



Care & Share

Care & Share USA, Inc.

the progress report

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Dear Friends,

We hope that you will all have a healthy and happy 2011!

We've been struggling to look after and support the kids with the dramatic increase in the price of rice and other foodstuffs. Gradually, kind people have been helping us buy our own rice fields. We now have 40% of the fields needed. Just today, the first rice paddy reaped from our small new field was brought to be stored for 6 months before it can be polished and eaten. A 3 dollar donation buys a square yard of rice cultivation land.

Most of the children sponsored in the USA belong to two different projects of ours :

- List 158 (which is a code for girls in the Bishop Azaraiah boarding home). This is a Christian boarding home in the middle of the town of Vijayawada, which was run down and being closed by the local Anglican Church for lack of funds. It was established to house orphan girls of the area at the beginning of the last century. Noel Harper and I started working in the slums of Vijayawada in 1997 and at that time identified hundreds of girls who had some family member/s but lived in pitiable condition and were not being sent to school. The only decent solution for them was to be taken away from "home" (a hut, a tree or simply the road) and put in a boarding school. Since this institution (which the Indians call "hostel") was being closed down, we asked the church if we could take it over and renovate it, something they immediately accepted in 1999. We spent a lot to repair the dormitories and rebuild the toilets and then we identified the girls to house there. A year and a half ago we made a second major renovation in the main hall and kitchen, so the 280 girls who presently live there are more comfortable than before. Adjacent to the 'hostel' is the Telugu

BISHOP AZARAI AH BOARDING HOME
Common living space before/after renovations



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Medium school run by the church for 3000 girls who mainly come to school on foot from the surrounding areas. The uniform is a green skirt and orange shirt and orange ribbons in their hair. Most of the girls we house are still lucky enough to have the affection of their families, even though the situation at home is one of hunger, rape, teenage marriages, no education, no jobs, and no proper housing. The food given to the girls

in Bishop Azaraiah, their health care, clothes, books, school bags, sandals, notebooks, etc. are the same as those given to the children in our villages of Daddy's Home and Butterfly Hill. When some lose their parents, often because of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, or malaria, they are transferred to Daddy's Home/Butterfly Hill.

- List 167 (which is a code for the Rajarajeswaripeta slum). In 2002, the city government decided to clean up the city from the hundreds of tiny slums along the many canal banks (stemming from the river Krishna) and they literally deported some 5000 families to this dump area. In 2004 we built the one and only school in the slum where some 1600 kids are studying presently. We also help run the school which is called Care & Share Municipal School and has the highest rate of 10th class graduations among the government schools. The people were dumped with their belongings in a swampy area with no toilets, no electricity, no water and no transportation. Slowly things are improving, but anyone living in this slum survives well below poverty levels. Our school was built for 500 children and a new building would need to be urgently built. The present building needs renovation after years of schooling a number of students three times as large as what it was built for. The many unsponsored children need uniforms, books, sandals, notebooks, book bags, medical check ups, etc.

CARE & SHARE -VMC SCHOOL Rajarajeswaripeta Slum



What makes your help so special is that children who were roaming the streets before, with no opportunity to go to school and no hope for a better future, are now getting an education. To educate children of illiterate parents is not easy. The children don't receive help at home when they need assistance with their homework or encouragement to continue their studies.

You can read more about our projects on our website www.careshareindia.org. If you sign up to our Facebook page (Care & Share USA and/or Care & Share India), you receive daily updates on our kids and projects. As you might know, the offices of Care & Share USA were recently shifted to Atlanta, now under the guidance of Laxmi and Charles Hall. Jennifer James, also from Atlanta, assists them. We welcome any question you might have about your child and how you can improve the life of your child and his/her family.

Best wishes again for a prosperous 2011!

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