

Project Hope

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GREETINGS

Project Hope Supporters,

Exciting things have occurred since our last newsletter. On March 2, the 20th anniversary of Project Hope was celebrated. Our support for Pratheeksha began in 2005, with financial support for Bethel starting in 2013.

Watch the video that we created for the 20-year celebration [HERE](#)! Thank you for all you do to support this life-changing and life-saving mission!

We are also celebrating that a trip to visit the children's homes in India is being arranged for this coming fall! We have received applications from members to participate in the trip and the planning is ongoing. The primary goal of the trip is to interact with and support the children and the directors. Upon their return, participants can help spread the word about the homes.

We are living the Horizons value to, "intentionally and boldly serve others to show God's love." As it says in the scriptures, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress..." (James 1:27)

The directors of the homes always praise the work done through Project Hope. Susama, a co-director at Bethel, recently expressed her gratitude for "...your love, care, concern, and support to bring up the children by giving them education, food and dignity to their lives."

PRATHEEKSHA

Sister Jessy and Sister Molly work tirelessly to ensure that the children attain an education so they can break the cycle of poverty. Thus, they are extremely proud of the educational accomplishments of the children.

As reported in previous newsletters, many years ago, the directors of the Pratheeksha Children's Home were told by governmental officials that they could not house the children overnight on a regular basis. So now, the children are helped as needed through the provision of clothes, education costs, supplies, food, etc. Sometimes the children stay at nearby hostels or homes and sometimes, with aid to pay for the basics, children are able to stay in their homes. As the children are no longer under the care of Jessy & Molly in their home, providing for and checking in on the kids requires a LOT more leg work from the directors! There are 37 of these children this school year.



In addition to the care offered to the 37 school-aged children, Pratheeksha also offers after-school help for children in the village as well as financial support for college & nursing students.

BETHEL

The area in which Bethel is located has allowed the directors, Prabin and Susama, to continue to house, feed, and care for children on site 24 hours a day, year-round. Currently, they house 70 students. Bethel also provides education to many village children in addition to the 70 in their care.

The children and the directors enjoyed worship, songs, and a special meal on Easter. The celebration is in addition to regular ongoing Bible studies, Sunday schools, prayer times, and baptisms.

Earlier this year, the kids celebrated India's Republic Day with patriotic songs, speeches, and cultural performances. The children were also awarded for academic excellence during the day's festivities.



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 SANKAR!

Sankar's life took a heartbreaking turn at a very young age when he lost his mother to brain malaria. Left without a caregiver, a local pastor brought him to Bethel Children's Home, where he found a new family and a place to flourish.



Despite the pain of his early loss, Sankar has grown into a bright and determined young man. Now in the 11th grade, he excels in his studies and dreams of pursuing higher education to build a better future for himself. His journey is a testament to resilience and the power of love and support in transforming lives.

ONGOING NEEDS

Please continue to pray for the children in India. As the story of Sankar depicts, the needs of the homes are long-term and ongoing. There are other current unmet needs which we would love to fulfill, such as college funding for graduates. **We are always in need of new or increased donations.** If you are moved to support the ministry, you can always start or increase a recurring gift or make a one-time donation on our [website](#).

School Supplies

SPRING FUNDRAISER

It's that time of year again! For the kids we support in India, the new school term begins in early summer. We want to do all we can to help these children receive a quality education and reach their full potential in the future!

Please consider donating ANY amount to help the children we sponsor with all their books, school supplies, uniforms, and tuition fees. Every gift helps!

Use the QR code below or give through the Horizons giving [website](#) or app by selecting "PH School Supplies" from the drop-down options.





\$50 = ONE CHILD'S SCHOOL YEAR

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