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Trip Report From Our HOINA President

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Greetings from America! While we enjoy summer baseball games, picnics, and holidays, my thoughts are with the HOINA children and staff who live across the world. After a month of school vacation in the steamy Indian month of May, school begins anew in June. The cricket field is always busy after school. The boys love volleyball, too. The days are hot and humid now just like in the

U.S., and soon I will return to our campus. I would appreciate your prayers for a successful trip.

My most recent trip lasted from January to early April. It was busy! Not only were we building a 36-room school, but I encouraged our contractor, Mahesh, to finish eight blocks of concrete driveway. We brought down the 12 new bicycles stored up on the rooftop in the new storage rooms. The children and staff were so grateful for the safe environment that Mahesh and his team provided

for them. They rode their new “vehicles” daily, and smiles kept multiplying. To all those who helped us to provide the bikes, we give you a HUGE thank you. The girls’ driveway is near the road, so it was done first. The boys are three blocks away, so they had a bit of a wait until they could ride their bicycles. I showed Mahesh a photo of a covered bridge that I took in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He decided he would copy it in cement instead of wood. Each time I heard a motorcycle whizzing by

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on our road, I was so grateful we had a secure driveway where the children could play without traffic hazards.

The next order of business was to complete the cement block wall so that all 24 acres would be fenced in. Our staff were fed up with chasing wild dogs off our playgrounds and cricket field. By April we had completed all of the walls.

After our girls and boys finished the cleanup from Cyclone Hudhud, some of boys collected broken plastic lawn chairs and metal items, as well as glass. They took these items to the recycling shop and sold them. After several weeks of labor, they presented \$300 to the pastor of the church next door to our campus. They noticed the roof on his church had been badly damaged by the cyclone,

so they wanted to help. We are learning to love our neighbors as we love ourselves and to help those in need.

During these busy times, we also seemed to have a number of children needing hospital care. I took T. Anand [See November 2014 Newsletter] back to the eye hospital again and was requested to try to find any living family members. Anand's doctor wanted a family history on him so that he could determine the cause of Anand's continuing blindness. We drove to the northern-most portion of Andhra Pradesh State. After six hours of driving, we learned that we were only 5 km from Orissa State where the Australian missionary, Dr. Graham S. Staines and his two young sons had been burned to death in 1999. I was glad to be traveling with my

Indian staff.

We finally found an aunt and uncle of T. Anand living in a row house. Each family had one room to live in. We met his great, great grandmother who is a tribal woman. At 95 she is a lively and active lady. Anand told us his one grandma was not there that day. She was the reason he had run away from home. She beat Anand every day after his parents died. One day he had only five rupees. (There are 60 rupees in a dollar.) He gave his five rupees to a bus driver, and the driver told him to let him know when he wanted to get off. Anand rode the bus for five hours and then got down in a city called Vizianagaram. It was there that a college student saw him eating from the garbage piles

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T. Anand with his great great grandmother and Aunt Shanti.

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each morning as he searched for his breakfast. Finally, after three weeks, the student reported Anand to the police. They picked him up and took him to director Roberts' office in the Department of Child and Woman's Welfare. The director called me and asked if we had an empty bed. He felt Anand was too intelligent to be put just anywhere. He wanted him to have every chance for a good education so that he could have a bright future.

We also met his Aunt Shanti, who is a wonderful nurse, serving 35 villages. She rides a bus to deliver babies and to bring primary medical care to the seniors and others. She goes as far as she can, and then walks the rest of the distance—sometimes 5 km, 10, or more to get to her patients. If there is a Rotarian reading this, Shanti



Construction continues on the new HOINA school building.

could really use a motorbike for her work. Feel free to contact me via this email address: hoina@frontiernet.net, or write me by snail mail at P.O. Box 87, Saint Charles, Missouri, 63302.

Before I close, I would like to thank everyone for the 160 birthday

cards that I received and the emails and letters and gifts. While I had a lovely surprise awaiting me upon my return from India, the best thing of all was hearing from so many of you. What a great blessing for me.

With much love, *Darlene*

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Correction

A recent miscommunication between our local and overseas offices regarding some photos that were printed caused some confusion. Please know that you will always be alerted to a change of sponsorship or your child leaving HOINA for some reason. Receiving a photo in the mail that was not your assigned child was a simple mistake: we ask for your forgiveness.

Sponsor This Cheerful 10-year-old



Our feature sponsor child's parents were married in 1999. Kali Prasad was born May 12, 2005. While driving truck for his job, the young family's father was in an accident. He died two days later in the hospital. His surviving widow worked as a daily laborer to support the children until her death in March 2014 from heart problems. The children's grandfather approached HOINA about admitting Kali Prasad. This cheerful 10-year-old likes the color red and playing Kabadi, a game like our game of tag. He wants to be an engineer when he is grown.

If you are able to sponsor a HOINA children, please write to our office using the coupon above. Your gift of \$35 each month will feed, clothe, house, educate, and provide necessary medical care for a needy child. We so appreciate you!