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Nirmala is Paying Forward YOUR Support!



Nirmala arrived at Sweet Home in 2004 when she was 10 years old. She recalls it as a place of peace and joy. And now, she serves as the Children's Services Director and prays each day for God's continual work for the children and campus.

Editor's Note: Nirmala is the Children's Services Director for ICC's Sweet Home Children's Village in India. She oversees the care of the children and is serving them well. She should know what good care looks like because she, herself, was a Sweet Home child while growing up. Here's an edited excerpt from her testimony about what Sweet Home has meant to her.

Im Nirmala, I came to Sweet Home when I was 10 years old (in 2004). I lost my mother in the year 2002 due to health issues, and in 2008, I lost my father.

I was led to Sweet Home by a Seventh-Day Adventist Pastor from my village. Sweet Home took me in as a new child, and it became my new family with lots

of brothers and sisters in Christ.

I never felt like I was alone with so many children around who were like me. I never lacked anything here, and I never felt homesick. My first impression of this place was that I felt more peace and joy. I loved my stay over the past years and still enjoy serving my home where I grew up.

When I was a child, all the Sweet Home children were taken for a three-day camp. We enjoyed the meals very much and visited the lighthouse near the beach. We had singing and praying sessions every morning during our stay. We never forgot God wherever we were taken to. I enjoyed playing in the water and building sand houses. It was a memorable incident in my life. I will never forget or take it out of my mind.

Currently I'm accomplishing the duties of Children's Services Director. I'm happy to work for my own family with my siblings at Sweet Home. I'm enjoying all the activities which are done here. I advise my siblings to depend on God and always to pray to God. I also advise them to do what is right in the sight of God and men. I pray for them and for the development of Sweet Home and for all the working staff. I always pray to God that He will not stop providing for the children like me.

I pray, hope, and dream that all the children will have all their needs met according to the providence of the Almighty God. I pray that everyone will study well and work hard and achieve their goals.

I'm always thankful to ICC Sweet Home for supporting me in everything. Without their help, I am nothing today.

Note: Nirmala graduated from Flaiz Memorial College in 2016 with a degree in Commerce (computers).

To access Nirmala's full testimony you can use the QR code or visit —



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Project Spotlight – DEWS Sweet Home Children’s Village, India

The Impact of Your Support



Sweet Home opened in 1996 and continues to be a safe haven for children thanks to your support.

The DEWS Sweet Home Children’s Village is a haven for orphan and vulnerable children. It continues to be a loving home environment where these children learn the vital lessons of life that prepare them for productive service for others. Thanks to ICC family members like you, children’s lives are being transformed for eternity through your generosity. Thank you!

A Message from Susan and Rao Moturi, Administrators

DEWS Sweet Home has been home to many vulnerable children since its inception in 1996. It was started by Lilly Kaligithi (Susan’s mother) and through highly dedicated ICC family supporters and generous sponsors.

Sweet Home is currently a home

for 29 boys and 24 girls aged 5-19. In addition, we have eight nursing students and four students attending Spicer University who live off campus.

Over the last three years, ICC has made a substantial investment in much needed remodeling and improvements in six homes. This year, ICC donors made it possible to have air conditioner units and water filter systems in each of the children’s homes. Our children are very appreciative of these blessings. These improvements make life much more manageable, meaningful and healthy under the supervision of their respective home parents. Additionally, we are working to construct two clothes drying sheds which will be completed soon. *Note: ICC children’s homes around the world are*

built and maintained to be similar to what an average family would inhabit in the given country. In India, it is becoming more common and affordable for families to have air conditioning in their homes. We are trying to provide air conditioning for one room in each children’s home to provide relief from the extremely hot summer months.

Recently, we were blessed when Pastor Timothy, one of our older brothers, was ordained as pastor with full ministerial commission. Timothy grew up at Sweet Home. We were blessed to invite him with his wife to our combined evening worship with our kids to celebrate his ordination. The investment in Timothy’s life is immeasurable, and we are thankful to all the donors who have made this possible for a lonely child from the street.

We have also been able to celebrate the accomplishments of our children who earned the highest marks in their half year exams in their respective classes. They received a small token gift handed to them by their house parents.

Our children are active in our Flaiz Adventist College Church



Timothy, former Sweet Home child, is now an ordained pastor. Your donations have made all the difference in the course of his life!

each Sabbath singing and leading out in Sabbath School, Bible studies, and Adventist Youth programs. Our children also visit retired Adventists who are not able to come to church. Sabbath evenings are spent reading the Bible, singing and praying.

The Sweet Home administration and home parents join our kids in sending a BIG THANK YOU to the ICC family, dedicated donors, and partners for providing secure homes, food,



clothing and education for our children preparing them for His kingdom.



Lilly Kaligithi founded Sweet Home nearly 30 years ago. Today her daughter, Susan, carries on her legacy of caring for orphan and vulnerable children.



Susan (left), Rao (right), and Lilly (center) on a recent Sabbath.



House parents gave a gift of congratulations to children with the highest marks in their exams.



Your support has made remodeling and upgrading the children's homes possible. Recently, air-conditioning units and water-filtration systems have been installed.



Share in the Care of Sweet Home Children!

The transformations in the life of a Sweet Home child don’t happen overnight. It takes consistent, ongoing care – the type of care that is made possible through donations from ICC family members like YOU! If you appreciate the care being given to Sweet Home children and want to stand alongside Susan and Rao and the house parents to provide for the care of the children, please send in a special gift today designated for Sweet Home. Thank you!

Passing Along Your Legacy of Caring

By Rick Bowes



Passing along your legacy of caring for orphan children can have a lasting impact for generations to come!

Not long ago I had a thought that had never occurred to me before.

For those of you that have either young or adult children, is there a possibility that they would want to get involved with helping orphaned children?

I know that you can't speak for them, but have you ever thought about inviting them to get involved?

I mention this in the context that long before my wife and I were involved with ICC, our children as they were growing up, helped to support orphans. And now that they have their own families, their children are sponsoring orphans as well.

As I'm writing to you, I'm trying to recall exactly why we wanted to get our children involved with supporting orphans. It came to my mind that, first and foremost, it is that lives are changed and

saved. But secondarily, we realized that our children were leading privileged lives, and as such, they needed to see another side of life.

Not only did our children need to know that there were other little boys and girls scattered throughout the world who were suffering, but they also needed to know that by giving their loose change and dollars that they could help to relieve that suffering.

And so it was that at a very young age our children chose to help orphans. Today as a result of their decision, the lives of hundreds of young boys and girls are being blessed, changed, and saved.

It has been very rewarding for my wife and I to see the subtle impact caring for orphan children has had in the lives of our now adult children. They are compassionate and caring and are sharing these values with their children.

Returning to my initial question, "Is there a possibility that your children would want to get involved with helping orphaned children?" What a special opportunity you have to pass along your legacy of care to them. I encourage you to have a discussion with your growing or grown children and tell them why you care for the children. Then, invite them to join you in "sharing the care."

Thank you very much for all you continue to do "For His Kids!"

A Legacy For His Kids

Have you ever thought about taking care of orphans beyond your lifetime? One easy way is by including International Children's Care (ICC) in your will or retirement plan.

Many believers with modest incomes have found they can leave a significant gift to ICC—without affecting their finances now.

How Does It Work?

You can designate a specific amount or percentage of your estate to ICC in your will. You'll still use your assets as needed during your lifetime, and you can update your plans anytime. No matter the size, your gift can do amazing things for children in need.

Why Make a Will?

Scripture calls us to be wise stewards. Yet many people don't have a will—leaving courts to decide what happens to their belongings. Creating a will brings peace of mind and reflects love for your family and the causes you care about.

What About Retirement Accounts?

You can also name ICC as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance. These gifts avoid probate and go directly to the ministry you choose—making an eternal impact.

It's easy to get started!

Create your will for free in about 20 minutes at ForHisKids.org/Giving

To learn more about retirement gifts, visit ForHisKids.org/Future