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## Returning Friend Sees Many Changes

By Iva Fedorka  
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In July, 2011, I had the opportunity to spend a week at the HOINA campus near Visakhapatnam. It was my third trip to India, and I saw many encouraging changes since my earlier trips to the country.

One of the first things that I noticed was the significant decrease in the effects of polio. When I had visited in the 1990s, I was asked to individually photograph all the boys for record-keeping purposes. As each child came forward, one of the staff would write his name on a chalkboard; the boy would then hold the chalkboard in front of him while I took his picture. About a third of the boys displayed prominent polio-caused handicaps, and I was pleased this time to see only a couple of children with physical limitations caused by this preventable disease.

I also saw many fewer children on the street and learned that the government has made child education compulsory. India has increased the primary education attendance rate and expanded literacy to approximately two thirds of the population although a quarter of the population is still illiterate. Of course, the HOINA children attend the local schools, and I was amazed at how many were able to squeeze onto the buses every morning with their backpacks!



Iva Fedorka greeted upon her arrival in India by HOINA President, Darlene Large.

As in the U.S., the number of cell phones is growing rapidly in India. On my first visit (in the 1980s), I remember that land-line telephones were rare and connections were poor. Now, it seems that most people have a cell phone or have access to one. The “addiction” to cell phones and their constant availability is something that India now has in common with much of the rest of the world.

The number of HOINA staff has also grown. Many people in our country have raised families that include two or three or even more children, but imagine the effort

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# All Men's Blood is Red

by Arthur C. Ford, Sr.



Arthur Ford visited HOINA this summer.

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*All men's blood is red  
Some are integrated  
Some are segregated  
Some coagulated.  
Some are brittle cold  
Some are very old  
Some are bought and sold  
Some are brave and bold,  
Blood was never white  
Or black, within the night  
Pouring through the years  
In conjunction with our tears,  
If we can only see!  
Our bleeding history!  
Our killing only says  
That all men's blood is red.  
All men's blood is red!  
A black man fell today  
A white man's on his way  
A yellow man's confused  
A red man is abused,  
But cut their veins, you'll see!  
Just like you and me  
The color is the same  
We all have equal blame,  
Like famine should be fed!  
All men's blood is red.  
All men's blood is red!*

*Blood that's right  
Blood that's wrong  
Blood that's written  
And sung in song.  
I heard a centenarian say!  
"Nothing really is different today  
The day still changes into night  
And mankind lives the same old strife."  
Right before he passed away  
I heard a dying teenager say!  
"Feed me love, give me bread  
I can't digest this flying lead  
Life is long, but it does fade  
Can't you see my blood is red?"  
All men's blood is red!  
Did you see Him feed them food?  
Were you among the multitude?  
Did you see Him walk and talk?  
Did you see Him on the cross?  
Did you see His partial grin?  
Right before the spear went in?  
Bleeding hearts and bleeding souls!  
Blood that's sold for chunks of gold!  
Bleeding you and bleeding me!  
Blood that flows so we'll be free!  
Did you see Him break the bread?  
No! But I know His blood was red!!!!*

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and supervision needed to raise 60-100 times that many! The staff are truly dedicated to the children; I witnessed many incidents where the housemothers and house-fathers, teachers and managers addressed the children with the firmness and love that only true parents can demonstrate. With 22 acres of land with crops and cows, HOINA has added gardeners and groundskeepers to the support staff. The property even has a "Staff House" so that these important helpers can be available on short notice.

One thing that has definitely not changed is Darlene's dedication to the work of HOINA. In spite of the challenges of finding adequate funding to care for the more than 200 children currently living on the campus, Darlene demonstrates the diligence and discipline that continues to provide a solid foundation for the operations. When the girls needed a refresher lesson on cleaning the tables and sweeping and mopping after the evening meal, Darlene grabbed a sponge and worked alongside them to make sure that it was done to her satisfaction.

*Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.*

James 1:27 (NIV)

The children I met on my first trip have grown and now have families of their own, but the need to care for India's orphaned and indigent children continues. Along with all of you, I am thankful to have been even a small part of this marvelous work. Your contributions make a huge difference in the lives of these children—keep up the good work!



Iva takes a break with three of our HOINA boys.

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## HOINA Child Sponsorship

Swayampakala Swathi Roopa was born August 14, 2000, and came to HOINA last summer (July 2010).

Swathi Roopa's parents were dhobis. They washed clothes for other families; in return the families gave them rice from their paddies. Her father suffered with a lung infection for a long time without knowing he was HIV positive. He died in July 2004. Swathi Roopa's mother could not support two children, so she brought the children to us, and we admitted them.

Swathi Roopa likes elephants, the color pink, and skipping. She would like to be a "sister" (pastor) when she is grown.

The children love getting pictures and letters from their sponsors. If you would like to become a sponsor, please see the coupon on page 3. Thank you for giving a child hope.