

# WORLD FAMILY FOUNDATION

*Providing a safe place where needy children of the world can learn and grow in a loving environment.*



## World Family Foundation Staying in Touch - Spring 2016



### Dear WFF Sponsors and Friends,

We have so many stories to share with you about the WFF children, projects and events - sponsor visits, kids activities, participating groups, etc.

You, dear sponsors and donors, are changing the world one child at a time... it's about love and learning, sharing and growing.

### HELP US BUILD MORE CLASSROOMS for the children of Prashanti International School, India...

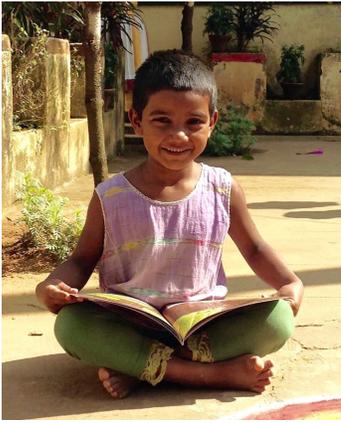
Bright faces... children so eager to learn!

More classrooms are needed to give children from the poor villages around Puri, India, a good education. This is the

key to breaking the cycle of poverty these children are born into!

In the Puri area, nearly 40% of the population remains illiterate, with rates for females even worse. School dropout rates for girls is very high, especially among the "Scheduled Castes" (formerly the Dalits, or untouchables). These are the families many of our students come from... and PIS offers them a chance for a brighter future.





**Join with us**, and help build a fine school that will continue to improve the lives of so many for years to come... a legacy that will last for generations! We have raised \$40k so far, and as a result, the foundation for the classrooms is being dug and poured right now! Our goal is to raise an additional \$95k this year to complete the construction of the classrooms.

PLEASE SEE THE [PIS NEW BUILDING INFORMATION DOCUMENT](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION, or call Bruce at (805) 807-3309.

Every contribution helps!

**Please donate - earmark your donation "Building Fund".**

[DONATE HERE - BUILDING FUND](#)

### **HOST A FUNDRAISER!**

If you would like to host a fundraiser or a get-together at your home to help raise money for PIS, let us know! We will provide you with a photo presentation and any other assistance you may need.

### **HELP US WITH CROWD FUNDING!**

Do you have experience with crowd funding and social media outreach? We need your help! Contact Bruce at (805) 807-3309 or [bruce@worldfamilyfnd.org](mailto:bruce@worldfamilyfnd.org).

## **Prashanti School (Residential Children's Home) Puri, India**

## SPONSOR VISITS

### Sri Deba Mahapatra

It's a family affair! The children received a wonderful visit from Sri Deba Mohapatra in November. He and his wife Kasturee and daughter Mukta are some of our oldest sponsors, from the very beginning in 2000! Two of their nieces and a nephew also sponsor children at Prashanti School! It is always a delight for the children to visit with such a lovely man who truly embodies the spirit of service and love.



*Martha and children*

### Bruce and Leslie Bouché, Martha Lira, Evan Sharp, and Janelle Burns

WFF board members Bruce, Leslie and Martha plus Leslie's son Evan and friend Janelle had a marvelous visit with the children of PS in January. Spending several weeks there, they had a chance to take the kids to the beach, play in the surf and ride the camels; visit classes at PIS and sit in on the evening tutoring; eat meals with the kids and help them practice their English. The WFF board members brought clothes, books and toys for the children to share.

It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know the children individually, and to better understand both their challenges and their dreams. So much love was shared and great fun was had by all!



Bruce with Subhashree and Sanathan



Evan and Biki



Janelle and Martha with Dipa, Itishree and Subhashree



The science books were a big hit!



Leslie uses finger puppets to help the kids practice English.

## Tom Parker and Karina Knight

Tom and his daughter Karina, both longtime WFF sponsors came along with a friend Danielle to visit the children of Prashanti School. Tom and his late wife Victoria were some off the original WFF sponsors, and have continued to sponsor children at PS since 2000. The group brought wonderful educational toys, puzzles and books for all the children to share!

About the visit, Karina says *"Oh what a delight! Our visit to Prashanti School was wonderful! Seeing the children we sponsor - when we arrived, they were all studying for finals the next day. We visited with all the children. We learned about the new school that will be built very soon. We learned about the background and dreams for the future of each child! What they want to be after college and what they like! Such a wonderful school! Elizabeth and Munu were so gracious and welcoming... Karina Knight and Tom Parker"*



*Karina and Tom visiting with Geeta, Ooni, Jiban and Mantu*



*Danielle meets Niku and other kids*

## CELEBRATIONS

### Christmas

Christmas is celebrated at PS with love and joy. This year, all the girls received presents of either new bangles or earrings, and the boys got new tee shirts. Shared gifts of toys, games, dolls and art materials were enjoyed by all. The little train set was a big hit!



### Mahashivaratri

Mahashivaratri is a celebration dedicated to Lord Shiva, and is observed by devotional singing, meditation and puja (offering of flowers, fruit and prayer). All the images of the Divine in all forms are garlanded with flower malas. Here are Bhabani with her brother Lokanath and sister Ooni. Bhabani is the best mala maker in the school, and she loves making them!



# Prashanti International School (PIS)

## ACTIVITIES

### First Prize in Singing Contest!

Soumya Priyadarshini Mohapatra, now in 3rd grade at PIS, is the daughter of our wonderful singing teacher Sakti Pr. Nayak. In January, She won first prize in her age group among all the schools in Odisha at a local function at the Town Hall in Puri. She competed against kids from very large schools in Odisha! Soumya is an exceptional singer, and it was a great honor both for her, and for PIS.



### Sports Day

Always a favorite with the children, Sports Day is held every January 5th at PIS. The children compete both individually and by Houses, named after the 5 human values of Sathya (Truth), Dharma (Right Action), Shanthi (Peace), Prema (Love), and Ahimsa (non-Violence). The kids learn good sportsmanship and how to work together and encourage each other.





## Field Trip to the Zoo

At the invitation of the Namdakanan Zoo and Conservation Center deputy director Kamal Purohit, class 4 and 5 PIS students were given a special tour of the zoo and a presentation on protecting the wildlife of India. They learned how important it is to preserve the habitat for wildlife and were very impressed by this quote at the end

of the presentation, *"Wildlife are like an unknown book. Destroying their habitat is like burning a library without reading any book in it!"*

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## Partnerships of Love

### Safe, Clean Drinking Water

The Rotary Club of Shri Jagannath Dham, Puri, and the Rotary Club of Ojai California have partnered with WFF to bring clean drinking water to PS and PIS! Puri has very poor quality, dirty water for drinking.



Besides bacteria and other contaminants, the level of iron in the water is 4 times what is allowed for healthy drinking water. This has resulted in high rates of kidney failure in the area. Loving support from both Rotary Clubs has made possible the installation of 2 commercial grade water purification systems, one at the PS children's home and one at PIS. The timing could not have been more perfect - the day after the units were installed, Puri was hit with a record-breaking heat wave! The children of Prashanti School now have much needed safe, clean drinking water to survive the triple-digit temperatures and to help them grow, learn and be healthy in the months and years to come! Thank you Rotary!



## Bedsheets, Blankets and Love

Members of the Rotary Club of Shrikshetra, Puri, arrived at Prashanti School bearing gifts of bedsheets and blankets for all the children!

Present were Rotary Club officers and

members Ranjan Kumar Mishra, Debendra Kusamal, Biraja Keshari Dhal and Natabana Sahoo. What a gift of love!



## Kapadia Education Foundation Scholarships (KEF)

KEF, Ojai California, has formed a loving partnership with WFF to help graduates of Prashanti School with tuition support for college and vocational training post high school. We greatly appreciate the offer of help for our graduates in India. KEF shares WFF's belief that "By allowing students to reach their potential through education, they not only lift themselves up, but they lift up their entire communities as well."

For more information about KEF go to [kapadiaef.org](http://kapadiaef.org).



Founder Pradeep Kapadia

## A Gift for Learning

WFF sponsor David Covarrubias lovingly donated a laptop computer and digital projector to PIS and sent it to India with WFF board member Martha Lira in January. It was an instant hit with the students and teachers! The laptop is being used in computer theory class, and the projector is used to show educational and nature videos to the kids. Here are computer teacher Rosalyn Miss and standard 5 students exploring the new laptop. Thank you Uncle David!



## STEP UP TO AMAZON SMILE!

Do you order items through Amazon? If so, when you place your orders through AmazonSmile and choose World Family Foundation as your charity of choice, *at no cost to you*, Amazon will donate .5% of every order to WFF!



It's very easy to sign up - just go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://Smile.Amazon.com) and choose World Family Foundation, Ojai, CA as your favorite charity.

From then on, just go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://Smile.Amazon.com) to order instead of the regular Amazon.com.

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