



NEWS FROM HOINA HOMES OF THE INDIAN NATION

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A Season of Celebration

By Darlene Large
HOINA President

I arrived in India on the 29th of June. Dr. Mayil V. Natarajan, a well-known orthopedist, who is the Vice Chancellor of M.G.R. Medical University in Chennai had asked me to be there by July 1; however, I had no idea why. Within a short time I would learn that it was not to take in a physically challenged child as I had supposed. Instead, he presented me with a lifetime achievement award in social service. Since most of the other awardees were doctors, I was honored to be among such a distinguished group.

Our general manager, Anand, came to the ceremony as well as one of our former graduates, Hanumantharao. When it was time to leave, Anand went out to Tiruninravur which is now part of Greater Chennai, to see to the sale of our former girls' home. I went to the Blue Diamond Hotel where I reunited with some of our HOINA graduates. Gayathri was



HOINA grad and bride-to-be Gayathri

the first to arrive. She brought her fiance, Mohammed, with her. He was a delight to meet and talk to. As the week went by, I saw J. Meena and her adorable little son. A graduate of Kalashetra Music College, J. Meena is now teaching dance. Victoria came to visit



Left to right: HOINA grads Ruth Mary, Victoria, and J. Meena with their children.

and later Ruth Mary with her new baby. Ruth is working as a nurse. Everyone appeared successful and happy. Henry Joseph came later to help Anand and me solve a problem with one of the land documents. Henry is a music teacher in his 40's now. I saw the same little boy face that greeted me in 1975 when he he was the first boy to enter HOINA. His joy and enthusiasm were contagious. Nothing's changed.

Later, I joined Anand at our former girls' campus and stood near Papa Bruce's banyan tree. This huge tree now symbolized HOINA. I could not help but

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remember what our daughter Raja's father, Bhaskarao, said to me in the early 1980's. "One day, Sister, the HOINA tree will become so large you will be surprised by all the children who will be rescued." I stood there under Bruce's tree remembering Bhaskarao's words



HOINA grad Henry Joseph

as I allowed each leaf to symbolize the Henrys, Chandrans, Mathis, Vennies, Gayathris, Meenas and Kamatchees of HOINA.

Meanwhile, we met one potential buyer after the other. Finally a young man whose father had founded a college with many branches came to meet with us. He met our price, and we struck an agreement. I thought back to 1980 when we had bought that 1.75 acres. I remembered the one dollar my friend Anne had given me to begin HOINA's work. Back then, the conversion rate was seven rupees to the dollar. Now it is nearly 55 rupees to the dollar. On that day, long ago, my mother came to visit. She said that I was always doing some project for Jesus from the time I was a young girl. She wondered if I was planning anything. I told her I was. She in turn handed me a check for 100 dollars. We were on our way to a new future for many abused, abandoned, and orphaned children. I never dreamed in 1971 when the Lord gave me the HOINA vision that our HOINA tree would grow so large and beautiful.

So much has happened since 2011. We have installed a water purification system, purchased a new air conditioned car (our first A/C car) and a new bus, and we have begun building a chapel. *[Editor's note: Please watch for photos in our next newsletter.]* We were able also to build a spacious cement porch in just four days where we have meetings with staff and children. We have finally sold the old girls' property. Thank you for all your prayers and gifts. They have

accomplished so very much with heaven's help.

Thank you to so many of you who have visited our campus personally and for your encouraging notes and letters full of kind words. They help keep me going on hard days.

As I finished writing this newsletter, Amy Mowbray, our board director and U.S. office manager came to spend a few days with us. She and Brian McCreary, another board director and volunteer, were a joy to see. During the time they came Anjali Kovachalam was also visiting us. Anjali is from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, and has been a super blessing to our staff and children.

I cannot lie; it has been a challenging summer. I could not help but smile to myself as I remembered Pastor Rajesh's words to us on a Sunday morning in July. "Take your hands off and let God do it." He said this while I was in the midst of trying to sell the old girls' property. Things looked very bad and I had nearly given up. However, once I was out of the way, the Lord sold it for the price we had hoped for. I also

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Darlene receives the Lifetime Achievement Award, at MGR University, in Chennai, India.

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A Sponsor for Sisters?



Chakali Havila Anvitha was born on June 12, 1998, and her sister, Sera Jessica was born May 14, 2001. The girls' father worked as a daily wage laborer, and their mother was a homemaker caring for their four children. Their income was so low they could not provide food for all of their children, so they put their oldest daughter up for adoption. A local pastor who knew of the family's situation came to HOINA and asked us to care for these two girls. On this basis Anvitha and her sister Sera Jessica were admitted to HOINA.



If you would like to support either or both of these sisters while they grow into young womanhood at HOINA, please return the coupon above with your first monthly gift.

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remembered the verse in scripture that I had traveled to India on: Isaiah 41:13 "For I the Lord, your God will hold you by your right hand saying to you, Fear not, I will help you." That is exactly what He had done . . . again. Thank you, Lord.

LOVE to all of you and a million hugs,

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Drop-in/Open House for Darlene and Bruce



Date: Saturday, September 29, 2012

Time: 4-7 p.m. Darlene will make a presentation at 5 p.m.

Where: Grandview United Methodist Church
888 Pleasure Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

What: Light refreshments, conversation and fun

Cost: \$5 per person

Tickets: Order tickets by returning coupon on page 3.
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PS.: HOINA's Papa Bruce turns 80 on October 10.
Feel free to bring a card to honor him.
(No gifts please.)