Project Francisco



GREETINGS

Dear Project Hope Supporters,

For over twenty years, you, the friends of Project Hope, have fed, clothed, housed and introduced Jesus to hundreds of children within the two children's homes in India. It is quite humbling when we

think that Project Hope has changed and, in many cases, saved so many children's lives across the globe from us here in Lincoln, NE.

Our regular monthly giving is supplemented by donations made for special fundraisers. This year, like the past several years, Project Hope raised funds to purchase school uniforms and school supplies for the children. The seemingly small gifts make a large difference to the children. Prabin, a director at Bethel Children's Home, wrote --

"Their hearts are full of excitement and hope for the next academic year. Seeing their smiles is a reminder of God's faithfulness and the power of love and care."



PRAYERS ***

The children homes' directors – Sister Jessy and Sister Molly at Pratheeksha & Prabin and Susama at Bethel – continue to shepherd the homes through tumultuous times. Over the past few years, they have encountered and adapted to challenges such as COVID, floods, and various levels of anti-Christian actions by the government and other individuals in their communities. Throughout these times, the directors also face personal challenges.

At Bethel, **Susama** fell and tore ligaments in her leg.
After a period of bed rest, she is now doing better and walking slowly. She was even able to participate in the home's annual Independence Day celebrations!
Please pray for her continued healing.

Sister Molly sadly lost her mother, Elizabeth, this summer. She was able to spend some time back home to mourn and grieve with her father, 5 siblings, and her aunts & uncles. Molly shared that her mother was "an extraordinary woman... She was the heart of our family, a source of endless love, strength, and wisdom. Her gentle hands held us in times of trouble, her comforting words guided us through life's uncertainties, and her unwavering faith carried us all through our darkest days." That faith led her to raise 6 children, 3 of which dedicated their lives to the Lord as nuns, including Sister Molly. Please pray for Molly and her family as they remember their lost loved one and the enduring legacy of faith she left behind.



PRATHEEKSHA

Sister Molly is pleased to report the children under the care of Pratheeksha Children's Home are doing well.

Currently, 34 school-age children receive comprehensive aid from Pratheeksha. Due to a local government directive issued several years ago, the home cannot keep the children under their roof on a regular basis. Instead, the children stay at nearby houses and hostels. Sometimes, if the child has a capable parent or relative, the child can stay in their home with aid from Pratheeksha.

Molly, Jessy, and those who assist them work hard to visit each of the children in their care to make sure they are provided for and receiving the care they need. Education costs, clothes, and food are also provided. The children then come together at Pratheeksha home on holidays and special occasions.



Adithya



Rubika

The directors realize that education is vitally important to the future success of the children. Thus, they were very excited to tell us that two of the children, *Adithya* and *Rubika*, were first in their class at the end of school last year.

The directors are also very proud that two young adults, who were cared for at Pratheeksha, are serving the Lord – Princy Fathima as a nun and Fr. Leo as a missionary in Zimbabwe. The ripple effect of spreading Christianity continues!

BETHEL *****



Unlike Pratheeksha, Bethel has been able to continue to house children on their campus due to the differing regulations of their state in eastern, rural India. Bethel houses, feeds, clothes, and educates 70 children in their home and provides daycare

and education for children in the surrounding community of Muniguda.

Horizons Church is well known for our incredible, annual Vacation Bible School (VBS). Hundreds of children (over 300 this year alone) have attended this summer event. The children of Horizons and our Lincoln community had the opportunity to sing, play, laugh, and learn about Jesus over the 5 days of VBS this July.

Approximately 8,000 miles away, Bethel also held their own VBS this summer. Over 150 children from Bethel and the neighboring community gathered to have fun and learn more about Jesus.



Both vacation
Bible schools
support the
vision of
Horizons to
bring ALL
children closer
to Christ.



CHILD SPOTLIGHT Every newsletter, we choose a current child from one of the two children's homes that we sponsor, Pratheeksha or Bethel. We want you to learn about all the wonderful kids for whom these homes and your donations are making a huge difference!

MEET RUDRA!

Rudra (age 10) and his mother, Kamalini, have had many enormous challenges over the years – challenges created by Kamalini's faith in Jesus.

Rudra and Kamalini's lives took a painful turn when she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Due to her adoption of Christianity, Kamalini's husband divorced her.

Without her husband, Kamalini and Rudra were forced to move in with Kamalini's parents. Not long after, her parents forced her out of their home as well. The two found themselves broken and without hope.



A local pastor heard of their terrible predicament and took them to meet with Susama and Prabin at Bethel. They were welcomed into the home where they have *both* become part of the loving family of Bethel.

Rudra is growing academically and loves studying math while Kamalini, full of gratitude, is helping with duties at the home. Both are healing from their past sorrows while growing in their devotion to the Lord alongside the faithful directors at Bethel.

2025 VISION TRIP

This October, a group from Horizons will visit both Pratheeksha and Bethel Children's Homes! Please join us in praying for the team's safe journey and that the Lord will guide them as they share hope, joy, & love with the children and directors in India. Our goal with trips to the homes is always to bring encouragement to the directors and children in India and to bring home a drive to help the ministry into the future.

ONGOING NEEDS

We are humbled by the spirit and faith of the children and directors in India. We continue to PRAISE GOD for the work that He is doing through Bethel and Pratheeksha and through our partnership with these homes in Project Hope. Please continue to pray for the directors and children in India. If you wish, you can always make a onetime donation or start/increase a recurring donation at our website. Over time, we have occasionally lost regular donors, so we are always looking for new regular donors or increased giving to maintain our support of these homes and wonderful children.





Please continue to pray for Project Hope. We praise God every day for the TWENTY YEARS that this mission has supported children in India!

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