



NEWS FROM HOINA HOMES OF THE INDIAN NATION

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What Does Mom Do?

Note: Over the years many people have asked Darlene, "What do you do in India?" We posed this question to Anand, our general manager. Below is his response. It reflects the heart of HOINA and all that HOINA strives to be.

*by Mr. Anand
General Manager
HOINA, India*

Dear Sirs,

I am the General Manager of HOINA in India. My name is Mr. Anand. Sometimes people have some question about what Mom does when she is in India. Please allow me to tell you this.

When Mom comes India, first she will ask about children health, then she will sit with children get information about their health. If there is any one sick, immediately she will take them to hospital or send with Manager.

She washes them and cleans their heads for lice, and sits with them when they were sick and put little ones into bed, beside other things. She gives first preference to children health then she will ask about their education.

When Mom comes to India, the village people bring their sick



HOINA girls ham it up with MOM (Darlene Large, HOINA President).

children to ask help. She will take them to hospital and request the Doctors to help them. She helped like that way to so many village kids. She is loyal, honest, considerate, and a supportive individual who has the ability to see and understand things from another person's perspective.

She likes things in the home to be kept orderly and neat. She checks all the rooms whenever she comes. She visits all the rooms and makes every thing orderly. She spent a lot of her money over tiles to make beautiful home. [Darlene

was an art teacher and encouraged the children to draw and create mosaic tile murals.] Now every one likes our home very much and children are enjoying. She mops the floor at nighttime (June Aunty and Amy Sister had this experience with Mom). If there is any room not cleaned, she goes there and cleans every thing. She cleaned kitchen and toilets many times. She paints the window grills and white washes the walls. Our Indian culture is different. She used to teach all the staff about clean-

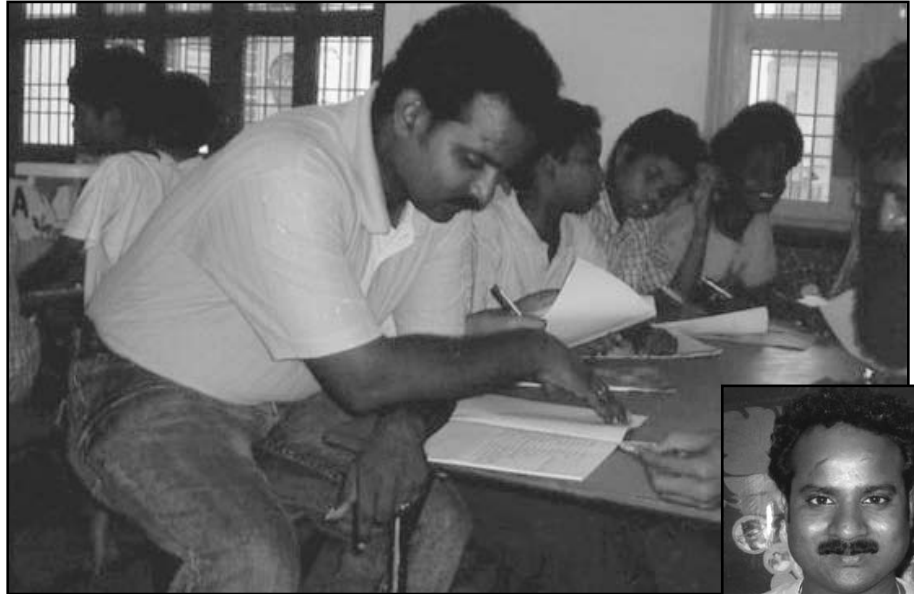
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ness. She loves very much children and as well as staff. If any children ask any thing to Mom, she will buy things with her money. She bought many times bed sheets, towels, toys with her money for the children and staff. If she hears any child cry sound, immediately she will be at child within few minutes, it may be nighttime or working time. The staffs have learned same thing from Mom. Not only this, she made a point of cleaning her own room also. She washes her clothes. She won't give her work to anyone, and she does everything herself in this age also. She doesn't like to sit without doing anything.

When she comes to India, she will stay for few days in the girls' home and for few days in the boys' home and visits Bapatla and Pondurapuram Medical and mid-day meal program. We will have every day staff meeting in the morning 10 a.m. In the staff meeting Mom will share the Word of God, then she will ask all the problem that we have at that time. We will discuss about how to solve the problems. She is a great direct communicator and knows how to raise and discuss common living issues and solve the problems in a



Mr. Anand working with students at HOINA



non-threatening manner. Finally, in the staff meeting we pray for all the sponsors, their families, all trustees and Board members.

Wherever she goes outside, she asks people to help for children, so some of the doctors responded and did heart surgery freely to our child and hand and polio surgeries. She attends to Rotary and Lions Club meeting to raise funds. We got a lot of fund through Rotary Club in Chennai. She goes to tribal hills area to distribute clothes to needy people. She will check new applications and gives the admissions on enquiry. I can say one thing that she works day and night without thinking about

her health. Here people call Mom as a Second Mother Theresa. If I tell every thing about her, what she is doing in India, I have to tell a lot of things that how she is sacrificing for Indian children.

We are so thankful to you all for sending Mom to India and helping from many years. We may not give anything to YOU and Mom, but we believe that there is reward for you in the Heaven. We love you so much and every day we are praying for you and families.


Thanking you,
Yours Sincerely,
Mr. Anand



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Students Volunteer Their Help

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ous volunteer venues.

Mr. McCreary said, "While we may not have money to offer, we learn we can always offer our time. I used to participate with the HOINA volunteers when the headquarters were at Darlene's place in Leola. I saw first-hand the time



Students applying the wafer seals on the newsletter.

needed to complete the steps to get out the newsletter. And when I learned that Amy and her husband were doing the job alone, I insisted that my class adopt the job into our schedule." Thanks, Brian, and all the students who help us each month.

Darlene's Newsletter Memories

"Long ago when HOINA began, I had board meetings in my house and fed everyone dinner. My office was in a small den in the lower level of my house. I had a typewriter, but it did not erase—just typed. I did the newsletters by hand and Xeroxed® them and folded and stamped them by myself.

"Then my friends began to come and help out. They sat around my kitchen table on Tuesday nights, and we wrote thank you's. It was a wonderful sharing time. We solved all our problems by sharing information about how to raise children, and how to help husbands, etc.

"Eventually our children became involved, and my daughter Letti was a great blessing in high school and college. Then her friends came to help. Brian McCreary was one of those friends. He has been a tremendous blessing to our work."

Darlene

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Varun Prakash

Varun Prakash was born in April, 1996. He came to HOINA in July of 2007 when he was 11.

Varun Prakash's parents were married in 1991. At the time his father was a Christian and his mother, a Hindu. His mother's family disowned her for marrying a Christian. In 1998 Prakash's mother became a Christian, and in 2003 his father went into mission work in a remote area called Raagampeta. In January

2007 his father died of a heart attack, and his mother could not care for her two children. Another mission worker suggested she contact HOINA, and Varun Prakash and his brother were admitted in July.

Varun Prakash is in 8th grade. He likes cricket, lions, and the color yellow. He wants to be an engineer. ♿

Building Project Cost Clarification

Darlene would like to make a clarification on the building project costs mentioned in the main article of last months newsletter. "We have \$170,000 from the sale of the old property to spend on the whole building. The finishing touches will need an additional \$28,000." ♿

STRUCTURE Students Volunteer to Help HOINA



Brian McCreary and the STRUCTURE students work on the newsletter

Thanks to Mr. Brian McCreary's Middle School Class in the Donegal School District, Lancaster County, PA, for assembling the newsletters for mailing each month. STRUCTURE (Students Learning to Trust Reality and Understand Character, Truth, Uniqueness, Respect, and Equality) is a program that provides instruction in the four core subjects (math, social studies, science, and English), as well as in a combination of Life Skills programs and an IU#13 School-to-Work curriculum. One piece of School-to-Work requirement is to provide service to the community in vari-