



NEWS FROM HOINA HOMES OF THE INDIAN NATION

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Awaiting the replacement windows.

[Editor's Note: As HOINA Papa Bruce Large mentioned in his article in our March 2010 issue, termites became a problem at our property. HOINA Mom Darlene Large has been living through the reconstruction on this trip while doors and windows were removed to make way for new metal ones. While she was busy with the Penn State students visiting amid dust and debris, she asked some of the HOINA kids to write this month's newsletter. Here are three of our intrepid reporters' tales of life on the HOINA campus. Keep watch in coming issues for more interviews and columns from the HOINA students, as well as the PSU Schreyers Honor College students' impressions of a very hot summer in India. ~ Letti Becker]

When Termites Attack!

By Alak Aphy, HOINA Girl, 16 years old

There are termites in many of the wooden windows. The other windows are taken out. Now there are no windows in the office, library, four dormitory, dining hall and nursery. All babies are moved from nursery to the playroom. There is rock and cement everywhere. Staff and Penn State students carry out the dirt and rock. We sweep very often.

If there are no windows sometimes it is good and sometimes it is not good. It is good because in early morning we

Termites!

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wake up and see beautiful plants, flowers, mountains and some animals. And fresh air comes in and at morning it is very bright. That is the good thing about windows being gone. At night when we go to sleep sometimes we are afraid because insects and maybe some snakes and frogs can come inside. And crows come inside. And it looks dirty at HOINA. These are the not good things. If there are windows it may be more safe for the girls.

Masons come to fix the wall. Then the windows must be put in. I hope they fix the windows soon so HOINA is nice again.

PSU Students Visit HOINA

By L. Shanthi, HOINA Girl, 15 years old

Since 27 July, there are ten new visitors at HOINA. Matthew brother, Andy brother, Adam brother and Mark brother, and Missy sister, Meryn sister, Dana sister, Sarah sister, Christen sister and Maggie sister are living in HOINA until 17 August. I like this group of students very much. They teach and tutor us with subjects like English, science and mathematics. The students are there for me to share my problems with them. I am sharing my family story with them and they are listening very well. They all are teaching me songs. They all are talking very well and they are talking with me very well. They all also are working in HOINA to give us new windows, painting tires [decorations] for the boys' home, making tile [mosaics], helping us with our sponsor letters, building a new bunny cage, helping make us food, and some are telling us about Jesus. They all help me very well.

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Working together to extract the windows



PSU student Mark and Ramadu carrying wooden window out



PSU students teaching English to some of the HOINA girls

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HOINA Grad Makes Mark in Sports

By Ghandi

This article was written and translated by Ghandi after interviewing E. John



E. John - studying 2nd year (M.P.C.)

I have no parents. I stay with old grand mother. Mom brought me from Chennai in 1998 to the hostel which was in Bapatata in Guntur District. In Bapatata I study in HOINA Cunningham Gagnon school from lower K to 4th class. There I got very interest in games and running. I play cricket with my friends and I got more

interested. After I come from Bapatata to Vijayanagarum in 2003 here I joined the O.P. Jindal Bharathi Vidya Mandir School. In this school by seeing my performance the school P.E.T. sir (play master) my teacher asked me to play the games. He take me to the games selection in 2006. From there onwards I got good interest in volleyball, cricket, handball, football [soccer], and running. He take me to school games competition. In that competition I got 1st place in handball and running. The next year I went for handball and volleyball selection. I was selected and went to Hydrabad. After that the next year I got interested in football and my teacher take me to the football selection. There I selected and went to Visakapatnam. There in Visakapatanum I got selected for National level football which was held in Kolkata. I got good name from the school principal and other teacher. In my school life I was elected as school people leader. After that I joined in college and stop playing. I want to become a big Navy officer. My dream is that after my ambition to navy officer I like to help HOINA and continue to the HOINA hostel. 



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Thank You for Giving A Child Hope

Neerukanti Shanti Kumari came to HOINA in June 2010. Her father was a Christian and her mother a Muslim. Her father was an alcoholic and abusive. Three months after Kumari was born, her mother left with another man. Kumari's father ignored her, so the grandmother tried to care for her, but could not. The parent of another HOINA student noticed their condition, and brought Kumari to HOINA.

Kumari's favorite animal is a cat. Her favorite color is white. She likes playing with a ball. She is in second grade in the government school and would like to be doctor when she is grown.

The children love getting pictures and letters from their sponsors. 



PSU Students

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I am not the only girl who is enjoying the visit from the Penn State Students. V. Hema, a student at HOINA in tenth standard, says, "I am feeling very happy. They are helping very much. I want to see this group again."

S. Vijayalakshmi, a HOINA girl in tenth standard, says, "I am so happy the students came to HOINA. They are helping to do my studies and teaching all the subjects. Maggie Sister taught Western music at school, and Dana Sister and Meryn Sister taught us English at school. They taught us how to properly ask and answer questions."

I love this group and the HOINA girls love this group. I will never forget them! 



PSU Students work on the tile mosaic