



# NEWS FROM HOINA HOMES OF THE INDIAN NATION

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## Papa Bruce Reflects ... Part Two

*Papa Bruce Large, HOINA President Darlene Large's husband, wrote this as he neared the end of his annual trip to HOINA in India.*

After months of delays due to wet and stormy weather, work on the chapel is progressing well. The support

columns are in and walls are going up. Darlene had hoped for a March 2013 dedication, but it was not to be. Realistically, it should be finished and ready for dedication about the time she returns at the end of June. An associated project that we were build-

ing at the same time is the Shepard Shelter in memory of Glen Shepard of Saint Charles, Missouri (See photos on page 3). This pavilion is located in the front corner of the property and is for the feeding of the old widowed villagers who have been walking the half mile to our campus for their meals. This open-air building provides them with comfortable shelter where they can eat and relax closer to their homes and at the

same time provide protection from any contagious diseases they may be carrying by offering a safe barrier of space between them and our staff and children.

The two new buses are also a great blessing. Truly, they are a necessity for purchasing supplies and food for 240 people. We now own a big bus for 50 passengers and

a smaller bus for 30 passengers. They replace two very old 15-passenger vans that we would cram 43 kids into, one which is no longer operational, but is being cannibalized for parts for the other one which is still operational (most of the time). We are also blessed to have a driver

with some mechanical skills. In addition, we have an auto-rickshaw that works spasmodically. A decision is pending on whether we should sell it or put a new engine in it. It runs on petrol and gasoline, which are very expensive in India. Because of the cost of petrol, it will be difficult to sell and even more difficult to get a decent price. The gas price is increasing almost daily and



Aunt Honey's Chapel construction continues. Progress is not as fast as we would like it to be, but it is steady nonetheless.

# Papa Bruce...

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is currently at \$5.44 US / gallon. The vehicles are an absolute necessity, unfortunately. The buses make several trips a day, taking children to and from their schools. Some of the schools are 7 to 8 kilometers from our campus. Children are punished if they are late to school, and no excuses are accepted. The campus is about half a mile from the paved road into town. There are public buses and rickshaws traveling on the road, but if they are full you may have to wait half an hour or more for transportation.

The buses become more crowded as India's population continues to grow, having added about a third of a billion people since the turn of the century. Some forecasts say the population will equal China's before 2025. The good news is that while economic growth has slowed, it is still strong. This means an ever-expanding middle class. The downside of the growth is the failure of basic infrastructure to keep pace with the population and the newfound affluence. Better news for everyone, but particularly for the poor, is that inflation has slowed. Food prices continue to rise but at a much slower pace. Energy prices remain a major concern as the rise in that necessity continues unabated. Major cities continue to have power cuts of four to six hours each day while outlying village areas may have current only 10 to 12 hours a day.

The major federal highways are reasonably good. Many are four- and six-lane, divided highways, which are helpful in controlling vehicular traffic. Unfortunately, many drivers are not licensed and are skilled at staying alive, but have no idea what the laws mean or that they are to be followed. Secondary roads, while improved two years ago, are back to terrible shape. I describe it as the potholes have potholes which have potholes. The result is that you can be driving on a relatively smooth surface



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at a normal rate of speed and suddenly turn on a dirt road where 5 mph is simply too fast. The reader should understand that I am talking about the current situation in our area of Andhra Pradesh State. Roads elsewhere in India are better by friends' reports.

Water and sewer are poorly developed outside of the larger cities, and even in the cities leave a lot to be desired. Purified, bottled water is available everywhere, but for the average person is expensive at 20 rupees or 40 cents (USD) per liter. Western toilets are becoming more common in public places but toilet paper is still rare. That means the ubiquitous bucket of water, leaky water tap, and soggy floors pose a constant threat to wet pants when using a public restroom.

As my trip winds down to the end, I know that I will feel bad when it comes time to leave. Indian people are generally very hospitable. Our staff are all good people, dedicated to caring for the children. The children ... what can I say? I feel like a grandfather with 200 kids. You know that they are not all perfect (but really most are), but you love them and are proud of them as though they are.

# Two Times the Treasure



S. Srinivas

Two times the fun! Two HOINA brothers are truly brothers by blood. They joined our boys' home last June and are still awaiting sponsorship.

S. Srinivas was born on December 2, 2002; and little brother, S. Sai Sudhakar, joined the family on September 20, 2006. The boys' father worked as a daily laborer in a shipyard. He suffered with TB for years and finally passed away in December 2011. Sai Sudhakar's and Srinivas' mother also was a TB patient who succumbed to the disease. Their grandmother tried to care for Srinivas and his brother, but with her advanced age it proved to be too much for her.



S. Sai Sudhakar

The music teacher at HOINA approached HOINA and asked for us to care for the two young children. A second-grader and a lower Kindergartner, the boys study at the local Jindal School. Srinivas likes tigers, the color red, and playing hide and seek. He would like to be a policeman when he is grown. Sai Sudhakar likes lions, the color green, and jumping. He would like to be a teacher when he is grown. Maybe we'll be able to hire him in the new school we hope to build on our campus. Can you help these boys grow into their potential and achieve their dreams? If so, please send your first monthly support gift of \$30 (for one child) to our Pennsylvania office. You can use the coupon on the back page. We thank you for your generosity.

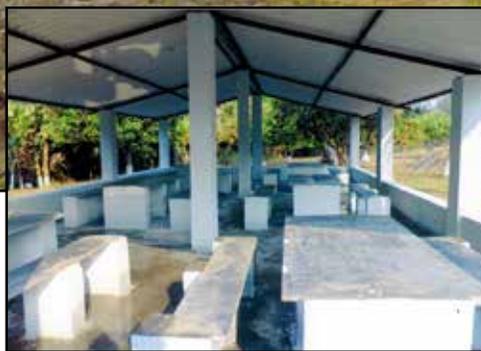
## Prayer Requests

Darlene will be heading back to India around July 4th this summer. Please pray for her and feel free to write. Her email has been tenuous at best this year, so snail mail can sometimes be more dependable!

Write to her at:

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Please pray for the recuperation of HOINA's Papa Bruce Large, who had a knee replacement at the end of May and Letti Becker, HOINA Newsletter Editor, who is also having minor surgery in June. They should both be recovering by the time you receive this newsletter.



Glen Shepard Shelter given by Susan Shepard of Missouri and Rosalind Vinci of New York.

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## Audrey Norman Bashore Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established by Dr. Robert Bashore Jr. in 2013 in loving memory of Audrey Norman Bashore, his beloved wife of 60 years. Robert and Audrey visited HOINA in 2000 and embrace HOINA's goal to develop productive, responsible, and caring members of society that can support themselves and make a positive contribution to their community.

Scholarships will be granted to HOINA high school senior women who wish to pursue post-secondary education. Audrey was a Lancaster General Hospital Nursing School graduate and the desire is to prioritize available funds to those females pursuing careers in the medical field.



## Guests Visited HOINA

*By Rajiv Reddy, HOINA Student*

Guests who visit HOINA say, "We never have seen like this hostel. It is very good and it is an educated hostel."

Foreigner use to come and they will help us in many works like painting, white washing, garden works. They are happy to stay with us. They will spend their vallible time with us, and they like sponsering us in many ways. They think it is tourist place [resort]. They teach English, games, and new things. They are friendly with us.

Hearts entwined: Goodbyes are hard. Some tourists from the Kansas City area were staying near our village and were brought to HOINA to visit and help out.