,  
whatever is true, whatever  
is noble, whatever is right,  
whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely,  
whatever is admirable,  
if anything is excellent  
or praiseworthy,  
think about such things.*

Philippians 4:8

# So Many Smiles to Brighten Your Day!



Summer break is over now, and our students have gone back to their studies. It has been quite hot in India, so we ask you to pray for the cooling rains to come.

Pictured above (left to right):

Front row: Ganesh, K. Jaswanth, P. Jeswanth, Guru Charan, K. Charan, and Mohan.

Middle row: Asirwad, Prasanth, and Teja.

Back row: Surya, Nageswar Rao, Ravi, Devadanam, Satyawathi (children's caregiver).

We will try our best to name all the little girls at right: The girl in front is Bharathi. The three in blue are Bhavana, Poojitha, and Joshna (left to right). The girl wearing pink to the right of center is Lanka Mahalakshmi, and the ones standing in the back row are Manila, Jyothi, Divya Sri, and Harika.



**HOINA has many visitors scheduled for this summer, so we ask our readers to please pray for their safe travels. HOINA President Darlene Large's trip has been postponed while she awaits her visa renewal.**

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## Are You a Cat Lover Too?

This summer, we want to make you aware of a needy elementary schooler named P. Jeswanth. His father, a truck driver, had been a widower until he married Mrs. Lakshmi in February, 2007. The joyful couple welcomed Jeswanth on April 18, 2009. Sadly, Jeswanth's daddy died in a truck accident when the little boy was just four and a half. His mom has struggled to care for her son because she has some health problems that prevent her from going to work regularly. In 2018 she approached HOINA, seeking admission for Jeswanth.

Jeswanth is now 10 and hopes to be a physical education trainer someday. He loves cricket and cats. We often hear the former from our boys but not often the latter!

Your monthly gift of \$35 can provide Jeswanth's care, housing, and education. If you can help, please return the coupon above to our office in Pennsylvania with your first gift.

