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GREETINGS

Blessed Lenten season to our generous Project Hope Supporters!

The Project Hope Committee cannot thank you enough for your prayers and donations to this mission as we kick off a new year of blessings and generosity.

Project Hope provides the primary support for around 130 kids in two children's homes in India, Pratheeksha and Bethel.

A shining example of the love and support shown to these children was our recent Christmas ornament fundraising event to provide gifts of clothing during the holidays. Thanks to all of you who purchased ornaments and / or made generous donations, all the children received new clothing for Christmas!

The directors always convey their gratitude for what Christ is doing through our sponsors and givers. Susama, a director of Bethel Children's

Home, recently wrote -

"Together, we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to explore, learn, and grow with the help of education. Your support will give children a chance to chase their dreams."



PRATHEEKSHA

Under the direction of Sister Jessy and Sister Molly, Pratheeksha continues to fully support 45 school-age students. They also provide financial support for college-age girls and after-school tutoring for children from the community in Tiruchirappalli.

The quality education and support provided to students is breaking the cycle of poverty and truly changing lives!

Sister Jessy (shown in pink below) and Sister Molly gave out new clothing to the students that our Christmas ornament fundraiser helped provide. They have shared several pictures from their Christmas celebrations below.



BETHEL



Under the direction of Prabin and Susama, Bethel provides safe housing, meals, medical care and clothing to nearly 90 children each day. These children are also studying and learning, thanks to the generous support of the directors and Project Hope. Along with the children they support full time, Bethel also operates a preschool for children from the neighboring village.

In January, all the children showcased their many talents through a science exhibition, drawing competition, and speech competition. On January 26th, they celebrated India's Republic Day with speeches and sports activities.



CHILD SPOTLIGHT Every newsletter we choose a current child from one of the two children's

homes that we sponsor. We want you to learn about all the wonderful kids for whom these homes and your donations are making a huge difference!

MEET UDAYA!

Udaya has endured many challenges in his young life. His father is an alcoholic; he lost his mother at a very young age; and his father's new wife refused to care for Udaya. Understanding Udaya's plight, a pastor from his village brought him to Bethel a year ago.

Udaya is now nine years old and is doing well! He is a very kind and honest child who does well in and out of school. He loves ball games, bicycling, hide and seek, reading, and running. Please continue to pray for Project Hope, but also to specifically pray for Udaya's continuing physical, mental, and spiritual growth.



Thank you for your donations and dedication to keep changing these kids' lives!

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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 children in India. If you wish, you can always make a one-time donation or sign-on for a recurring donation at our <u>website</u>. Occasionally we lose a donor, so we are always looking for new regular donors or increased monthly giving.