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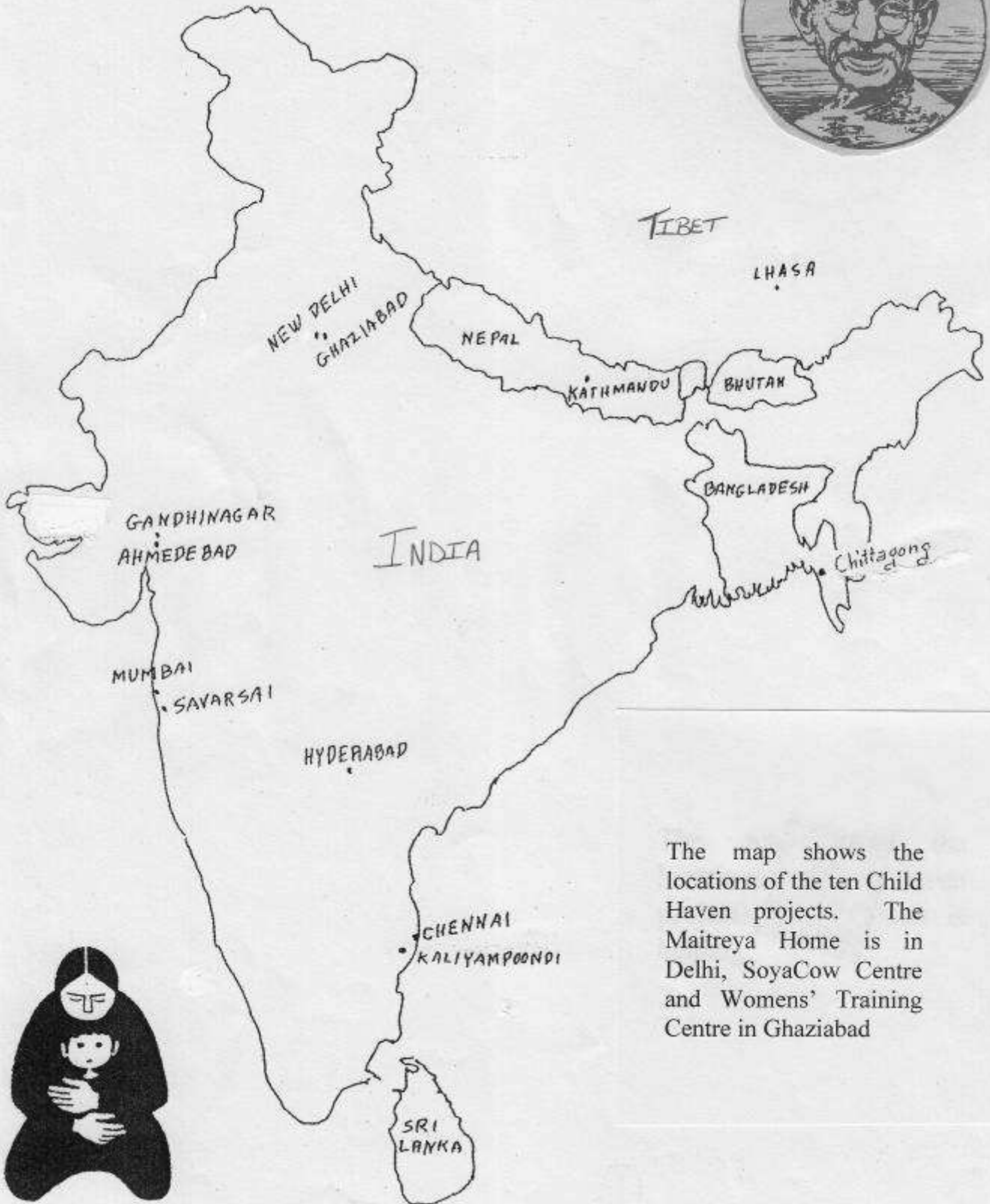
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NEPAL, Saul Huck with three fierce cats. Four Huck children and their parents, Michelle and Dave were visiting Nepal Child Haven.



The map shows the locations of the ten Child Haven projects. The Maitreya Home is in Delhi, SoyaCow Centre and Womens' Training Centre in Ghaziabad

**We have received large Memorial Donations from families who have designated Child Haven as the charity to receive donations in honour of a loved one who has died. Many thanks to the families!**

We wish to again thank Naseem Vellani and her friends for the donation of hundreds of new and used saris. These women are followers of His Holiness, the Aga Khan.

Patricia's Paul-Carson's book, **Into the Heart of India**, is now on our web site. It's the story of Trisha's experience as a volunteer Intern at a Child Haven Home in Gujarat some years ago.

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GUJARAT, Manager Kalaben with Bonnie and Asst Manager Ravi breaking a way through the cactus. We will soon be building on this two acre site, with a grant of \$200,000 from a very generous person.



**BONNIE LORE** - an occasional column by her long-suffering husband. **“Bonnie’s Auction”** Chapter 14

In early 1976 Bonnie began telling me I was a wonderful farmer. We did have a few cows, but she went on and on about what a wonderful farmer I was. Then I found out why. She said, “They need a farmer to go to Sri Lanka.” (She had heard that you could get a baby in Sri Lanka.)

I cajoled and implored and pleaded. Nothing doing. (She knows I’m totally enchanted with her - and she takes advantage.) Bonnie decided to sell all our belongings, to help pay for the trip. Our auctioneer neighbour, John Archie MacLennan, came over with pad and pen and listed everything Bonnie could see, hundreds of items including:

antique stereopticon complete with pictures, large bean pot, dining room table, very large quantity of books, sad irons, spittoon, elec. butter churn 5 gal cap., wooden Canada goose, harness, team britchens new, hay elevator, walking plow, Many articles too numerous to mention.

Also for sale: 4 yr. old cow, 3 - 2 yr. old steers, 2 yr. old open, 1 yr. old open all Holstein, 2 ganders, 6 geese, 25 hens, 1 mare pony, pair Muscovy duck and ducklings.

I was able to hide the tractor and a quarter of my books in Ron’s barn next door. Bonnie sold everything else: the washer, the dishes, the car - and every stitch - even my overcoat. She said, “You won’t need that in Sri Lanka.”

There was a carved wooden statue about a foot high. I said to the crowd: "This is something I've been trying to get rid of for years - an African fertility goddess." As the laughter died down, there was brisk bidding for it. I don't remember who got it - likely some other unsuspecting fellow. Nor do I know whether it worked for his wife as effectively as it did for Bonnie.

We sold our prize cow, Mavourneen. Bonnie had named our cows after old songs, e.g. "Come back to Erin, Mavourneen, Mavourneen..." The demure lass in the song had delicate feminine charm. Our Mavourneen was a trouble-maker. Just as I was patting her and remarking to the crowd how gentle she was, she took off right through the people, stepping on someone's toe. I pursued her down the pasture. No one wanted to bid on her. She really was a gentle cow, but the crowd had spooked her. John Archie bid and got her very cheaply for his own herd.

We made about \$4000, and Bonnie got funding from a Foundation to enable us to go to Sri Lanka with our seven youngest children, and later to India. From this 18-month trip Bonnie netted four adopted boys from India for herself, and tons of kids for other families. But thankfully she’s through with adoptions now.

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**Winnipeg MB:** Zobida Ambtman, 204-489-7630. Inaugural Dinner Sept 26, 2010

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SAVARSAI, Below, Priya, age 5, and her Dad, Prakash, with Kavita and 3-month-old Supriya, the most beautiful baby in the world. Rear photo shows the Late Mukunda Kolhatkar, the much loved Gandhian founder of the Savarsai Home. Beth photo



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*\$7795 per month comes to Child Haven by **direct bank withdrawal** from the accounts of 206 donors saving us time and paper work.*

***Post-dated cheques*** are also acceptable. A single receipt is issued at year-end.

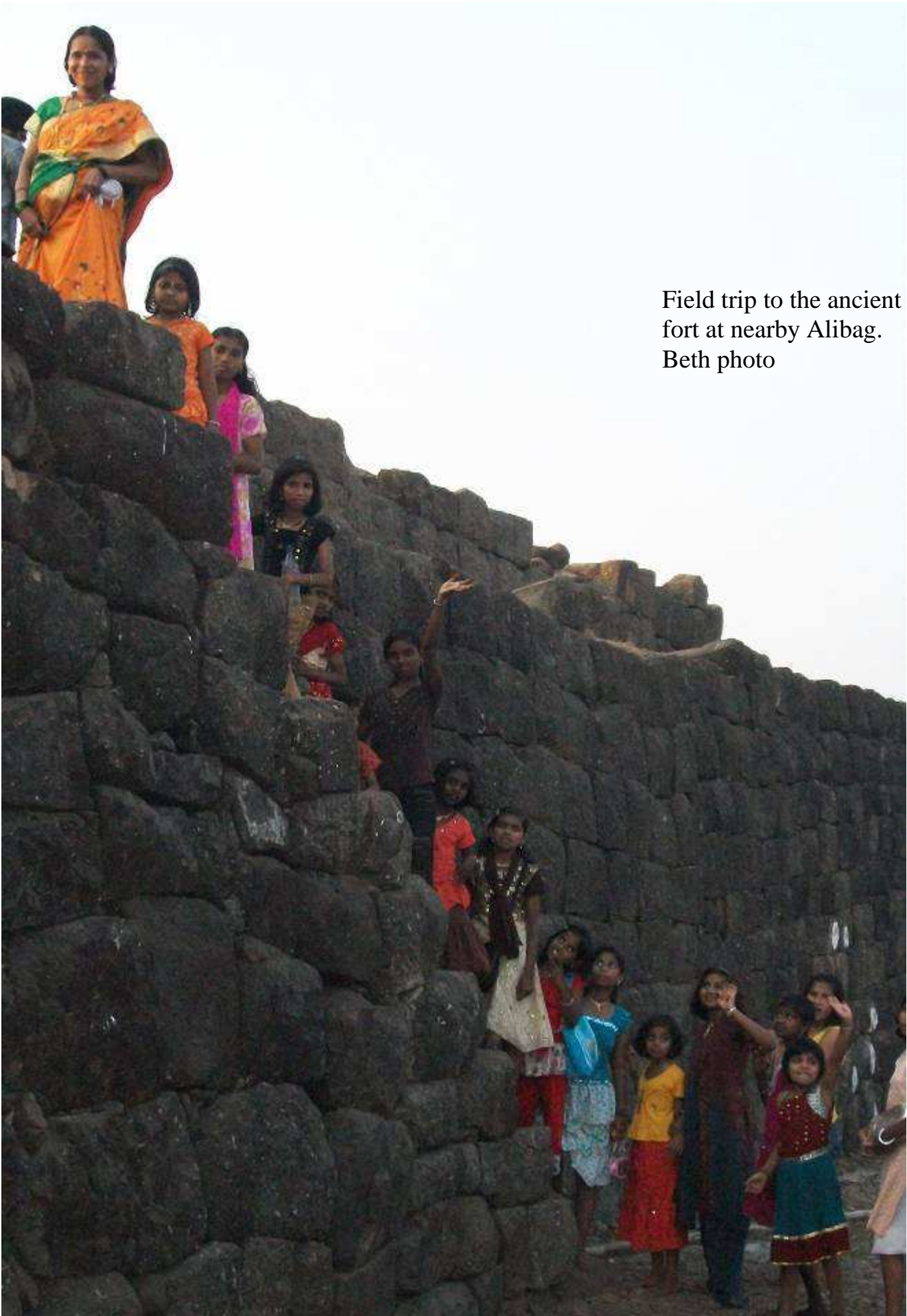
We are also set up to receive **gifts of securities**. (better tax advantages than donating cash.)



SAVARSAI,  
above, Intern  
Margaret Benson  
with 3-month old  
Supriya. Beth  
photos



Left, young Kavita  
stringing malas of fresh  
flowers to adorn hair.  
She also likes to teach  
yoga to the younger  
ones.



Field trip to the ancient fort at nearby Alibag.  
Beth photo



SAVARSAI, Above, Vaishali, Sonali, and Ambika doing a three girl dance. Below, Ashok, the gardener. Both photos





SAVARSAI, Above, Rohini, the cook, washing clothes with the pounder. She was teaching Intern Beth Keogan how to do laundry in the river.



SAVARSAI, Left, Suresh with soccer ball at the beach field trip. Beth photos.



SAVARSAI, Intern Beth Keogan as a Dhobi (washer woman) .

Below, washing a sari.



Below, on a field trip our kids utilize a soccer ball and “play parachute” made of old saris. Beth photo.



SAVARSAI, Yogita, 10<sup>th</sup> Standard graduate is putting a Tikka on newly arrived Bonniema.

Child Haven orphanages and projects (“Women” are mostly staff, but include some in women’s training programs):

**Gandhinagar**, Gujarat, India 52 children 8 women, Language: Gujarati

**Hyderabad**, Andhra Pradesh, India 147 children 15 women, Language: Telegu

**Kaliyampondi**, Tamil Nadu, India 250 children 35 women, Language: Tamil

**Maitreya Foundation**, New Delhi, India 21 children 1 woman, Language: Tibetan & Hindi

**Savarsai**, Maharashtra, India 22 children 4 women, Language: Mahrathi

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

**Tibet**, 41 children 4 women, Language: Tibetan

**Chittagong**, Bangladesh 64 children 15 women, Language: Bengali

**Ghaziabad**, India (informal education) 30 children 50 women, Language: Hindi

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NEPAL, right,  
getting painted  
for the drama  
takes a measure  
of courage.





NEPAL, Above, Intern Edith Kenny, with the most beautiful toddler in the world. Below, a Caregiver washing the hair of the most beautiful baby in the world. Liisa Rissanen photos





NEPAL, the three most beautiful toddlers in the world having a fashion show for head wear. Rissanen photo



NEPAL, left, Soleil Huck stowing away, hoping her parents will leave her at Child Haven!



NEPAL, two guys overpowering the guard lion. Rissanen photo.



NEPAL, Indira Huck playing soccer with a formidable opponent.



NEPAL, Samuel Huck, pondering.

Below, part of the now-completed system for utilizing toilet waste to make methane for the kitchen.





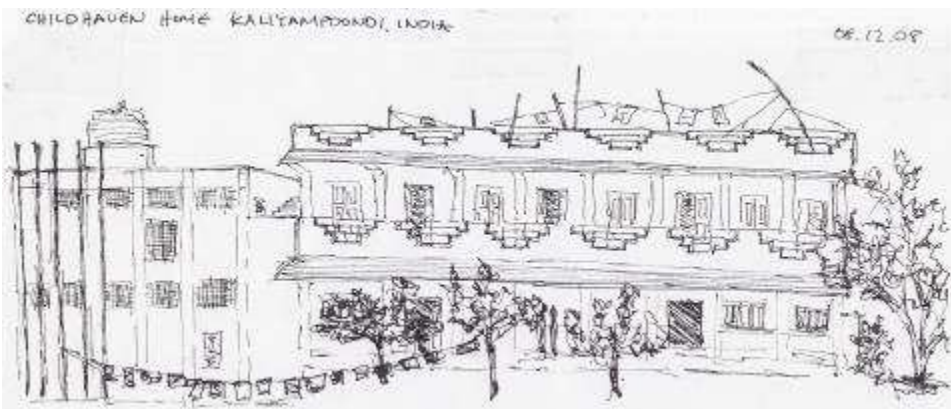
Vada Palani, a Murugan Temple in Chennai, (a suburb of our KALIYAMPOONDI Home). How many gods and goddesses are here in myriad colours? 7000 couples are married here every year, including our Bathu and Christina Mary! (see page 19) Rissanen photo

KALIYAMPOONDI, Below, Nurse Pauline with daughter Laticia, the most beautiful baby in the world.





KALIYAMPOONDI, wedding ceremony of Christina Mary and Supervisor Bathu. Rissanen photo



Left, drawing by Rene Cappuccino of the Kaliyampondi Girls Dorm, with the toilet block at left, and laundry drying everywhere.



CHITTAGONG – Iron gate that keeps virtue inside and evil outside of Child Haven.



MAITREYA, a very happy Nyima Dorjee, on the day that the expert brought his leg brace and an arm brace.

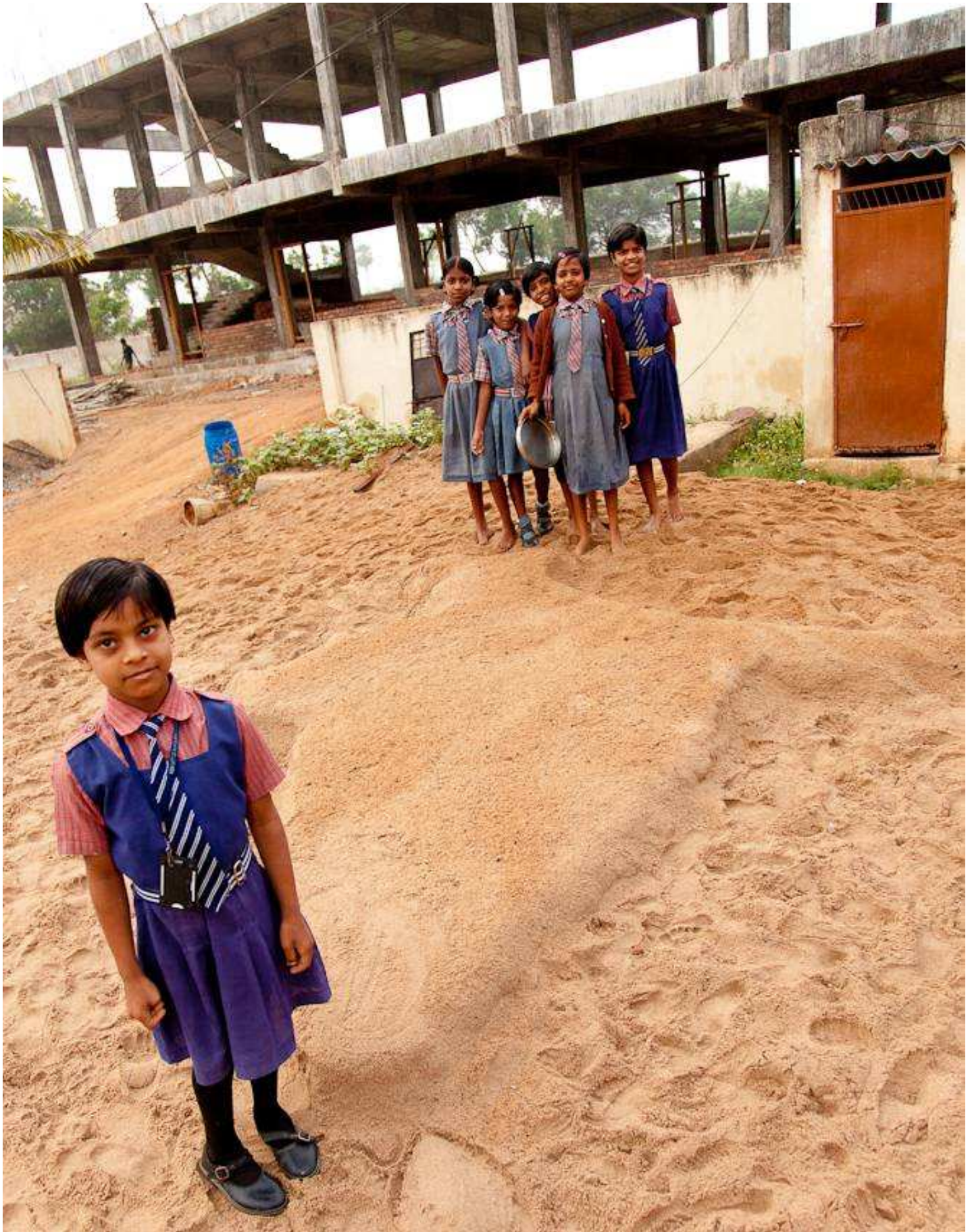


Nyima Dorjee, walking with a Maitreya staff person has new shoes to go with the braces. Whee!

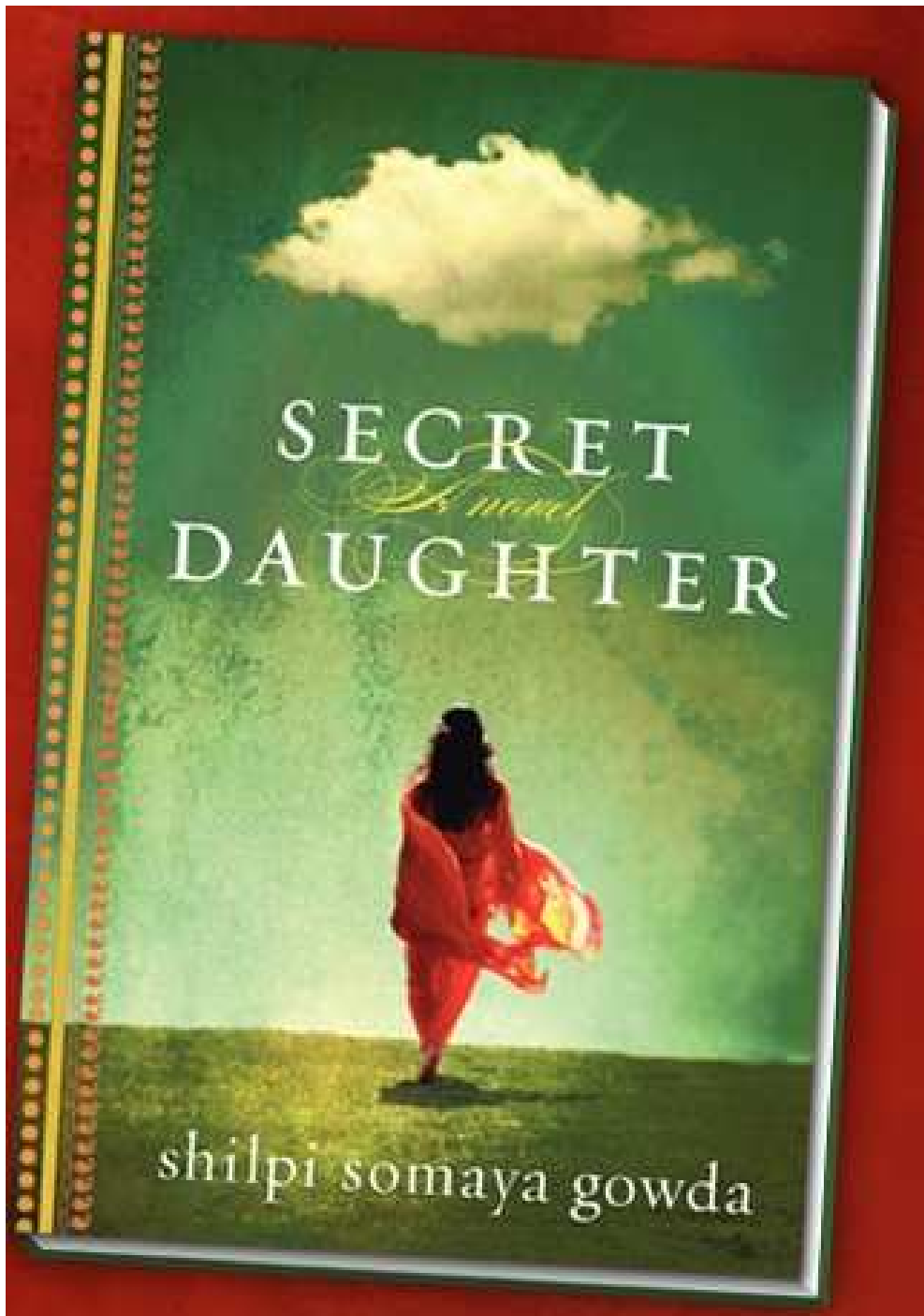


Maitreya, three guys see the world from a different perspective. Beth photo





HYDERABAD new building Inauguration will be featured in the next newsletter.



## SHILPI

In the summer of 1991, Shilpi Somaya, age 19, was an Intern at Hyderabad Child Haven. Nine years later (2010) she wrote a novel: **Secret Daughter**. At this writing it is number two on the Globe and Mail Book List. Shilpi Somaya Gowda is now married, with children. The book traces the story of a child given up for adoption, and follows the lives of the adoptive family and the birth family.

This novel rings true. Shilpi really knows India. She also understands adoption. She grew up in Toronto area with her birth parents. In its depth of cultural understanding, the book reminds me of those by Pearl S Buck, which I read a half a century ago - as many as I could lay my hands on - perhaps a dozen. I look forward to reading the next dozen books by Shilpi. FC



TIBET, translator Pema Dorji, his wife, Pasang Dolkar and Karma Kelsang, the most beautiful baby in the world.



Left, the stream of water has been slowed (falling, lower center of photo) so Child Haven Manager Norbula could take Intern Robin Cappuccino into the basement of the barley mill. Full-force water turns the paddle wheel, which turns one of two stones above.



TIBET, The little stick rubs against the turning stone, and jiggles the barley grains down into the hole. The flour comes out all around the stone onto a cement floor. There are several of these very old mills along this small river.

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LET ME LIGHT MY LAMP, SAYS THE STAR, AND NEVER  
DEBATE IF IT WILL DISPEL THE DARK

Tagore



TIBET, Interns Edith Kenny, left, and Maureen Hanright with Bonnie at the Tibet Home. Behind Manager Norbula is Pema Dorji, the faithful translator.

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