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Thankful Through It All

Premavathi's Story



Premavathi was just 6 years old when she came to Sweet Home. Thank you for giving her a safe place to grow up!

While many orphaned children around the world face each day with little to be thankful for, the children of ICC have a different story—because of you. Your compassion and generosity are giving these children a reason to hope, to dream, and to be truly thankful. Your support moves in step with God's will and reflects His deep, unwavering love for every one of His children. You are part of something eternal—transforming lives and helping to turn stories of pain into testimonies of hope.

Premavathi arrived at DEWS Sweet Home in 2007 when she was just 6 years old. Welcomed with open arms by her brothers and sisters

in Christ, Premavathi was quickly surrounded by love and began to learn about God's care and purpose for her life.

"Sweet Home taught me the lessons necessary to build my character. I learned how to face difficulties and overcome struggles and hardships through God's Word and the guidance of elders. I've learned how to stand strong and support others in their times of need."

Upon leaving Sweet Home, Premavathi pursued a four-year Nursing degree. An unexpected illness challenged her journey.

"I had internal bleeding all over my body and was diagnosed with Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura. I had to undergo treatment for six months."

Believing she had recovered, Premavathi returned to Sweet Home during her summer break for a visit. However, she fell ill again and was rushed back to Vijayawada for further treatment. This time, she was diagnosed with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE), a serious autoimmune disorder.

Despite the challenges she faced, Premavathi clung to her faith and resilience that had been nurtured at Sweet Home. By God's grace, and through her great perseverance, she completed her degree.

"I thank God for bringing me through all these circumstances and making me His living witness to those who know me."

Through it all, I've learned to trust God, lean on Him, and surrender every burden into His hands. I will always be thankful to DEWS Sweet Home, my ICC family, and my sponsors for shaping me into who I am today. I hope to help others and guide them to become successful individuals for God."



Premavathi was able to complete her Nursing degree despite being faced with a myriad of challenges. Her faith, nurtured at Sweet Home, gave her the determination to follow through with God's calling.

Project Spotlight – Sweet Home, India

The Impact of Your Support

Day-by-Day, year-by-year, ICC children at the Sweet Home Children's Village grow, develop, flourish and transform into caring and successful young adults. This doesn't happen by chance. It happens through the love and care they receive at Sweet Home and that YOU make possible through your financial and prayer support.



Thank you for helping with the roof renovations! The roofs are leak free and the homes have better temperature control.

Keeping the Children Dry and Cooler

Even though children grow and develop, the children's homes don't grow along with them and often need repairs. That has been the case recently with the roofs on buildings. Thanks to the dedicated support of ICC family members, much needed roof sealant work has been completed to prevent leaks in the children's homes and other buildings. Some of the homes are almost 30 years old. The new sealant has been working well during the current monsoon season. There have been no leaks, and the new seal-

ant keeps the rooms a bit cooler. On behalf of the Sweet Home family, please receive this big thank you for making this possible!



The children kept busy with tutoring in various subjects, including keyboard playing, during summer break.



There was also plenty of time for fun with trips to the beach and water park.

Summer Holiday: A Time to Learn. A Time for Fun

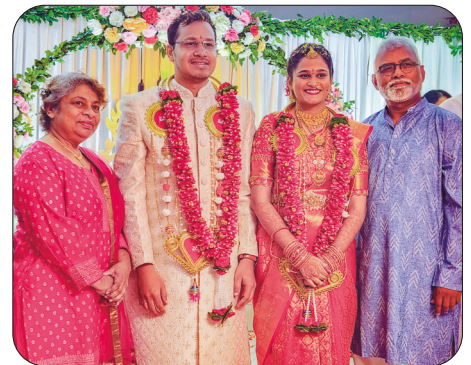
During the summer holidays, the children kept busy with tutoring in subjects like English, math, and music (keyboard). However,

there was also time for summer fun. In India, temperatures can soar well above 100 degrees Fahrenheit. The children enjoyed trips to the beach. This was a reward for the children for keeping their rooms clean and for helping with the overall cleanliness of each home.

The children enjoyed a special trip to a nearby water park to cool off and beat the heat. The children enjoyed the playground and delicious food which made the day special. This kind of activity is especially memorable for the younger children, and the older children help to supervise and take leadership roles in managing the trip's safety.

Celebrating with Two Happy Couples

It is a joyous occasion when Sweet Home children get married and start homes of their own. And it's especially meaningful when the children return "home" to get married or to enjoy a special wed-



Satish and Manisha returned to Sweet Home for their marriage ceremony. Similarly, another couple, Bobby and Padmini were also wed recently at Sweet Home. Congratulations to both couples!



Timothy, who was once an orphaned child, baptized 4 of his younger Sweet Home siblings.

ding reception. In May, the Sweet Home family celebrated the weddings of Bobby to Padmini and Satish to Manisha. Bobby's father was a house parent at Sweet Home. He suddenly passed away during the COVID pandemic. To Bobby, the Sweet Home family continues to be his family.

Both Satish and Manisha are doctors. Satish brought his bride back home to enjoy the celebration of their marriage. **It's because of the support of ICC family members like YOU that these boys have had the opportunity to grow and develop and thrive within the Sweet Home family.** Now they have started homes of their own with their brides.

A Special Baptism

Over the years, we have shared about Timothy Roan and how new chapters are being added to his remarkable story. His journey has taken him from being orphaned and living in a train station to joining the Sweet

Home family, to being the president of his high school class, to obtaining bachelor and master's degrees in Theology, to returning to Flaiz College as a teacher. Earlier this year, we shared that Timothy was ordained to the gospel ministry.

Timothy's journey continues and with a "sweet touch." In June, he baptized three of his younger Sweet Home brothers and one sister. God continues to do amazing things through Timothy, and he continues to pay forward your love and support.

A Special Message of Thanks

Rao and Susan Moturi provide leadership for the Sweet Home family. Here is a special message of thanks from Rao.

"These and many other daily activities are made possible by our sponsors who love and care for our children. We appreciate and are grateful to our sponsors and ICC administration's support and guidance. Children enjoy a safe and secure environment on campus. They are nur-

tured by dedicated house parents and support staff to help them grow spiritually, physically and mentally. **A BIG THANK YOU** from each one of them to our sponsors individually and collectively.

Note: To see a special thank you message from Rao and Susan use the URL or access the QR Code. <https://vimeo.com/1127349467/843ea4614a>



Will you help the children today?

ICC family members like you have taken part in amazing transformations in the lives of many children. But there's more work to do and more children who need consistent, loving care. Your support is vital! Your support will make a difference! **Will you help the children today?**



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From Deadline to Lifeline

By Wendy Clark

Every December 31, a financial deadline looms, but for an orphan, it can mean the start of a new life.

If you're over 70½ and have saved for retirement in an IRA, 401(k), or similar plan, the IRS requires you to withdraw a percentage each year. It's called a Required Minimum Distribution, or RMD.

For many, this annual withdrawal provides needed income. But for others, it can feel like a nuisance—extra income you don't need and extra taxes you'd rather not pay.

What if that required withdrawal could do something extraordinary instead?

“Turn a required withdrawal into an exceptional gift. A child's life will be changed, and your heart will rejoice.”

You may be required to take your RMD, but no one said it couldn't be remarkable. When you give through your RMD, you transform an obligation into opportunity. You help feed, clothe, and educate a child who will thank God for you long after this year's deadline passes.

By directing your RMD straight from your IRA to ICC as a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**, you can satisfy your required withdrawal while reducing your taxable income. Because

the gift goes directly to charity, it isn't counted as taxable income, which may also help lower your overall tax bracket or the amount of Social Security that's taxed.

This transfer—from investment in your account to investment in a child's life—has eternal significance. Each gift helps children learn about God's love and discover hope through Christian education.

Talk with your fund manager about making a Qualified Charitable Distribution directly to ICC. You can give all or part of your RMD this way. It may turn out to be the most remarkable gift you make this year, one that blesses you and changes a child's life forever.

World Orphan Sabbath 🌱 November 15, 2025

“World Orphan Sabbath” is a wonderful opportunity to shine a spotlight on the needs of orphaned children, as well as the wonderful opportunities that exist to help support them through prayer and care. It's not too late to get your church involved! Put up a poster or share a short video.



You can engage and involve your church by sharing the resources ICC has available for this day by using the QR code or link below. Resources include action steps, poster, bulletin inserts, videos, and presentations. Simply scan the QR code or visit <https://forhiskids.org/wos25>



Announcing The Christmas Hope Matching Challenge

Just in time for the holidays, the Christmas Hope Matching Challenge will enable you to **double the impact** of your gift. Give early, give often to support the children before the year ends. Look for further details coming next month!



Dates & Deadlines (for end-of-year giving)

- 📧 **Mail in donations:** Postmarked by 12/31/2025
- 📞 **Call in donations:** Call before 3:00 pm PST on 12/31/2025
- 💻 **Online donations:** received prior to midnight PST on 12/31/2025

When soliciting funds for a specific need, we occasionally receive more in donations than requested. In those instances when we do receive more money than solicited, those extra funds are placed in “Alcyon’s Angel Fund.” To protect the privacy of our children, ICC uses fictitious names in the Que Pasa when referring to minor children.