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## “Good Shepherd’s Children’s Home” in Narsapur, India Now Officially registered as “Good Shepherd Ministries”

Report from Peter Naveen, Hyderabad, India

We asked our spiritual son, Peter, a pastor and translator of Christian literature from English to Telugu, to go to Narsapur to check on Mr. Hayagreev Suri (the spiritual father at Good Shepherd Ministries) and the 40 children in his care. We are excited to share his report.

Peter traveled the 452 km. From Hyderabad to Narsapur, and after locating Hayagreev where he was helping his father (a new Christian) with a Crusade to tell people about Jesus, he was warmly welcomed by Hayagreev, once he realized he is our dear friend and brother in the Lord.

Peter asked how he and the children were doing and if the 2 missing packages with clothes for the children for Christmas had arrived. So Hayagreev showed Peter the pictures he has taken of the children in their new clothes that some of them did not get any new clothes because of the missing packages, but most of them got some. At 5:00 PM the children came home from school and Peter got to meet them.

Peter reported, “Children wished me well and each told their

names and what they are studying, then they sang a song together and some of them recited some memory verses. I’ve told them that many are back of them supporting and praying and caring. So I encouraged them to be good in character and in studies. 5 children are studying SSC (class 10th) and 4 children are studying 7th class. These two classes have public examination. In India we give importance to these two classes in schooling. Children are so cute to look at.. I pray that God would bless them with good knowledge and wisdom and also with God fearing life.

Bro. Suri expressed that the support has not been sufficient for the provision, schooling, and tuition for the kids. He asked me to let you think about their future studies, specially for 10th students. He said that he can’t give them good studies for their 10+ - Degree with the same support he has right now. “

One thing I appreciate about Bro. Suri is he knew kids by their names.”

This in itself is quite impressive when he is one person to care for all 40 of them.

A special thank you to Carol and Bob Kostner and Regina Watts for making our clothing project for the children a great success. The children felt so happy to be loved by brothers and sisters in another country. Pictures and letters are on the way.

Below are pictures of the children at Good Shepherd Ministries eating rice and water for their Christmas party as they celebrate the joy of knowing Jesus.



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### What you can do?

Pray for Marissa and Paul and the others doing Bible studies almost every night with the street families in Davao City, Philippines.

Ask God if he wants you to be more involved in this ministry and if you feel he wants you to be, please contact us and tell us in what capacity you believe God wants you to help..

### Current Needs

Richard, in Uganda, has asked for 12 English KJV Bibles to give to new converts in the remote villages near Mokono. He also has 2 more tests to pay for and take and is lacking some of the necessary funds.

Sponsors for children of ministers in India and the Philippines, who struggle daily just to have some rice or rice milk (the water left after someone else has boiled the rice) to feed their families and the orphans they have taken in. We currently have 43 children in need of sponsors. As little as \$5 a month would go amazingly far in the countries of India and The Philippines.

## Vacation Bible School for the Filipino Street Children!

From the Philippines, Marissa has sent us the wonderful report, that the Bible Studies are in such high demand and so many families have asked to have a Bible and Bible studies for their families that she and Paul (her new husband) have started having Bible Studies in their home or other home almost every night of the week and all day Saturday they go to minister in the Squatter areas in different homes. Due to the great hunger to hear God's Word, the participants in these Bible Studies have asked that the youth (teenagers) be included in the upcoming Vacation Bible School taking place mid-April, 2004. The big prayer is that they will have enough finances to include all

the young children and teenagers in this time of intense Bible training in all 5 of the areas that are asking them to come and share about living for Jesus.

The parents of these children have been asking for the inclusion of their teenage children and we want to help Marissa's church respond to that wonderful request. Some of the married women in the church have already volunteered to teach classes at VBS. Now they are trusting God to bring in the needed finances to help so many more know how to live for Jesus. Training is so vital to them living an abundant Christian walk.

THIS YEAR'S VBS THEME: MY

### WONDERFUL GOD MADE ME!

VBS is a five-day Vacation Bible School curriculum emphasizing the wonderful way in which our bodies have been designed and created by God. Starting with the healing miracles, each lesson teaches about a specific part of the body; other parts are discussed during the general assembly each day.



## Uganda Christian orphanage reopened!

Praise God for answered prayers. This orphanage was closed several years ago and the children in care had to go back to the streets from which they had come, due to lack of funds. Just 2 weeks ago, Richard Sempala, our spiritual son in Uganda, sent us the great news that God had made it possible to open again and he is volunteering there when he is able to, loving the children and telling them about Jesus. "Street children are not born, they are made. They come from both rural and urban areas. The factors that force children out of their homes include among others; Poverty, child abuse and neglect, orphanhood, families



instabilities, HIV/Aids and wars. Too often, street children are killed or tortured by police. Children as young as 7 or 8 are recruited or kidnapped to serve as soldiers in military forces. Sometimes as young as six years old, children are forced to work under extremely difficult conditions, often as bonded laborers or in forced prostitution. They are imprisoned in inhumane

conditions.

Rev. Kefa, who is heading up the orphanage is the same man of God who took our spiritual son, Richard in and loved him and shared with him about Jesus' great love for him, when Richard was an orphan living on the streets of Mukono after his parents both died."

For more information, go to

<http://www.africa-foundation.org/>

### These Orphans Desperately NEED Sponsors



We need sponsors for 43 children at this time, so they will be able to have adequate food to eat and an education. These children often get only 1 meal a day and sometimes not even that, and that meal often consists of rice water (the water the rice was cooked in, that we throw out). As you know, this does not provide good nutrition, which causes their bodies to be vulnerable to diseases. Currently 7 out of 40 of the children at the Good Shepherd's Ministry are battling Smallpox. Bro. Hayagreev has been rubbing their black sores three times a

with oil and prays for them. He also has asked us repeatedly to pray for them to recover quickly and regain their health. 5 of the children at Good Shepherd's Ministry are needing financial help in order to continue their education. ALL of the children need food.

We're featuring these four children from the Good Shepherd's Home in this newsletter. **ONLY \$15.00 a month will provide food for the month for one child.** If you'd like to sponsor a child, PLEASE let us know, so we can start helping these children to have enough food to eat very soon. Thanks for your prayers.