



NEWS FROM HOINA HOMES OF THE INDIAN NATION

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God Multiplies What We Give in Amazing Ways

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If you woke up this morning with more health than sickness, you're luckier than the million who will not survive this week. If you are reading this, you do not belong to group of over a million adults who cannot read. If you have never experienced war, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or famine, you are happier than 500 million persons in this world. If you're able to go to church, mosque, temple or synagogue without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you're freer than 70% of your fellow citizens on the earth. If there's a meal in your refrigerator, if you're dressed and have shoes, if you have a bed and a roof above your head, you're a rarity. If you have a bank account, money in your purse, and there's something in your penny jar, you belong to the 8% of well-provided for people in the world.

As part of this 8%, I have struggled over the years with the question *what can I do?* When Darlene started HOINA 39 years ago, she was a force of one. She worked alone writing newsletters and sending thank you notes. She had funds to support seven children. Her husband, Bruce, helped



with the books. Gradually over the first seven years, a few friends offered to help her. After thirteen years, she had 39 volunteers she could call on. They helped her write thank you notes to those who sent donations. They folded newsletters, and collected and packed clothing for the children. School classes collected band aids and toiletries for the children in India. Churches

became involved after hearing Darlene speak. Friends told friends about what HOINA was doing, and the word spread. Americans started visiting India to see HOINA firsthand. In 1999 students from The Pennsylvania State University started traveling to India to serve at the homes, carrying suitcases of clothes and supplies for the

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children. HOINA has continued to grow, caring today for 200 children, 50 grandmas, and hundreds of rural villagers.

Like the loaves and fishes Jesus used to feed 5000, God took HOINA and used it to care for thousands of children. In 2009 we received donations from 400 families; 1200 families receive our newsletter, and many more pray for HOINA's children, staff, and volunteers. Each time I travel to India, I am amazed at what God has accomplished. Hundreds of children have passed through HOINA's doors—hungry, sick, afraid of tomorrow—and have found a loving, caring place to grow and flourish. By American standards, HOINA still has so little. The HOINA annual budget which supports 200 children and employs 40 people would provide for 4-5 families in the United States. Of the 400 families that financially supported HOINA in 2009, 30% gave \$100 or less.

God takes what we give and multiplies it in amazing ways:

- For \$6, an elderly woman receives a hot, nutritious lunch each day for a month.
- For \$11 a HOINA child receives chicken, fish, fruit, rice, vegetables and eggs—enough to eat for a month.
- For \$115 a child can attend school for a year.
- For \$10 we were able to buy each boy a pair of sports shoes for Christmas.
- \$200-800 pays for a year of college for a child in India.
- For \$120 we can take all the children on an outing or picnic (less than \$1/child)
- For \$3500 we were able to purchase a Vita Goat machine that converts soybeans to soymilk, allowing us to provide protein for 400 children every day.

In 2008 when the U.S. economy took a hit, our donations dropped 7% from the previous year. Everyone at HOINA in the U.S. and India looked for ways to economize. Moving the girls to the boys' home property was a big help. When I was in India last September, HOINA's General Manager, Anand, was very excited to talk to me. He wanted me to know that by moving the girls into the boys' home and moving the boys to their new building on our property they were saving \$2000/month in operating costs from maintaining two homes in separate states. Although many other expenses were increasing due to the increase in prices of food stuffs, the savings allowed them to continue to purchase



nutritious food and to send the children to good schools. We also purchased cows and started growing vegetables to supplement our food supplies.

We take the stewardship of the money we receive very seriously and are always looking for ways to get more for less. We work hard to ensure that the money we receive goes to the children. All the staff in the U.S. volunteers their time, and L.M. Martin, a company in Lancaster County, Penna. and a long-term supporter of HOINA, has let us use two offices in their company's office building. They even pay the electric bill. A school class assembles the newsletters each month. When I was having problems with the HOINA office computer, I called Joe, of PC Computer; he fixed things in no time and did not charge for his services. The Board of Directors in the U.S. and the Board of Trustees in India all volunteer their time and travel expenses (no Big Corporate bonuses here).

The needs are overwhelming, and it is easy to be

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A letter from a HOINA Grad

Editor's Note: Hanumantharao graduated with an MBA and took a first in his class.

Dear Mom,

How are you and Papa? How is your health? I won't forget you and our home, I owe a lot to mighty God as well as you Mom, Really I like your smiling face,

Currently, I am working in consultancy, I am happy with what I have here, weather is cool and nice, Maybe I am going to meet you next year, You are always in prays, Thank you for giving this rebirth, I can't repay to you anything, but I want to give you something someday, When I am thinking of you I feel proud of you as well as happy, Without HOINA there is no Hanumantharao,

Thanking you, Love you Mom,

With love, Hanumantharao

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Naughty? That Face? Couldn't Be!

Pediredla Pavan came to HOINA on April 25, 2008. His parents were married in 1998. The father worked as a lorry (truck) cleaner. The couple lived in a small hut, because they had little income. The family had a girl in 2000, and Pavan was born in October of 2003. The father was an alcoholic and used his wages to buy alcohol. The mother tried to support her children by working as a laborer.

Pavan wants to be a bus driver when he is grown. His favorite game is cricket. The HOINA staff lovingly describes Pava as “very thin and naughty,” with a smiling face. 🧸



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overwhelmed by what we cannot do especially when the U.S. economy experiences difficult times, too. While many not-for-profits experienced a continuing decline in donations in 2009, our donations in 2009 were up 2% over 2008. Many costs continue to rise, but we have not had to reduce any services. Our donors continue to do something about the poverty in the world, one child at a time; and God takes our small loaves and fishes and turns them into something big.

May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let His presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. 🧸



Amy relaxes on the porch at the childrens' home.