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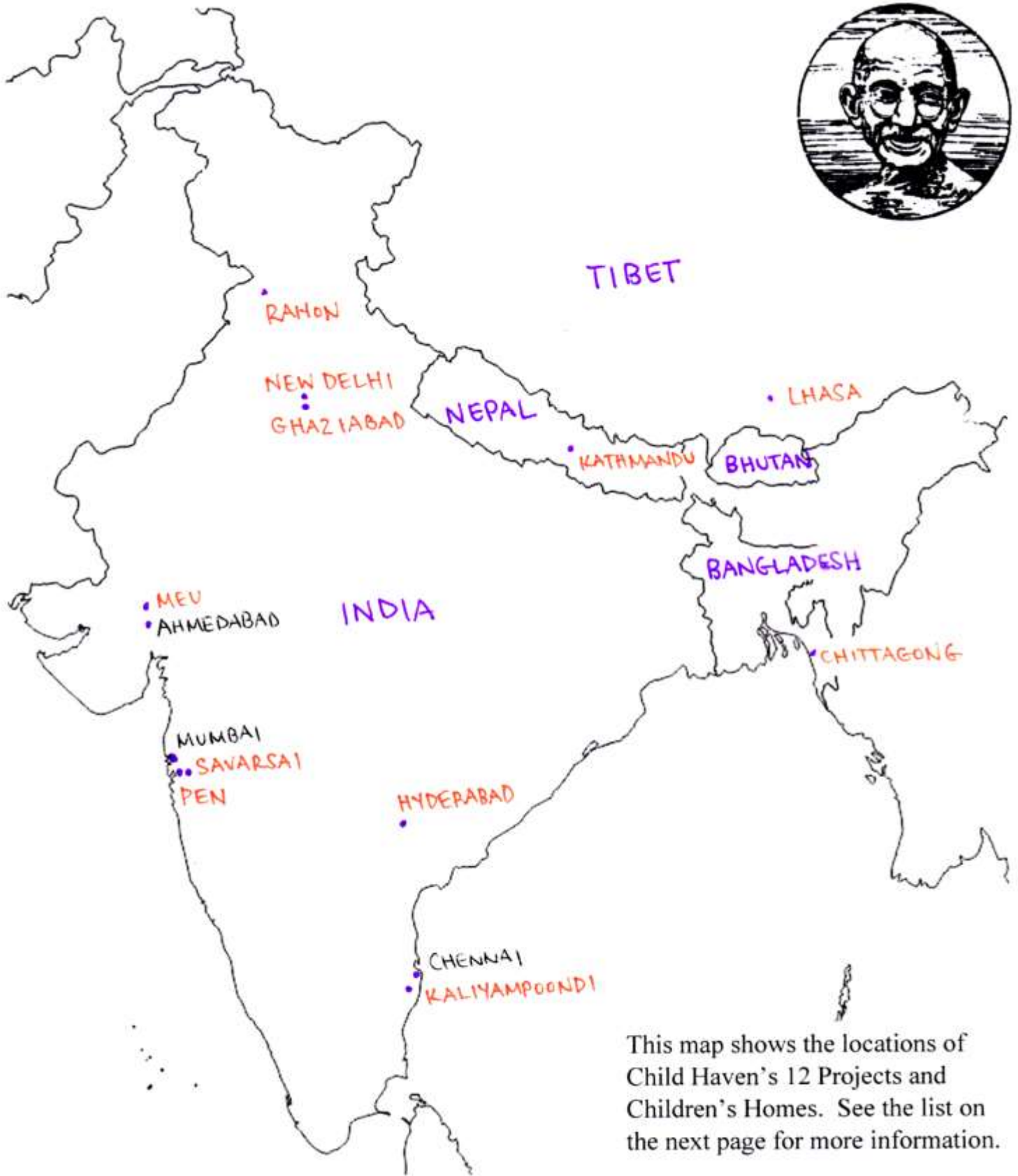


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Kaliyampondi - Jelli is 8 years old and in the 3rd Grade. She came to the Home after her father died and her mother's new husband did not want to take in her children. Jelli was living with her grandmother who was unable to care for her. They are part of the Gypsy community. We are grateful that our staff give the same tender loving care to Jelli that she is giving to this butterfly that sensed a kindred spirit and came to visit her.

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This map shows the locations of Child Haven's 12 Projects and Children's Homes. See the list on the next page for more information.



Chittagong - Manik, in his first year of a diploma in textiles, above left, steadies the steed while Nikodim, our watchman, and his helper Helal, in Grade 9, prepare to dismount after their trip to purchase vegetables at the market. The rickshaw driver unties a branch of bananas from his rear storage pole. It is amazing how much can fit on a rickshaw! Luckily for rickshaw drivers Chittagong is pretty flat!

Child Haven Homes

Meu, Gujarat, India, 68 children 8 women, Language: Gujarati

Hyderabad, Telangana, India, 183 children 14 women, Language: Telugu

Kaliyampoondi, Tamil Nadu, India, 325 children 35 women, Language: Tamil

Maitreya Foundation, New Delhi, India, 24 children 1 woman, Language: Tibetan & Hindi

Savarsai, Maharashtra, India, 48 children 4 women, Language: Marathi

Tribal Home, City of Pen, near Savarsai Home, 55 children, Marathi plus Tribal languages

Kathmandu, Nepal, 203 children 22 women, Language: Nepali

Tibet in China, sponsoring 14 children 4 women, Language: Tibetan

Chittagong, Bangladesh, 70 children 15 women, Language: Bengali

(Hundreds of other children are sponsored for education, but are not living in one of our Homes.)

Women's Programs Child Haven Sponsored

Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, education in tailoring for 50 women at a time; inexpensive sanitary napkin production and sale; Beauty and Wellness Course. Language: Hindi

Rahon, Punjab, education in tailoring for 50 women at a time. Language: Punjabi

Pen Village, Maharashtra, inexpensive sanitary napkin production and sale. Language: Marathi

Kathmandu, Nepal, education in tailoring for women. Language: Nepali



Chittagong - Shokina Begum, our Matron of 12 years has retired from our Home. In a ceremony with the Home, above, she was presented with flowers by our Home Librarian Kusum, in grey to her right and a gift from the Home presented by Program Assistant, Sujon. Shokina was a compassionate and devoted member of our staff. A talented cook, she often made special treats for everyone to share. We will all miss her and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

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Thanks to the web-wizardry of Jane Hamilton-Eaton from our Carleton Place Support Group, everyone now has an easy new way to support our programs for children and women. The screen shot to the left shows just one of the pages of the catalogue, now up and running on our web-site, childhaven.ca/donate.html.

As you can see, our children's needs are broken down into smaller portions so that donors can easily make donations of any size. There is also a new Major Needs Catalogue with larger Home and Project Needs.

Thanks Jane for your help in getting this beautiful and inspiring system up and running!



Chittagong - Shuly, left, was the very first child in our Home here. She came with her single mother who asked for and got a job as a care-giver. Shuly was 3 or 4 years old at the time. Her mother worked for 4 years at the Home. She is 22 years old now and with Child Haven's support, earned a Diploma in Garments Design and Pattern Making. It was a 4 year course.

She is now in charge of the storeroom at a garment factory with more than 1,000 employees. It is owned by a Sri Lankan company with 5 factories in Bangladesh. She says they treat her very well. Our former student Bijoy also works there. She has worked at the factory for 1 and a half years.

Shuly lives with and supports her mother who is now ill and unable to work.

While everyone else is working on their exams, the two little girls at the brown desk to the right must have heard about and are most probably discussing the word around town that Fredpa is 98 years old and Bonniema still won't let him retire from his duties as the editor emeritus of this erudite journal. Will wonders never cease!



One Intern's Experience in Tamil Nadu, Nepal and Bangladesh

By Andy Rush, from Kingston, Ontario

I was introduced to Child Haven when my parents took me, my wife and my kids to a fund raising dinner in Kingston, Ontario sometime about 1997. I was completely charmed to be re-united with Fred and Bonnie, who I had known through church when I was a high school kid in the early 70's. And I was completely inspired by what I heard of the work Child Haven was doing in South Asia. This was a cause I could dig into, because I believed strongly in Child Haven's Gandhian principles. Especially no proselytizing (while at the same time celebrating ALL the religious, cultural and ethnic diversity embodied in our kids), no discrimination by caste, colour, gender, anything, and gentle, loving care of children in need. My wife Jackie and I became supporters, and later co-ordinators of the Child Haven fundraising efforts in Kingston. We learned about the intern program, and going over as Child Haven interns went on to our bucket list. We were both secondary school teachers, so after retirement we started planning, and in 2017 Jackie and I spent 14 weeks at our Child Haven Home in Kaliyampoondi. In 2019 I was at our Home and school in Kathmandu for a month, and just this past August and September I was at our home in Chittagong.

Here is a brainstormed set of take aways from my experiences.

- I was moved, improved, educated, inspired and humbled every time
- It was healthy. The food is great and the lifestyle is simple, regular and provides time to reflect, time to engage and time to rest. The staff and associated health care professionals can handle anything.
- EACH location is completely different. That means language, setting, staff, kids, culture, weather, how the place operates, customs, etiquette... Bonnie and Robin will help you decide where to go.
- If you provide loving care, safety, good food, health care, education, and play time for children, they will thrive regardless of the possibly horrific circumstance that brought the child to our home
- I have an extensive camping background. For me my intern experiences have felt more like being at a high functioning summer camp with wonderful kids, great staff and a myriad of play, arts, study and special activities. It's not like being at an 'orphanage' or a 'home for destitute children.'
- Language is a challenge and I had to work hard to understand and have meaningful conversations. There are wonderful tech resources to help with this and it is totally worth it.
- The staff are very experienced with us foreigners. If you have a concern, a challenge, and idea, whatever, take it to the home manager and senior staff first. Their wisdom always impressed me.
- Many staff are also from destitute circumstances. This is a community of support and healing.
- The number one thing I can bring in any location is English language. It takes a lot of patience. The kids need it and so do the staff. Sitting around yakking is VERY high value. And so much fun.
- I was not on holiday, or for that matter 'travelling'. I was living as a member of a community. There are infinite interesting people, sights, shops, plants and animals right in your hood. You don't have to go anywhere. And of course, at home, loads of beautiful, fun, curious and kind children and staff.
- Finally, I have always loved Fred and Bonnie's sense of humour and practicality. Although there are moments of pathos, sadness and confusement, just as there are right here in Canada for me, somehow Child Haven 'gets it' about kids, fun, learning and life.

If you are considering a Child Haven internship and would like to phone me or write me, you can contact me through the Child Haven office in Maxville.



Andy with Aditty Das, who came to the Home after his fisherman father became ill and could no longer fish.

Chittagong - Shumy is a new member of our Child Haven family. Her mother died when she fell off the roof of the high-rise where she was working as a maid. Her father was so distraught that he ran away. Shumy and her grandmother started to go door to door asking for food. Fortunately, they came to the door of Mr. Amin, one of our Child Haven Bangladesh Board Members who told the grandmother about Child Haven. We are so happy that he did and very pleased that Shumy has joined our Home. She is doing well.



Shumy joins the other young children in our Montessori School. To the left, Alpona has been one of our teachers for many years. Here she is leading a fruit identification exercise with some of our brilliant scholars.

Our Montessori School which goes up to Grade 4 currently has 124 students from the low-income community near our Home.

Shumy and the other Montessori students both from our Home and community receive soymilk made fresh in our Home every day along with a meal. To the left, Care-giver Rehanah serves soymilk to the children.



Hyderabad - to the right, Cooks Vani and Satyamma make idlis for the children. Made from soaked and then ground rice and dahl, these delicious nuggets are steamed and then served with sambar, a spicy soup, and chutney of different kinds. In season and as long as it lasts, mango chutney from our very own mango trees is a favorite topping! Our cooks make around 1,000 idlis for a typical meal at this Home!



To the left, our cook Anjamma is serving Praveen, who is seven years old. Anjamma has been working for our Home for 7 years.

After each meal the girls and boys wash their plates and hands in a long trough-like sink attached to the Dining Hall. The girls have another trough at the other end of the dining hall. Our new dining hall will have a similar design. On the left in this photo, Prashwanth, (brown shirt) is 13, and in Grade 6, and Ricky, to the far right is 10 and in Grade 4.





Hyderabad - Second from the right above, Indhu, age 13 and in Grade 8, has found something humorous to share in her morning study hour. With her are students in Grades 7, 8 and 9 during morning study hour.

In the photo to the right, Maheshwari, in the lower right, is 9 years old and in 2nd Grade. In her lap is a school project she has been working on for which she has collected leaves from the grounds, glued them to her paper and written their names and descriptions. Maheshwari and her 2 older brothers came to the Home after their mother died. Their father, who is a rickshaw driver is not able to provide for them or keep them safe while he is working during the day. We try our best to keep siblings together who have lost one or both parents.

Clearly Maheshwari is destined to write the definitive guide book to India's many leaves in her esteemed future!





Hyderabad - From left to right are Moksha, in Grade 2, Vikesh in Grade 9, and Karthik in Grade 3. Bhargavi, to the right of the photo is in Grade 4. She came to the Home after her mother passed away.

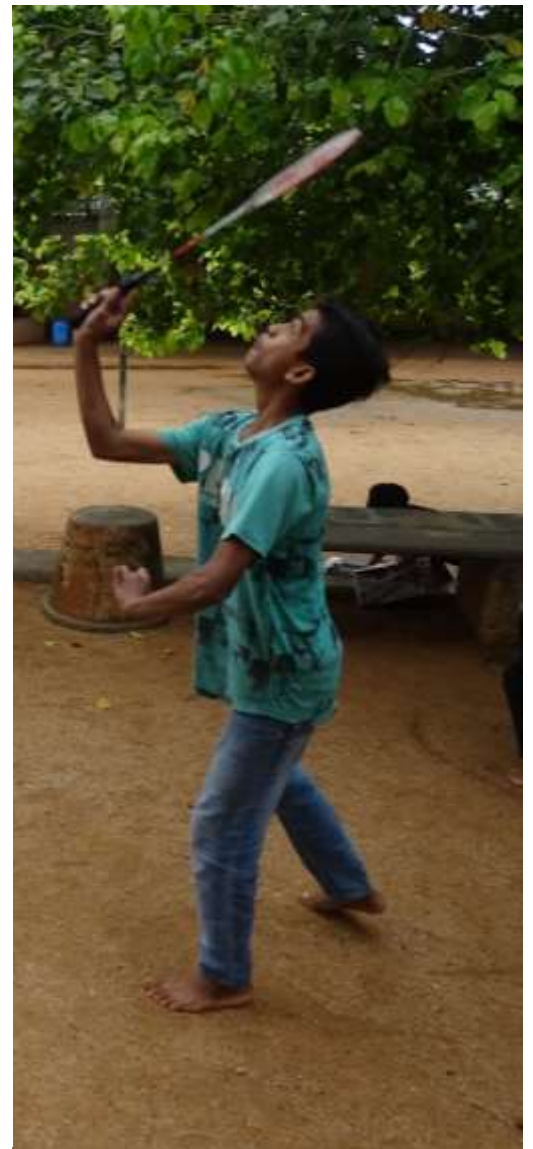
Sadly, after she had been at the Home for 2 months her father also passed away from an alcohol-related illness. She was understandably distraught at the time of her father's cremation, but is now doing much better thanks to lots of support from our staff and the other children.



Joseph, to the left is 14 and in Grade 8. He is playing Badminton with Sandeep, right, who is 15 years old and in Grade 9.

We are in the process of designing a new Home here in Hyderabad on land we have just purchased. Joseph and Sandeep are looking forward to much more room to play with room for a net and a plenty of space to run for those long shots!

Our current land is just under 2 acres and we will have twice that at our new location. With any luck we will be in our new buildings by June. Big thanks to our All-India Child Haven Board Member Ramchandra Sangle who has been overseeing the acquisition of our new land.



Bonnie Lore by Fred Cappuccino, her long-suffering husband

It has been fun having Ganesh around to fill me in on some of Bonnie's shenanigans in Kaliyampoondi over the past many years. She doesn't tell me anything so it's refreshing to have an inside source for a change.

He was recently recounting an experience he had with her in his early days as Manager of our Home there. Three children came to the Home in the middle of the school year after their parents perished in a fire. Ganesh went to enroll them in the local public elementary school which all of our children attend. The principal said they would have to wait until the next school year to join. Ganesh told him that the children had already lost their parents, and that it would be terrible for them to lose a year of school as well. In spite of his entreaties, the principal wouldn't budge.

This wasn't Ganesh's first run-in with this principal. A teacher at the school had been abusive to one of our young girls and the principal had refused to do anything about it. Ganesh was worried it would happen again so he went to the Superintendent who demanded that the teacher be fired. As the teacher and principal were from the same caste, Ganesh suspected that that may have been a factor in his refusal to accept any more of our kids.

So, unsure what to do, Ganesh called Bonniema. She told Ganesh that if the principal was not going to let these very deserving children continue their education, then it was not a school that our children should be attending. He should remove all the children from the school and transfer them to a private school nearby. Ganesh was a little taken aback at this direction, but it was worth a try. He wrote a letter to the school to that effect and sat back to see what would happen.

Apparently losing our 200 or so elementary children would have reduced the allocation of funds to the school from the State Government very substantially and the principal did not want that to happen. So, he relented and the children joined our other kids in school. Now the eldest child, after completing her Child Haven funded nurses training is working as a nurse in Chennai. The middle child has a diploma in Mechanical Engineering and is working in a local factory, and the third child is in the first year of a Bachelor of Commerce degree. The principal was moved to another school several years later, but from then on was much more accommodating to the needs of the good children in our care.



As the high school children head out the gate to their school, the elementary school girls wait their turn. They will walk single file down the road with several staff members to their school in Kaliyampoondi Village.

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Savarsai - Above, the new bio-gas plant and water stabilization system under construction behind our new Dining Hall and Kitchen which will also have several large dormitory rooms and a volunteer/intern room.

Helping to design the new system are seated from left to right below, Dr. Shastri, a bio-gas expert, our Child Haven All-India Board Member, Manohar Nangrepatil, who is also an architect who has designed this new building and several of our other buildings pro bono and Dr. Shilpa Narayanan, also a Child Haven India Board Member who is helping to continue the work of father, Dr. Mapuskar, who designed our existing systems. Standing are Home Manager Prakash, Mr. Mishra, an engineer, and Manohar's son Rohit, who is also an engineer and a great help with this and other Child Haven construction projects We are very grateful to all of these wonderful and knowledgeable people!



Child Haven International and Bio-gas – a legacy of Dr. S V Mapuskar

Bonnie and Fred Cappuccino met Dr, Mapuskar when they were in the process of planning a new building for our largest Children’s Home in Kaliyampoondi, Tamil Nadu. They were quite concerned about what to do with all the human waste that such a Home would produce. Dr. Mapuskar had a brilliant solution – bio-gas.

Dr. Mapuskar told them that as a young doctor in 1960, he was assigned to Dehu village, where he still resided. Upon his arrival, he was mortified to learn there were no latrines at the health center, or anywhere else in Dehu. He was given a small pot of water and pointed out to the fields when nature called. He also soon found that much of the sickness he was treating; high rates of diarrhea, typhoid and worm infestation were caused largely by open defecation and poor sanitation. This began a life-long passion for community sanitation and waste management. His subsequent attempts to build latrines for the village were based on a plan from the World Health Organization. When these latrines soon collapsed, he decided to look to Indian models instead.

Child Haven does its best to run all its homes and programs based upon Gandhian ideals and principles, so Bonnie and Fred were pleased to hear that Dr. Mapuskar decided to follow his Gandhian inclinations. He looked into the pioneering work of one of Gandhi’s co-workers, Appasahebe Patwardhan, who designed the first bio-gas systems based on the use of human and cow manure which were built at Gandhi’s ashrams. Gandhi had been interested in waste management as part of his focus on raising the status of India’s “untouchables” who were made to empty and clean latrines for those in “upper” castes. Since bio-gas systems turn human and other types of manure into cooking gas and garden fertilizer, they do away with the need to empty latrines. This system which Dr. Mapuskar worked to refine his entire life, traps gases produced by composting human solid wastes, and pipes the odorless fuel to kitchens for cooking. The waste water is sent to a water stabilization system where the pathogens are removed, producing water suitable for the garden.

Not only could our Children’s Homes have a self-contained way to manage our own waste, without polluting local streams and the greater community’s health, but we could also produce cooking gas and water for gardening. Furthermore, Child Haven could play a small role in promulgating social principles dear to Mahatma Gandhi. What a tremendous solution! The good Doctor was enlisted to design and oversee Child Haven’s first bio-gas system in Kaliyampoondi in 2003.

All of our India Homes are now equipped with this system. While Dr. Mapuskar passed away several years ago, his daughter, Dr. Shilpa Narayanan, and others are continuing his work and will oversee the building of the new system at our Savarsai Home.



The Late Home Manager Nathan, the late Dr. Mapuskar and Child Haven International Director, Bonnie Cappuccino, plan the new bio-gas plant at the Kaliyampoondi Child Haven Children's Home



This means that in all of our Homes, we are able to manage our human waste in a hygienic, environmentally safe, and financially beneficial manner. We have also found that having pathogen-free water can be very useful in our Homes' vegetable gardens. This has been true especially during the occasional drought, when we have had to purchase water for drinking, cooking and bathing for our children and staff. It would have been cost prohibitive to purchase water for our gardens, but having pathogen-free water from the water stabilization tanks meant that while other fields in our area were turning brown from lack of rain, the Home gardens flourished.

Dr. Mapuskar, right, and Raghunath Hirve, center, inspect the new bio-gas and water stabilization plant in Meu with some of the staff and children at the Home.

The systems are working well. Of course there will always be toothbrushes and hairclips washed down the pipes in any Children's Home, but clean-out ports are readily available. There are also over-zealous care-givers who sometimes forget that the use of harsh chemicals in cleaning the toilets can hinder the production of methane, but again no long-term harm is done. We will continue to reap the rewards of economic savings and home sanitation for many years to come.

Several years ago, we asked Dr. Mapuskar about Gandhi's influence on his approach to sanitation issues. Dr. Mapuskar replied that, "at that time we were all mad after Gandhiji." He said that his ideas are more relevant today than ever. "At present, oppression and unemployment are rising fast, and these problems are increasing due to unsustainable development and the abandonment of the village and rural economy so important to Gandhi." Ever the visionary, he stated emphatically, "villages need to be revitalized".

All of us in the greater Child Haven family are deeply grateful that we had the opportunity to know, enjoy and learn from the wisdom and vision of this extraordinary human being.



Dr. Mapuskar speaking with some of the boys at Child Haven's Children's Home in Savarsai.



Savarsai - Every year the Home packs up and heads out for a day trip and picnic to places of interest to our children and staff. This year they made a trek to see the Pratapgad Fort which was ruled by Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. It is famous for never having been captured by the British! Posing with one of the very patient guards of the fort who has been standing there for many years, are Riya Kolhatkar and Vinaya Pawar, both 13.

Below, Home Manager Prakash is cooking some rice pulav for the group's picnic lunch with some helpful supervision from the anxious eaters! It seems to have worked out for Jyoti, age 14 and Rohit age 12.





Maitreya Home - Tsering Drema, left, is 22 years old. She recently finished completed a one and a half year beautician course, and is now doing an internship. She is enjoying working in a shop and says she is learning new skills. Eventually she would like to open her own shop and plans to work for a few years to save money to do so. She came to the Home in 2004 after her mother and father passed away from alcoholic related disease. Tsering says she loves to make people beautiful because it makes them feel good about themselves.

Originally from Arunachal Pradesh, she would like to continue living and working in Delhi. She has been practicing by cutting everyone's hair in the Home for the last year. She also makes very good rotis for lunch for everyone when she has time.

Dawa Tsering, right, is 20 years old. He lost both parents when he was 8 years old. Now he is preparing for the NEET examination for medical school. He would like to study for a MBBS Bachelor of Medicine degree. He is interested in that because lots of people who have medical problems cannot afford medical care and he would like to help them by building and working in a good hospital for poor people. He is now studying grade 11 and 12 together, then plans to go on to further education.

Dawa speaks Tibetan, English, Hindi and the local language in Tawang which is Monpa. He says he wakes up at 6, and does prayers for world peace, at 7:30 he has breakfast, from 8:30 to 11:30 studies science subjects, makes lunch at 12, and studies again from 3:30 till 7. He enjoys playing soccer with friends on Sundays.





Ghaziabad Women's Vocational Training

Program - There are always classes going on at our Training Center. These pictures are from when school was out when teens come to learn skills that will serve them well in their futures. Above left a student is working on one of the hand-cranked sewing machines. Above right, students are learning hair styling and to the left, a mehndi training is taking place.

Rajni, the coordinator of this program has become a mentor for women in the community and often accompanies them to medical appointments and assists with legal challenges they may face.

Kaliyampoondi - Harini, age 6, shown to the right with her family, is new to our Home. Her family is from a gypsy community near to our Kaliyampoondi Home. Several years ago, they were sleeping on the street in a nearby city. They are generally homeless. Much to everyone's horror, when her parents woke up in the morning, they realized that Harini was missing and presumably kidnapped. Her panicked parents went to the police who took a report but were very skeptical that they would ever see their daughter again.

Harini's mother was determined to do everything she could to find her daughter. She spoke with everyone she met about her daughter and how to get her back.



Eventually she found a social worker who told her about some Indian web-sites that posted pictures of missing children. With the social worker's help she posted Harini's picture and miraculously, 7 months later, someone in Mumbai, on the opposite side of India, recognized Harini and reported her location to the police who came and found her and returned her to her overjoyed parents. Their story was big news all over India. Harini stayed with her parents for several years until she was old enough to go to school. Having heard about Child Haven from relatives, her parents decided to bring her to stay at our Kaliyampoondi Home so that she would be safe and able to receive an education. Their itinerant lifestyle makes sending her to school very difficult. They will keep her little sister with them for the time being but may bring her as well in the future. They will come visit as often as they can. Harini is continuing to blossom and grow with her new playmates.



To the left, future graphic designers Asha age 6 and Sowmiya age 5 are two of Harini's new friends. We think they are illustrating principles of mitosis and meiosis and other aspects of cell division. Luckily we have a very large playing area with lots of sand for their computations as well as plenty of room for running around.



Kathmandu - Once a week our Nepali dance instructor comes to teach a class in the courtyard. On special occasions the children get dressed up in traditional Nepali outfits to perform the new skills they have learned.

In fine form are, below left, Tika, age 10 and in Grade 4 and Ayush, age 9 and in Grade 3 and below right, Dechen, age 10 in Grade 4.





Kathmandu - New to our home is Prinsa, age 9 is from the Mohattari district of Nepal. Her father died six years ago of a sudden stroke. Her mother cared for her with difficulty for several years until she disappeared from their village. Prinsa then stayed with her aunt (shown with Prinsa to the left), who was unable to provide for her. After hearing about Child Haven, her family spoke with and received permission from the National Child Rights Council for her to come join our Home. Prinsa will join our other children in studying at our Green Tara Child Haven School in Grade 3. Her aunt will visit when she is able to.

Ramila, age 9, is also a recent new-comer to our Home. She is from the Jumla District in far-western Nepal. Her father, who was the sole family income-maker passed away several years ago, and her mother was unable to make ends meet in this very mountainous area. Relatives heard about Child Haven and helped her mother receive permission from government officials to bring her to our Home. She is in Grade 2 at our Child Haven Green Tara School.



Basanta, (left) age 8, and his sister Sangita, age 10, (not shown) came to our Home from the central Nepali District of Ramechhap. After their parents disappeared, the children were staying with a grandfather who was having great difficulty providing for them. Our good friends at the American Himalayan Foundation, and one of their sister organizations working in that district, the Rural Health and Education Service Trust, came to know about the children and recommended that they come to Child Haven where they are both adjusting very well to their new Child Haven family.



Kaliyampoondi

Our Homes have some very strong girls. Among them is Jenmaragini, to the right who is 13 years old and in Grade 7 is a take charge kind of girl who provides the muscle for pumping up the soccer and basketballs.

Child Haven Support Groups and Fundraising Dinners/Zoom 2024

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Chittagong - Lamia and Tina are holding aloft a bamboo pole that when they are several feet taller they will most probably be blithely dancing over in the Bamboo Dance that the older girls do at this Home. Until that time they will be raised in an environment where girls and boys are treated equally, without regard for caste, and where every religion is celebrated. They will be raised non-violently on a nutritious vegetarian diet. We have high hopes for them!

*Let me light my lamp, says the star,
And never debate if it will dispel the dark.*

Rabindranath Tagore



Savarsai - To celebrate Gandhi's birthday, the Home organized a march to the nearby village picking up plastic and other waste along the way and in the village. All of our Homes work to make the values and ideals of Gandhi meaningful and relevant to our children.

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