



# NEWS FROM HOINA HOMES OF THE INDIAN NATION

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## Update From India

*By Darlene Large, HOINA President*

It was a cold January day. My sister Letti and I slid down the snowy hill from school. The snow was packed down from everyone who had been sliding on pieces of cardboard. “Hurry, Sis, Mum will wonder why we’re late.”

When we arrived at 618 Monongahela Avenue, we climbed wearily up the three flights of stairs to our apartment. The hallway was dark and cold. The year was 1947. Sis was ten, and I was eleven.

From the hallway, we could smell dinner wafting to us, warming us in thought if not actuality. As I rounded the corner into the kitchen, Mummy stood stirring the soup. Something was wrong. As she stirred, her tears rolled down her cheeks and some splashed into the soup pot. “Mummy, what’s wrong?” we asked.

“They killed my hero.”

“They killed your hero? Who was he?”

“Oh, Honey, you don’t know him. He lived in a faraway land called India. His name was Mahatma Gandhi. The people in India think he belongs to them, but God gave him to the whole world. You see, God wants us to live in peace and to



A Safe Place to Ride: The driveway that will circumnavigate our HOINA property will allow for easier crossing of our campus during the monsoons and will give our children, like Ch. Ravi Teja, a safe place to hone their bicycle-riding abilities!

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love each other. That's one of the lessons Gandhi taught us. He was so wonderful. But today, someone killed him. I never understood why they always kill the good people."

"That's easy, Mummy. They kill the good because they are bad men."

That day is seared into my memory. I think God used my mother to plant that first seed of love for India in my heart. Next year will be 40 years for me in service to India. One of our Indian board members said, "Mom, when we see you, we think, she looks like a foreigner; but inside she's an Indian mother. Keep up the good work."

This month, we will be preparing to celebrate Mahatma Gandhi's October 2nd birthday

here in India. His message of peace and love has never been more needed on the Earth. We will teach it again and again to our HOINA boys and girls. Learning to live with some 100 brothers or 100 sisters can be a challenge, but we strive to teach as Jesus did to turn the other cheek.

I was really pleased to see the cooperative attitude of our girls for their younger sisters. Every evening at 7 PM they sit on the floor of their dormitories and sing songs and entertain one another. Each class performs songs for their HOINA sisters. There are 25 girls in each dormitory room. Afterward, when the little ones go to sleep, the older teens meet for a short prayer time. Often your names are on our prayer list. They

are thrilled when their prayers for you receive positive results.

On this trip, we are building the Nesbitt-Ranji vocational school. This project will take some time, so you can expect to see it mentioned in coming newsletters. We are also adding store rooms on top of our orphanage homes. Mahesh, our contractor is working on a cement driveway around our 24-acre campus. We hope to not have to endure too many more months with muddy, rutted driving during the rainy season. Additionally, our HOINA children will be able to ride their bicycles in a safe environment. They'll pretend they are on a mini-racetrack!

While the weather is still hot here, it is good to be back and to have positive things to report to you. Many thanks to those of you who bought our girls pajamas. They love wearing them and all of the children love their new toys and bicycles. Everyone is doing well in school, which started on June 1.

Caitlin Carmody arrived last month and has been a huge blessing to all of us. She came the first time with the York College group led by Dr. David Fyfe earlier this year. If you missed her article, you can access it under the News link on our website. Hers was in the March 2014 issue.

One of our managers and I reminisced over the past twenty-three years. We remembered when nearly 75 of us lived in mud



Construction contractor, Hari, oversees the foundation work of HOINA's vocational school building.

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# Just Think How Much You Gain as a Monthly Sponsor!



Dhanunjay Kumar was admitted to HOINA last summer. We are still waiting for someone to come forward to sponsor him. Might that be you?

After Mr. Sankara Rao and Ms. Lakshmi were married, they had one boy named Dhanunjay, whose birthday is May 26. When he was nine months old, his mother died with health problems. Just two years later, Dhanunjay Kumar's father also passed away. As the only child of his parents, he was left an orphan. For some time, his grandmother and uncle took care of him; however, the boy's uncle approached HOINA through one of the teachers at the local Jindal School and requested us to take this boy into our hostel.

An avid cricket fan, his favorite color is blue. Someday he plans to become an engineer. While he studies, he hopes to have a sponsor family to encourage him with letters. Could you find \$35 per month to feed, clothe, house and care for this young man?

## Sponsorship Increase

At this summer's HOINA board of directors meeting, it was decided that to have sufficient funds for our work, we needed to raise the amount of our child sponsorship to \$35 per month. Food and fuel costs have skyrocketed in India. We hope this won't keep too many of you from deciding to sponsor one of our children. Please know that if you are unable to raise your sponsorship, we will happily allow you to continue at whatever amount you can afford. If, however, you are able to give just a bit more, we would really appreciate it. Thank you so much for making a difference in the HOINA children's lives.

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and thatched buildings and had two toilets for all of us! Today, there are a number of bathrooms on campus and everyone sleeps in a bed instead of on a bamboo mat on the floor. There are many toys and play areas, and all of us are grateful for God's physical gifts of comfort to us.

Thank you for your prayers, your gifts, and all of your love. May God bless each and every one of you who is reading this message today.

Love always,



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TRUTH ALWAYS WINS: HOINA President, Darlene Large, gathered some of our older boys to construct the pictured mural on the local police station wall as a service project for their town.