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World Family Foundation Staying In Touch - Winter 2014



Dear WFF Sponsors and Friends,

As we celebrate the close of another successful, love-filled year, we want to thank all of you who have given your love and financial support to help the children of World Family Foundation. Your generosity is what makes so many great things possible for these destitute children. In this season of giving, we hope you will consider a special year-end tax deductible gift to launch us into 2015. [GIVE NOW](#)

PRASHANTI SCHOOL - Puri, India

High School Teens Bring HOPE to the Children in India

HOPE is a club begun by student Aman Mohapatra at two high schools in the Sacramento, CA area to provide tutoring for the Prashanti School children and raise funds to help support them. The students are tutoring the children via email in Math and English. They have also begun an ambitious fundraising project to raise \$500 for the Prashanti kids by the end of this year. As you can imagine, the kids in Puri are absolutely thrilled to have the loving attention and encouragement from these remarkable American teens. The officers of the club are Aman Mohapatra, President, Div Shivesh, Vice President, Akshay Rathish, Treasurer, Lauren Mentzer, Historian, Priyank Varshney, Secretary, and Julia Roccanova, Fundraising Director.



Aman and his sister, college student Diksha, had the opportunity to visit Prashanti School with their parents who are WFF sponsors. The Prashanti kids call Aman "Coach"! Coach Aman shares his visit with us:

Dear WFF,

My experience with the kids was wonderful. To be able to tutor and immerse myself in the environment allowed me to encompass the life of the children and interact with them individually. I really felt that I was making an impact when the kids I was tutoring were looking at me so passionately as I was teaching. They truly wanted to learn. I wish I could give these kids the same opportunities I had because all of them have so much potential. When I requested my uncle to come and run a medical clinic for the kids and donate medical supplies, I was mesmerized. I'm so thankful my uncle donated the medicines to these children and provided check-ups. I really wish that I could have spent more time with the children, but the one week I spent was amazing and spectacular. These children inspire me everyday to take advantage of the opportunities I have and to give back to them. I really hope that one day when I become a doctor I'll take care of these children with all my power and strength. I do not have the words to describe how much respect I have for WFF and Elizabeth. ...and I wish that one day I'll be able to be like you guys. Thank you so much for all your help and kindness. _

Sincerely,

Aman Mohapatra



Coach Aman playing basketball with some of the boys.



Diksha and the girls take a "selfie"!



A joyous reunion between Tikili and her sponsor.

A Visit By Sponsor Jayshree and Friends

On December 5th the children of Prashanti School had a special visit by WFF sponsor Jayshree Dutta and eleven of her lifelong friends. All are alumni of the same high school, and although they live all over the world now, they come together each year. Jayshree spent time with her sponsored child Sonu, and had a special visit by her former sponsored child Tikili Baliarsingh who, through the loving, committed support of her sponsors, graduated college and has become a trained tailor. Tikili was just married on December 3, and her new husband and sister-in-law accompanied her for this joyous

visit. Both of Tikili's brothers, Tapan and Pratap have also gone through Prashanti School. Tapan is a college graduate, and Pratap is now in his first year of college. Sonu was left with her elderly, sick grandparents as both of her parents ran off several years ago, so Prashanti School is really her family now. Sonu is in standard 2 at our day school, Prashanti International School.



Jayshree and friends with Sonu.

The group wrote in the Prashanti School visitor's book:

"We're blessed and honored to have had the opportunity to visit this gem of an institution. It's inspiring and truly humbling for all of us who come from fairly privileged backgrounds to see the wonderful work this dedicated team is doing for Prashanti School children! It is hard work but their passion for it is evident! Thank all of you for dedicating your lives to the upliftment of these children. We wish you all the best in your noble endeavor. With all of our best wishes, The Ashok Hall group of students, Class of 1980 (Mamta, Mita, Indrani, Chitrani, Sangita, Rajshree, Sangeeta, Ananya, Vineeta, Anukampa, Saroj, and Jayshree)

PRASHANTI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, Puri, India

AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM ELIZABETH BURNETT - FOUNDER OF WFF AND PRASHANTI SCHOOL

URGENTLY NEEDED – FIRST PHASE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SCHOOL COMPLEX

Dear Friends and Supporters of Prashanti School, Puri,

On behalf of the fatherless, destitute and rural village children whom we are providing with a high quality, English-medium education at low cost, we wish to inform you of our urgent need. Most urgently needed is the foundation and ground floor classrooms for the new school complex. This needs to be completed during the present dry season, by God's grace and your loving help.

Beyond class 5 there will be absolutely no classroom space left. If the ground floor is finished, we will be able to offer all the higher school classes 6 through 10.

FOUNDATION – approx. cost 23 lakh rupees = approx. \$38,333

8 GROUND FLOOR CLASSROOMS – approx. cost 20 lakh rupees per
classroom = approx. \$33,333 per classroom

Please open your hearts to these children and ones who will come in the future and give them a school in which they can grow into dedicated responsible citizens of mother India and the world.

Sincerely,

Ms. Beth A. Burnett - Founder President

Sri Somanath Khuntia - Founder General Secretary



Existing PIS classrooms.



Planned PIS Primary/Secondary School.

SINGITHI SEVANA - Kandy, Sri Lanka

The WFF sponsored girls at the Singithi Sevana children's home participated in the home's Annual Ceremony by singing and dancing both traditional Kandyan and contemporary pieces. Asanthi emceed the event, and there were many guests and local dignitaries in attendance.

In addition to their studies, the girls help out in the office and the kitchen.



Udayangani - Kandyan dance.



Asanthi and Dinesha singing.



Sulochana - Calypso dance.



Udayangani in the office.



Asanthi helping in the kitchen.



Dilrukshika in her dorm room.

OASIS OF PEACE - NSWAS - Israel

Oasis of Peace multi-cultural primary school in Israel is a powerful force for peace in an area of the world fraught with strife. Each classroom has both a Jewish and a Palestinian teacher, and the children study both Hebrew and Arabic. The children grow and learn together, and forge deep friendships and a shared understanding of both cultures. NSWAS has asked if we can find sponsors to help with the tuition for 2 little boys from poor families who need our help. Please see their bio's below. If you would like to SPONSOR one of these boys, contact Bruce at 805-807-3309 or bruce@worldfamilyfnd.org.



Omri is 6 years old. His favourite activity at kindergarten is playing outside. He often plays with his two best friends Mustafa and Momen, but he enjoys playing with all his classmates. All of Omri's siblings attend NSWAS primary too. Next year Omri will start first grade and he looks forward to learning new things, and hopes to excel in his new subjects, particularly in Hebrew.

Omri comes from a large family as he is one of 8 children, he has 5 sisters and 2 brothers. Omri's mother stays at home to look after the children and his father works in construction when there is work available. Any help with

funding his tuition fees would greatly help his family.

Yosef is 6 years old. His favorite subject is Mathematics. When asked what he wishes for the year ahead he said that he knew he was average in his subjects and he wants to excel in them (especially in Mathematics, Arabic, and Hebrew) in order to make his parents proud. His teacher says he was being too hard on himself and that he had improved in leaps and bounds since starting first grade. Yosef has many friends in his class.



Yosef is one of 7; he has 4 sisters and 2 brothers. His father works in construction but does not always have work and his mother works part time at the NSWAS kindergarten and cleaning at the NSWAS hotel while also studying for her degree in education. Any help with funding his tuition fees would greatly help his parents, who have a large family to support.



You are changing the world, one child at a time!

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