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Summer in India



Walking to school

There are 68 children and 12 staff who live on the Sweet Home campus located in Narsapur, India.

The Sweet Home campus children attend Flaiz Memorial University which includes grades kindergarten through college. Flaiz Memorial is just across the street from the Sweet Home campus.

This past year was a successful school year. As usual, Flaiz Memorial had their Annual School's Day Celebration in the month of January. This is the day that students are awarded with medals and trophies for their outstanding performance in school academics and sports. The three students with the highest marks in every class received awards and the house parents were also honored. Eight Sweet Home children received awards.

There were four champions in the junior section and all of them were from Sweet Home. Many of our children came in first, second or third in the annual sports competition. They brought home twenty trophies and we are running out of space to showcase them.

School is closed for summer break, but at the Sweet Home campus we are running a summer school to help the children in the subjects in which they are weak. Coaching classes are from 9:00 to 11:00 AM every week day. English, mathematics and handwriting are the subjects being taught. All the house-parents are helping tutor the children.

This time of year it is very hot and the children work, study, and

play only during the cool hours of the day. The hottest parts of the day are spent indoors.

This year the circus came to town. We were surprised that one of the boys had never seen an elephant. Lilly, the director of the campus, decided to take the children to the circus. The children were very excited. They all had a great time and this may be one of our most memorable events of the summer.

During summer months the children like to participate in various Sabbath School and Church programs.

All the children are doing well. Our goal is to make sure that every child who comes into the Sweet Home family "feels" what it means to be loved.

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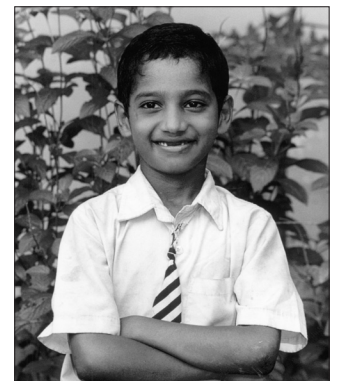
My name is John

I need a sponsor. I am 6 years old and live in India. Please return this coupon to sponsor me each month. Thanks!

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Sponsorship Department



Wall of protection



Shanthi Sinka

The Sweet Home Campus in India is like a park. Lilly, our campus director, is very particular about keeping the campus clean in order to keep the snakes away. They have cobras, vipers and other venomous snakes that roam the area.

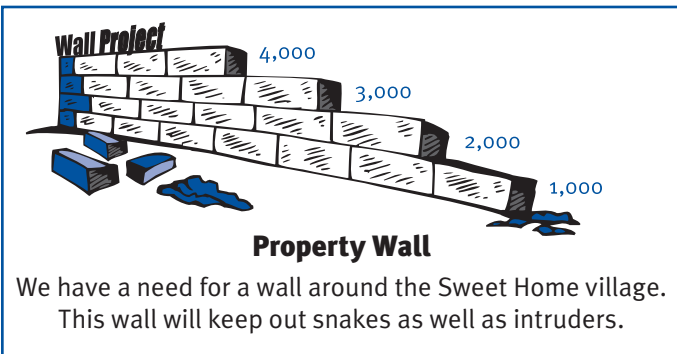
Last July, some of the girls were playing in front of the office. They saw a snake and ran for safety. Shanthi, in the confusion, stepped right on the snake. She immediately shook it off her leg and ran to safety. Right away her housemother started checking her for bites. When asked if she had been bitten Shanthi said, "No," but the housemother found blood on her leg. One of the staff members began to squeeze some blood out in an effort to bring out the venom and tied a string above the bite to keep the poison from going up into her body.

Shanthi was rushed to the hos-

pital where she was treated for the snake bite. She spent a day in intensive care and was then released. Shanthi was bitten by a viper which is very venomous

and can be fatal. After taking some time off to rest she returned back to school.

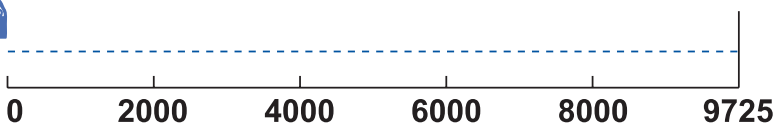
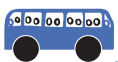
They were very lucky this time, because of the housemother's quick thinking. But there is a great need for a wall to keep away snakes as well as intruders.



The garden and campus are kept clear so that they can see any creeping and harmful creatures. Unfortunately, the property next to the campus has never been cleared. It provides a good hiding and breeding place for the snakes.

Urgent Need for Van

As we mentioned a couple of months ago, our children's village in Baja, Mexico, El Oasis, is in urgent need of a van for transporting supplies to and from campus and for taking the children to school. If you can help, please contact Doug Congleton here at ICC HQ.



Memorials

Catalino Bautista

By Esther Kerr

Red Brouillette

By Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smith

Gerald Clause

By Raymond & Jean Greve

Justin Doty

By Ruth Edwards

William Fisher

By Dorothy Fisher Husband

Gaede Gaede

By Mary Jane Nevis Ida & Menno

Forrest Givens

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A Personal Message

September, 2004

Dear ICC Family,

One day several years ago, Lilly Kaligithi and her son-in-law came to my office. They were from Eugene, Oregon where Lilly operated a retirement home. But her homeland was India. For some time Lilly had been burdened with the condition of thousands of abandoned and orphaned children in India. She told me, "I could retire from my business here and go back to India and do something for all of those little suffering and abandoned children. If I am ever going to do something about it, it should be now. I have property near the Flaiz Memorial School, our family home. I could care for quite a few children there."

"What kind of a plan do you have in mind?" I asked her

"I guess that is what I have come here for. I need some advice. How should I go about it?"

"Are you thinking of going back yourself and caring for children?"

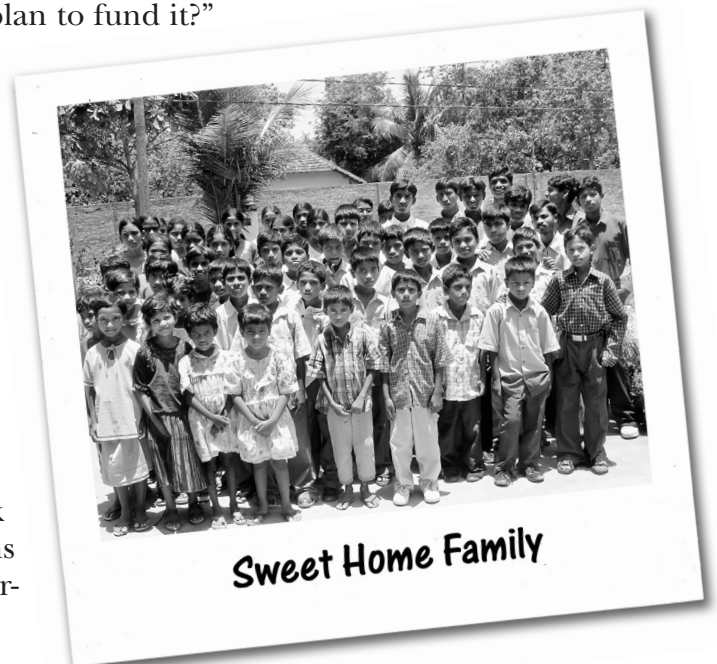
"Yes, that is the only way I know of. I know you have a family plan in ICC. I would care for these children in my home there and I would be their mother."

"That is a noble plan, Lilly. How would you plan to fund it?"

I could see in her eyes that she truly had a heart for children. But we didn't have resources at that moment to offer to sponsor her. I waited for her response.

"Well, I have many friends here in the states and some of them have offered to help me. The problem is that I don't know how to set up the legal requirements so that I could transfer money to India and give the donors tax credit."

After thinking a few moments I suggested, "I can't promise anything without talking to our president, but maybe we could find a way to let you work through ICC. Your donors would send the donations for you to ICC, specified for India, and we would forward it on to you."



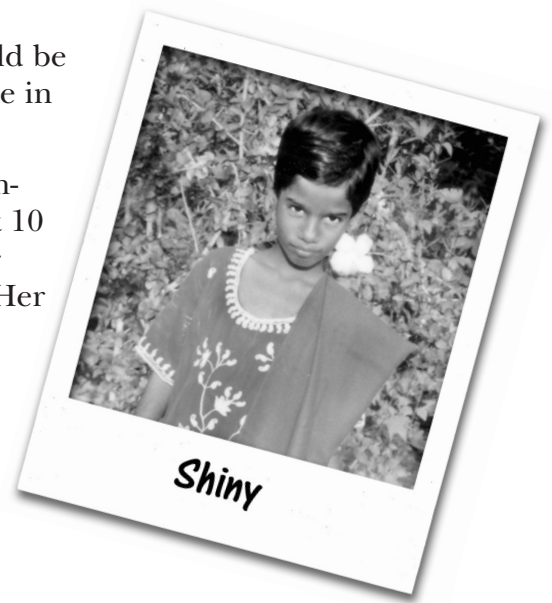
Homes For The Homeless

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40

The son-in-law, a businessman, spoke up. "Mother, that would be the right way to go. You can't do this alone. They have the expertise in international funding, if they are willing to do it."

We did talk to Rick, and after consulting with our office committee, he agreed to look into the possibility. That has been almost 10 years ago. Lilly went back to India and set up her house to care for children. We kept in touch with her and forwarded her funds on. Her house began to fill up.

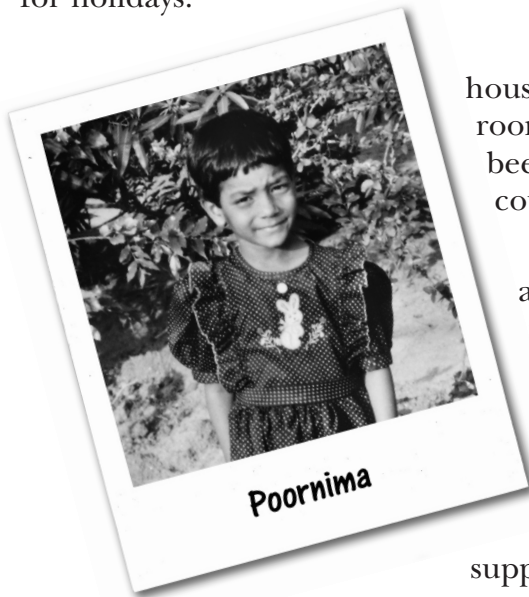
Two of the first children who came were Shiny and Poornima. They were cousins, but both were just two or three months old. As Shiny grew, it became apparent that she is deaf. That was a grief for Lilly, but she gave her all the love that little girl needed. Now she is studying in a deaf school but comes home for holidays.



One day Lilly wrote us. "We are doing fine, and the house is filling up. Our biggest problem is that there is only one bathroom and we have quite a line-up at the bathroom door! There have been some accidents!" We quickly sent some extra funds so that she could have another bathroom.

Finally, ICC took over the Sweet Home children's facility as one of our projects. Lilly helped us get more land. A family from Yakima, Washington, relatives of Dr. Flaiz, who founded the school, donated funds and gone over to build more homes. It has grown to accommodate 68 children.

Lilly has given her heart and her life to these children, many of whom could not have survived without her. Her devotion and love represent what ICC is all about. But without the support of all of our ICC family, she could not have done it.



Alyson and Ken