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Thanks for the Miracles

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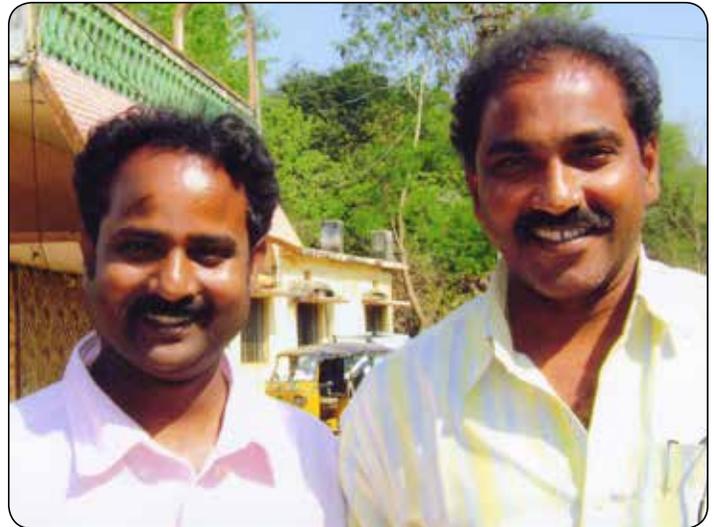
In September, while I was packing and prepping to return home from India, I took a break and had a cup of tea with some staff who came to help me. Our campus manager Bujji asked me, “Mom, do you remember when we were living on this campus years ago? When the hostel was like our Sheppard Picnic Shelter full of 67 boys, do you remember? We studied sitting on the floor, we ate our food while sitting on the floor, we slept on mats on this same floor. You slept in that mud and thatched hut next door. We had one toilet for the boys, and one for you and the lady staff. Did you ever think back then that God would give us all this land one day and also give us these beautiful buildings to live in?”

“Mom, would you have believed all the miracles we have seen over the years?”

“Yes, Bujji, I would have believed, because God never changes. He is the same God who made the stars, the planets, and this big universe. He is totally amazing.”

On my recent trip overseas, I wasn’t expecting this next miracle. I took little Anand (pictured at right) to the eye hospital because his vision was terrible. We didn’t know if there was any help for him. However, after three hours with the nurse, we were told that the doctor wanted to do surgery on Anand that very afternoon.

For those who don’t know Anand’s story, he was rescued when he was begging and eating garbage on the roadside in Bhadrageri Village. A student studying at a tribal school and hostel saw him searching for food in the garbage and begging in the streets. He



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Top picture: Anand, HOINA general manager (left) and Bujji, HOINA campus manager. Directly above, Little Anand fitted with new glasses.

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informed the police about this boy. Immediately, they sent an officer to take Anand to the child welfare project director. Mr. Roberts saw how smart he was and decided that he belonged in HOINA. He called me to tell me about this orphan and informed me he would be really happy if we gave this boy a place in our hostel. How could we say No?

After the operation, the doctor told me what a brave boy he was. You see, Anand had big holes in his retina, and the doctor said it was a very painful operation. Most children would have been screaming, but this little guy only whimpered. The doctor told me to bring him back in January for the second surgery he'll need to repair his vision. With a new pair of glasses, he has some of his vision restored. How grateful we are to God's provision.

On the drive home from the hospital, Anand turned with a big smile and said, "Mom, I love you. God bless you." Honestly, helping **him** was one of the biggest blessings of **my** life.

One night, I went into one of the girls' dorms as they were getting ready for bed. Their study hour was over, and they were sitting on the floor while they took turns singing and telling stories in a talent show for each other. It was about 7:30 PM. They were so happy. That is the other thing I have noticed—all the smiles on campus. When I know these children's histories, I know those smiles are surely more of God's miracles.

Isn't it wonderful that children who have been orphaned like Anand can come to us and be restored? Isn't it also great that kids who grow up in HOINA stay friends with other HOINA kids for years after? We are a family—a family who teaches these lovely gifts who God has given us that you can trust Him to take care of you. Remember too, the HOINA kids and staff are praying that God takes care of you as well. We count our blessings every day, and you are each a reason for our thankfulness.

Love to you always,



Surprise Someone with the Gift of a HOINA Sponsorship

Born on March 29, 2009, V. Lavanya is a sweet five-year-old awaiting sponsorship. Her parents were married in 2006 when her father was a driver. Unfortunately, he had a problem with alcohol and ended up as an HIV patient. After his infection, his wife left with Lavanya to move in with her parents. When Lavanya's grandfather died, her mother could not provide food and education for Lavanya; thus, they approached HOINA for her admission into our girls' home.

Like little girls everywhere, Lavanya likes the color pink. Someday, she would like to be a doctor. Would you help set her on that path? Complete the coupon on page 4 and send it with your first monthly gift of \$35 to cover her food, clothing, shelter, schooling, and medical care. You certainly may submit that donation in someone's honor for Christmas. What a great gift for the person with everything!



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Cyclone Hudhud Brings Much Mud

October 12th saw the direct hit on the Indian coastal city of Visakhapatnam (Visak) by Cyclone Hudhud, which was equal to a Category 4 hurricane. It had winds speeds of more than 130 mph and dropped up to a foot of rain. Visak, just 20 miles from HOINA, saw catastrophic destruction and a storm surge of 6 to 10 feet.

After a tense 24 hours awaiting word while all phone connections were down, we received a call that all were safe. Here is the email we received the next day from our General Manager, Anand to alert us to the situation:



Dear Mom,

By all your prayers, all children are safe. Please convey my Very Grateful thanks to all who prayed for HOINA children and Staff during cyclone.

We don't have any phone connections. I tried to talk to you this morning but I lost signal again and did not get signal back. All HOINA children and my children, Bujji family and Jani family, all staff families are ok. I told Bujji and Jani not to come on Sunday. I kept all the children in the dormitories and put in charge in each room. We tied windows with ropes, even though some windows broken. Wind and rain was started Sunday morning at 5 o'clock and stopped Monday early morning at 2 a.m. It was horrible cyclone. It damaged all tall trees in our campus and damaged car cement shed and generator shed, soya milk shed, water purification shed, and little bit picnic shelter. Chapel door was turned into pieces. Otherwise, all other parts and windows are ok in the chapel. I am sending photos and trying to call you.

Thanking you,
Anand



By 14 October we were given a more detailed update: General Manager Anand uploaded video and photos to our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/pages/HOINA/180642794022. (You do not have to have a FB account to go to this web address.)

Visak expects to be without power for 2-4 weeks, but we have a generator to work our well's pump. They'll run the generator only 4 hours/day to save diesel fuel that, thankfully, our G.M. Anand purchased before the storm hit. As of this writing, prices are sky high. In the meantime, they have candles and kerosene lanterns to use. As we hear reports of major devastation—Vizak

lost its airport and major steel manufacturing plant in the storm—we know that God's hand was on our homes and people. Jesus is a God of miracles.

Our biggest praises are:

- That no one we know was injured or killed.
- That the only damage to our property was loss of many trees and windows and loss of corrugated roofs from the compound's out-buildings.
- That the teak trees that blew down will be able to be sold for their wood once prices stabilize.
- That India is heading into its dry season, so hopefully, the rains will abate that have plagued them all summer.

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All donations are tax deductible.

- I want to Sponsor a HOINA boy / girl (circle one). Here is my first monthly gift of \$35.
- Please use this gift of \$ _____ toward the Christmas Fund.
- Please use this gift of \$ _____ toward the HOINA General Fund.
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We appreciate our donors who contribute to HOINA's Christmas fund to provide a gift for their child or for one without a sponsor. Would you consider helping us to provide a celebration for all of our children and staff? An honorary gift is easier than shopping for and wrapping a gift for a loved one and helps our children and staff enjoy the holidays, too!

Consider sending a gift with the coupon above—any amount would be a blessing. Send something to fill our Christmas Fund or our general fund. After this year's cyclone, I am sure there will be unexpected expenses for HOINA and for our staff. As always, your generosity is such a blessing, and we thank you.



Sweetie loves her Christmas package!