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HOINA Toppers Make the A-List

By Glory Janes, HOINA Executive Director

Summer is full on, here and in India as well. Summer means the end of a school year with the results of exams. A landmark year for HOINA, we have students to brag about! When Todd and I were on campus in January, the exam preparations had already begun for our children to be ready to take their finals in March. We told the older kids that



Three of our HOINA Toppers on their first day at their new college. Left to right are Abiya, Lahani, and Bhavani.

those who earned high marks would be given an opportunity to get into a college that gives intensive coaching and preparation for a Bachelor's program of their choice.

The exam prep begins so early because tenth standard is the graduating grade in Indian education. At this point the teens have to decide what career path they will pursue: Math (engineering and computer fields), Biology (doctors, nursing, and other healthcare fields), Commerce (banking and office jobs), Arts, or Polytechnic courses. That choice will place them for the next two years in an Intermediate

College, called 10+1 and 10+2. After these 11th and 12th years of education, students who want to go into engineering and healthcare have to take an entrance exam to rank them nationally. Better scores offer admission in a college of their choice and more scholarship opportunities. All of this makes the preparation for the 10th grade exam, their score on it, and the

next two years so crucial for students.

Our Housemother Vimala and Housefather Shadrack, along with Durga Prasad, would wake the older kids at 5:00 a.m. to study, followed by the usual prayer time, showers, and breakfast all before the school day began. The sheer number of Indian students taking these exams yearly makes the competition fierce. Proudly, we report that the hard work by our HOINA children and the staff paid off with shining results as eight of our twelve grads scored above 85%!

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Bountiful Harvest

HOINA has always been full of greenery, making our campus look like a resort rather than a home for abandoned children. Our hard-working gardeners, under the supervision of our staff leaders Bujji and Shadrack, have done a splendid job. Planting an abundance of produce offsets our food budget, and this year we have bumper crops! Oftentimes, the kids get involved in planting, watering, and harvesting to learn responsibility. HOINA's vegetable gardens produced buckets and buckets of cluster beans, heirloom radishes, spinach, sour greens, broad beans, and squash. Besides vegetables, we have a whole grove of mango trees, loaded with fruit, and a sapota grove while coconut palms dot the property. All around the campus our plants produce fruit almost year-round—watermelons, papayas, and another grove with banana plants. It is no exaggeration to say ours are some of the sweetest bananas you'll ever eat. We are grateful to God for blessing our hands and land with a bountiful crop.



Our younger boys like nothing more than to be helpful by climbing trees to harvest fruit. Here are Teja (top) and Jagadeesh in the lower branches.



Satish (left) and Shiva (right) pose with crates from our bountiful harvest of sapota fruits.



Harika models one of our giant pumelo citrus fruits.



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Teja Ram



Nageswara Rao



Sai Sudhakar (Nani)

G. Abiya stood above the rest, scoring 96% while Lahari and Teja Ram took second place, scoring 92% each. Lisha took a close third, scoring 91%. Also scoring 91% was Nageswara Rao, who had the highest score in his entire government school. Sai Sudhakar “Nani” scored an unheard-of perfect score in the math section!

Three of our students took our offer and decided to attend intensive prep academies for the next two years, aspiring to go into medical school and engineering while other students chose different fields. Everyone is ready for their upcoming challenges thanks to much hard work.

Education Brightens his Future



This month, we are featuring one of HOINA’s teens, who came to us later than many do. M. Nagesh’s parents were poor laborers. When his father left the family, Nagesh’s mother, who works as a dishwasher, was left to raise her two sons alone. A local pastor recommended she apply to HOINA, where Nagesh was accepted and now lives with a brighter chance at a good education and a successful future.

Since we are just now able to help teenaged Nagesh, it is unlikely that we will have him for many, many years.

That said, you can still make an impact in his life by supporting him as he finishes his high school years. If you would like to sponsor Nagesh or any of our other children, please either sign up online at <https://hoina.org/child-sponsorship> or return the coupon on page 4 with your first monthly donation of \$35 to our finance office in Lee’s Summit, Missouri. We are so grateful for your support.

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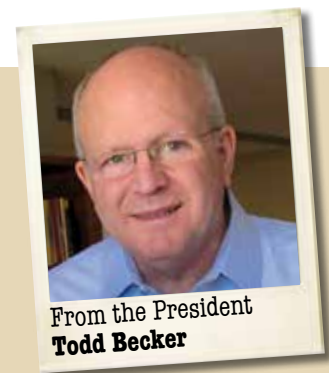
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From the President
Todd Becker

Greetings!

While I am here in India, I visited our three toppers (featured on page 1) at their college. While they are missing their HOINA sisters and are looking forward to their first break, all three are adjusting well and are particularly thrilled that their classroom is air conditioned!

The girls’ home roof work is in its final stages. The rains held off enough to make great progress for which we are thankful.

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