

# Project Hope

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## GREETINGS

Dear Project Hope Supporters,

The members of the Project Hope Vision Team continue to be so thankful for your prayers and generosity. During the past 20+ years, hundreds of children have been introduced to Jesus while

provided shelter, food, clothing, education, safety, and hope.

Sister Molly, a co-director at Prateeksha, recently wrote, **"We are helpless without your help. God sent us angels – you."**

Yet another example of the love of God, shown through supporters, was our recent Christmas fundraiser. Through the purchase of Christmas ornaments, plus some very generous donations, we reached and exceeded our goal to provide a present to each child supported by the homes.



# PRAYERS NEEDED . . . .

In December we received some disturbing news from Prabin, co-director at Bethel. He reported that Christian buildings were being attacked and destroyed by an estimated 50-60 extremists in the neighboring areas (not at Bethel). Families were fleeing, while their houses and churches were being looted and ransacked. Prabin and other pastors in the area helped the victims find safe areas until the violence stopped.

Unfortunately, such anti-Christian violence is not new. It has gone on for many years, often with no help from any level of government. In fact, Bethel was attacked in 2008. Prabin and his wife, Susama, were able to find safe places for the children and themselves prior to the attack. The rioters destroyed everything they could, but Prabin and Susama returned after the violence and rebuilt Bethel.

Sister Molly reported that, this time, Pratheeksha has also not been a victim of any direct violence, but she knew of other places in India where nativity scene cribs were burned and Christmas carolers were banned or were disrupted.

**Please pray for the safety of the children and the directors as they weather these challenges and fears.**



# PRATHEEKSHA .....

Under the loving direction of Sister Jessy and Sister Molly, Pratheeksha currently supports 34 school-age students. In addition, they provide after-school tutoring for some of the children from the community of Tiruchirappalli and provide support for nursing students. Shown here is Sister Jessy with some of the children who receive after-school help.



During the Christmas break, the children were preparing for upcoming school exams. Education is vitally important to all the children as it is the best means to escape the cycle of poverty prevalent in India.

# BETHEL .....

Co-directors at Bethel Childrens' Home, Prabin and Susama Sipka, provide total care to 96 children. In addition, they provide day care and schooling for many children from the nearby community of Muniguda.

Shown here are some of the children participating in and receiving rewards during the annual sports day. Some of the events included traditional foot races, sack races, and even musical chairs.



## CHILD SPOTLIGHT

Every newsletter, we choose a current child from one of the Two children's homes that we sponsor, Pratheeksha or Bethel. In this edition, we are featuring two boys who came from different families but have shared very similar paths to Bethel.

### MEET JITU & SHANKARA!

The lives of these two boys began with deep sorrow but are now filled with hope through God's grace. In 2013, the boys were brought to Bethel by villagers after losing their parents at a very young age. Shankara's father passed away due to tuberculosis caused by long-term alcoholism. Later, his mother also passed away after battling cancer. Shankara was left alone with no one to care for him. Jitu's father died from brain malaria, and his mother passed due to a sickle cell disease leaving him alone in the world as well.



Jitu (L), Shankara (R)

Both boys faced unimaginable pain, fear, and uncertainty in their early years. Susama reports that it was truly heartbreaking to see such young lives burdened with so much loss. Their future looked very dark. But God had a plan.

From 2013 until today, Bethel became their family. They grew up with love, care, discipline, prayer, and education. By God's grace, both Jitu and Shankara have now successfully completed the 12th grade. Today, they are healthy, joyful, and hopeful young men. What once seemed impossible, God made possible.



Susama stated, "***Your prayers mean more than words can express. Thank you for standing with these children who were once broken but are now standing strong in faith.***"

# VITAL FUNDING 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.



Due to the occasional loss of donors over the years and the long-term commitment to the wonderful children at the homes, the Project Hope fund is in **crucial** need of increased donations. We want to avoid decreasing the monthly support sent to the homes.



If you wish, you can always make a one-time donation or start/increase a recurring donation at our [website](#) or on the ChurchCenter app. We continue to look for new regular donors or increased giving to maintain our support of these homes, the directors, and these wonderful children.

**Please continue to pray for Project Hope.  
We praise God every day for the 20+ YEARS that  
this mission has supported children in India!**

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