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## Mid-Year Update

*By Glory Janes, HOINA Executive Director*

Here we are in the heart of summer once again, enjoying the heat and lots of outdoor activities while overseas it is a season of school admissions and planning. On both continents we are enjoying an abundance of fresh, colorful produce that epitomizes the season's vitality. From juicy fruits to crisp vegetables, summer's harvest offers the perfect opportunity to grow and savor some of God's finest blessings.

I wanted to share in this issue how the summer break was enjoyed and more of what the kids and staff do all day when there is no school. All of them engage in a lot of gardening, preserving food, and the endless list of fix-it projects around the homes. Just as at our own houses, we keep a running "honey-do" list. With few kids staying on campus, the managers are able to issue vacation time to the staff. The boys' home staff is given their two weeks off, and once they come back, the girls' home staff receive their two weeks of vacation time.

While they are on campus, our managers plan for the different



Niharika helps by bringing her mattress outside to be aired.

projects that need to be taken care of during this time to prepare for the upcoming year—cleaning up the campus; repairing doors, windows, and plumbing issues; weeding the grounds and gardens; disinfecting and airing out of linens and mattresses; taking care of mosquitoes/ants or any other infestation problems; and cleaning and sanitizing the water storage tanks.

During this prime growing season, the garden beds are prepared for the next crops to be sowed. Any of the produce that is in surplus is sold to the local vegetable vendor to help with the gardening costs, in an effort to make it a self-supportive program.

Our mango harvest is always a big job. We pick the different varieties of mangoes, sweeter ones that are used

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just for eating and some of them that are much sourer, used for pickling. Speaking of which, the pickles are nothing like what we make here in the USA. The idea is still the same, which is to preserve the food for use later in the year; however, the pickles in India typically are made with a lot of sesame oil, chili powder, mustard powder, salt, and tamarind pulp (which is the main preservative). Our pickles resemble something similar to Korea's Kimchi.

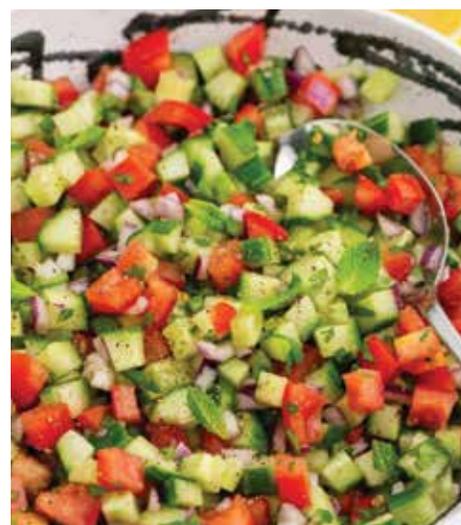


Aswini with Jasmynes in her hair.

You have seen pictures of our produce many times, but we also have many flowering plants and bushes that keep our campus colorful and vibrant. Some of the most fragrant ones are the Indian Jasmine (pictured below left) whose fragrance is beyond description. The plants on campus produce bushels upon bushels of the jasmine flowers in summer. The girls harvest them, make them into small strings and adorn their braids with them. Customarily girls and women put flowers in their hair in India. Needless to say, summertime and the Jasmine flowers make every girl happy.

Fear not, all is not work. The kids are involved in frequent outings, art work, learning new skills, going shopping with the housemother or housefather, playing a lot, and watching TV.

Just for fun, I am sharing with you a recipe of our Indian Summer Salad that is simple and refreshing, usually eaten as a side to help cool off the heat of the curries. Give it a try, and raise your culinary adventures with this cool cucumber salad.



### **Kachumber Salad**

(Cucumber Salad)

Ingredients:

- 1 cucumber
- 1 ripe tomato
- 1 red onion
- ½ of a bunch of fresh Cilantro leaves, chopped
- ½ of a fresh lime
- ½ tsp Cumin powder
- ½ tsp chili powder (Chat masala available at any international grocery store would be even better.)

Salt and pepper to taste

Rinse and dice the first three ingredients. Place in a bowl. Sprinkle in chopped cilantro leaves. Add cumin powder and chili powder. Squeeze the juice from half the lime over all and stir. Add salt and pepper to taste, mix, and chill for 3-4 hours.

Variations and optional ingredients to add in, to taste, are: 1 can of rinsed chickpeas, roasted cashews, a piece of minced jalapeno, or a piece of minced ginger.

Enjoy a bit of India and celebrate summer as we would at HOINA!



Some HOINA girls enjoy decorating the walls with their art.

Many of our children may have enjoyed this dish while home to visit the little family they have left like a grandparent, or uncles, aunts, and cousins. The children who do not have any relatives remained on campus and were cared for by the housemother and housefather and soaked up all the individual attention they wanted.

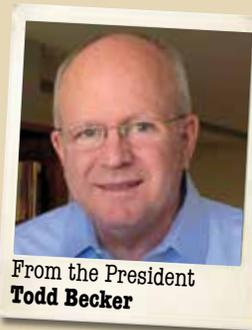
By the time you read this, our children will have returned to campus to begin the next year's studies. Watch in a coming newsletter to see how our children placed in their tests, where they were accepted into higher education, and what path they are following for the coming year.

Until next month, have a safe and enjoyable summer.



Our hard-working gardener Pathrudu poses with a bountiful harvest of bitter greens.

## Greetings!



India was especially hard-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic as not one, but two waves of the mutating virus swept across the country. The people suffered greatly as did the country's institutions and government. HOINA's Child Care Certificates expired during the pandemic. We had filed our renewal in a timely manner prior to expiration. In India, as in the USA, when it comes to child care, filing paperwork is not enough. Background checks, with inspections by law enforcement and multiple regulating / governing agencies, etc. are required to reissue a certificate.

Eighteen months ago, the District Probation Officer visited with me and my staff. We had a wonderful multi-hour visit at the end of a long day. He told me, "The delay in responding has nothing to do with HOINA. The State of Andhra Pradesh is working internally to redefine structure, requirements, and regulations concerning the homes in the State." On his way out, he complimented HOINA, its staff, record keeping, orderliness and cleanliness of the campus and buildings, and ultimately our Business Manager Jani Mastan. He said Jani has always responded promptly and accurately to any requests from the oversight teams and has earned great trust from each of them.

HOINA management finally was called to receive our Provisional Registration Certificate from the District Collector's office in Vizianagaram on June 4. We have received six-month provisional certificates for both homes supporting 100 boys and separately 100 girls to live on campus. This great news causes me to be humbled and thank God for His goodness to HOINA as many homes nationally have not received renewals.

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When you request a gift to be listed in someone's name, please include the name and address of the individual or family so we can confirm that your gift was received.



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