



NEWS FROM HOINA HOMES OF THE INDIAN NATION

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A Whirlwind Three Days

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After a year's absence, I returned to HOINA to spend another three days with them. It was a nice coincidence that Bruce was there at the same time, so I met him again as well. What a magical place: the children remembered me well from last year and came to hug me.

Darlene told me that she had taken 18 new girls in since a number of girls hadn't made the move when HOINA relocated the girls' home from Chennai to close to Visak. Now there is enough room for new admissions. Each of these new girls had received two churidars (pretty outfits in Punjabi style). The "old" girls wished, of course, that they would have gotten new outfits as well.

So, on my first day, Darlene and I drove to Visak to get each of those other 67 girls two new outfits, too. She gets the pre-cut fabric, and then the tailor, Joshua, and his assistant stitch them to the measurements of each girl. The sewing machines were carried over from the boys' home, and Joshua set up shop in the dining hall of the girls' home. It was quite an operation.

Our next stop was the police station in Kothavalasa. The police had asked Darlene to help them beautify their station. Darlene brought her kids over. They painted the waiting area and the outside in the colors of the Indian flag, built inspiring mosaic murals inside the waiting room, and planted the garden area. It was wonderful to see the result of this community service.

On my last day Darlene, Annu (former house mother at the girls' home and wife of minister Stevenson), and I drove with our good driver Ramadu up to the Araku Valley area to



One of HOINA's newest arrivals is pleased with the new outfits she has chosen.

distribute old clothes to the villages of the Adivases (tribal people). I found this visit very interesting as I had just spent a week in Orissa visiting the different tribes and their weekly markets before coming to HOINA. So this was a fitting continuation of the original purpose of my trip.

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On our way back, we saved a pregnant goat. She was lagging behind her herd (without any shepherd), and two wild dogs attacked her. By throwing stones we were able to chase the dogs away from her, and Ramadu carried the goat into our Jeep. We brought her home after a drive of five hours and a stop at the vet's office. She can now deliver in peace next to the 18 cows HOINA already has.

During my stay, I also met in particular Preethi and John.

Preethi is 19 years old. She has been with HOINA since she was about eight years old. She finished school a year ago, is now a certified health worker, but wants to become a registered nurse.

John is an excellent student and sports person. John was found begging in the streets in 1995. He was nine years old, but he has no knowledge about his parents. He finishes school this spring and wants to become an engineer. To accomplish this, he will attend four




Antjie with Preethi

years of college. Right now, HOINA provides room and board for them, but they need sponsors to pay for further schooling and college. The cost for this is minimal compared to the expenses in the States, but the future of these young adults depend on it.

I also met Krishna. He has already

his Masters in Molecular Biology and now wants to do his PhD and is also looking for funding.

These are Darlene's stars and make her overcome so many obstacles. If you would like to join me in sponsoring one of these children, please contact the HOINA office for more information. 



John



Teamwork at HOINA as they plant new flower beds.

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New Girls Need Sponsors



G. Yesoda

G. Yesoda was born on March 3, 1997. She is one of our new girls we admitted when we moved our girls' home to near Vizak last summer. Her daddy worked in a tobacco shop until late one evening when a poisonous snake slipped into their house. While the family was deep in sleep on their straw mats on the floor, the snake bit Yesoda's father. The neighbors tried to get him help at a hospital, but he died, leaving his wife with two young girls. Yesoda's mom tries to work as a house servant to make ends meet, but she has asked HOINA to take in her eldest to give her a chance at a future.

Yesoda is 13 years old. Her favorite color is blue and her favorite dish is eggs! Would you help this family and HOINA by offering to sponsor her? You can send your first monthly donation of \$30 with the coupon above. That amount will provide her with food, clothing, medical care, schooling, and a home to enjoy with her HOINA sisters. 

Help Us Win \$2,000

HOINA President Darlene Large and her husband, Bruce, are planning to be in Lancaster in May for the "Businesses that Care" Expo. The Expo is being hosted by the Lancaster Hempfield Rotary Club in conjunction with other Lancaster County (PA) Rotary Clubs. Proceeds from the Expo will benefit non-profit agencies who are exhibiting at the Expo: HOINA is one of those agencies! The top four agencies receiving votes on the day of the Expo will each receive \$2,000. Two additional agencies will be drawn at random and will each receive \$1,000.

Won't you help us by coming out to vote? The Farm and Home Center is very near to Park City Mall. Come out and visit Darlene and Bruce, as well as other board members and volunteers. Your time and vote could mean dollars to help HOINA care for our terrific kids in India.

When? May 14, 2011

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where? Farm and Home Center

383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

For maps and directions to the center, go to:

<http://www.farmandhomecenter.com/directions.php>

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By Don Cronauer, HOINA Office Volunteer

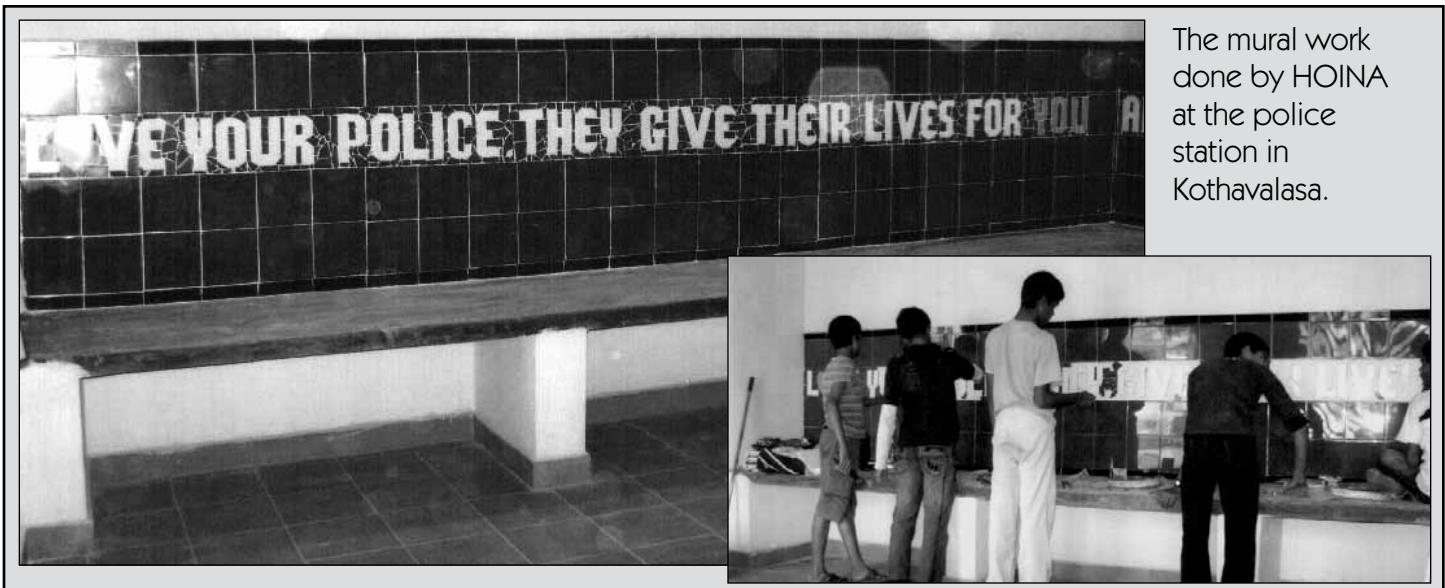
While Amy [Mowbray, HOINA Board Secretary] is in her busy season doing taxes, I would like to introduce myself. I have been helping in the office for over a year now. (So if the record of your donations has any mistakes, it is probably my fault and not Amy's!)

I have learned much during the last year. I have learned that there are many good people in this world—people like you who donate their hard-earned money to help people, whom they have never even seen. People like David, Amy, Sandy, and the rest of the Board who donate their time to help people by serving in various ways. And people like Darlene and Bruce who dedicate their entire lives to helping people.

HOINA is like a wheel—Bruce and Darlene are the hub, but without the spokes (donors like you), the wheel would not be as useful as it is. I am proud not only of the people who donate their time to working here and volunteering overseas for the benefit of the HOINA kids, but also of the donors who make this work possible.

Please allow me to make one other comment: I would like to emphasize that no one in the U.S. gets paid a cent for doing any of this work. Even the office space that we have is donated by an in-kind donor. Only the workers at the orphanage get paid – and that money goes a long way.

In closing, please remember the children with your donations and the volunteers with your prayers – I assure you that both go far. 



The mural work done by HOINA at the police station in Kothavalasa.