



NEWS FROM HOINA HOMES OF THE INDIAN NATION

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Gifts Aren't Always Gift Wrapped

By Darlene D. Large, HOINA President

As the Christmas holidays approach once again, I find myself thinking about the past and about the many gifts the Lord has bestowed upon me and my family and upon HOINA and the HOINA children. Christmas for me has come in April, in June, in August, and all the other months of the year.

This year I am very grateful for the miracle that God allowed for the HOINA children and staff. As you know, a powerful cyclone crossed India this fall. On the morning of the cyclone, I did not yet know about the weather bearing down on India; however, I knelt down and prayed for the children and for their safety and well being as I always do. Later, our general manager, Mr. P. Anand called to tell me that the district next to us was flooded and overwhelmed with rain and wind and water. Many people had died.

On our campus we have a little 3-foot-wide trickle that we call a canal. After a day or two of heavy rain, it became a raging 50-foot wide river and was 12 feet deep in some places. Our road that passes our cows and their shed and that leads back to the boys' home was washed



One of the tile murals that flank the entry of our new chapel.

away (see photo on page 2). However, the children, the staff, and the animals were safe. Our ducks were happily swimming on the girls' playground.

Over the past 43 years there have been many miracles for HOINA. One day as I sorted my laundry, I folded it up and sent it over to the laundry man to finish. When he unwrapped it a poisonous snake slithered out. "Mom, how did you not see that snake! How did you escape being bitten?" he asked me later.

"I don't know. I guess God had an angel watching over me," I replied.

There was the year we brought a little girl who was the size of a two-year-old to the U.S. She was eleven years old and had a growth disorder. When I went to the children's hospital in St. Louis they referred me to

Genentec in San Francisco. Genentec graciously donated a three-year supply of growth hormone, and today Sunanda is a young married woman with a little boy. She has her master's degree and is almost as tall as I am. Another miracle.

They called it a miracle when the U.S. doctors at the DuPont Institute in Wilmington, Delaware, gave Aruna

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Kumari a strong back and the ability to walk. After surgery to insert Harrington rods in her crooked spine and some time in halo traction, she was walking on her own. Aruna had suffered from polio as a child, and could “walk” only



Aruna Kumari before the surgery and standing with her walker (right) after surgery.



as you see her above—crawling really. She spent a long, hot year in a body cast after she returned to India, but by then she was walking with the aid of her walker.

I remember 1969 very well when night after night, I had seizures. For three months I went from one doctor to another. No one had any idea what was causing my seizures until I met Dr. Theron Randolph in Chicago. After talking with me, he diagnosed me with Multiple Sclerosis. However, it was not until 12 or 15 years ago when I had a checkup with a neurologist in Chennai, India, that I learned how serious my condition was. After viewing an MRI of mine, he said that my brain looked like it had a crocheted cap on it from all of the scar tissue that my seizures had caused. Two years after those seizures, the Lord gave me my HOINA assignment. As my body healed, as my spirits soared, I learned about faith, about hope, and about miracles.

Each Christmas, I realize how grateful I am to know a loving God named Jesus. He has healed me and allowed me to continue this work,

and He has healed our HOINA children and has provided so many blessings for us. You are a part of those blessings. Thank you for helping us give the children their operations, their food, medicines, clothing, and education.

Thank you for feeding our widows and seniors. I pray that all you have given will return to you and to your families many times over.

Darlene



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Seeking Sponsors

We currently have 15 new children on our HOINA website with no sponsors. We hope that you will take a moment to consider adding one of them to your family's 2014 budget.

Lenka Lahari's parents were married in 2006 in an arranged marriage. Her father was a lorry (truck) cleaner. In 2011 her father was in an accident while working and both of his legs were crushed.

Since he could no longer work and her mother could not make enough to support the family, she approached HOINA and asked us to care for her daughter in June of last year.

Lahari turned six on August 5th. She likes elephants, the color blue, and playing with dolls. She wants to be a doctor when she grows up.

Thank you for giving a child hope.



Ways to Give/Payment Options

By Sandra Kauffman,
HOINA Treasurer

You can donate to HOINA in many ways. Whether you are sponsoring a child or making a general donation, you can choose from several options. The first option is to make a donation by check. Whether you personally write the check or use your bank's bill-payment option, the donation should be mailed to our Brownstown office: PO Box 636 Brownstown, PA 17508.

Another choice would be to have your donation deducted monthly from your checking or savings account. For HOINA to withdraw those funds, you must complete a form and return it to our office authorizing us to take the money out of your account each month. Please note that the withdrawal is made on the 5th of each month. We are unable to adjust that date and appreciate your understanding. If the 5th is on the weekend or a holiday, it will be deducted on the next business day.



Esther Joy

You can request the form from our Brownstown office, or you can download it from our website (www.hoina.org) and mail it to us. It could take up to two months for this to be put into place depending on what day of the month we receive your form.

The final way you could give is by using a credit card. We are currently using PayPal to process our credit card donations. To make a general donation, please go to our website (hoina.org) and click the Donate button. You can then choose to make a one-time donation or set up a monthly donation that will be charged to your credit card each month. Fill out the information and submit your donation. If you wish

to sponsor a child, please click on Sponsor a Child and follow the same procedure.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us by email (hoina@frontiernet.net), phone (717-355-9494), or by mail (PO Box 636 Brownstown, PA 17508).

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I want to Sponsor a HOINA boy / girl (circle one). Here is my first monthly gift of \$30.

Please use this gift of \$ _____ toward the Education Fund.

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Having trouble thinking of the perfect gift for that family member who has everything? How about one of these:

- A Christmas donation that will be used to purchase a gift for a HOINA child.
- A one-time donation in honor or memory of someone. If you provide a name and address with your gift, we will send your recipient a thank-you letter acknowledging their gift. In our February newsletter, we will publish our semi-annual recognition list as well.
- A child sponsorship.
- A donation to our education fund, which provides scholarships for secondary and technical schooling for our child.

“No one made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little.”
Edmund Burke