



World Family Foundation Staying In Touch - Autumn 2017

Dear WFF Sponsors and Friends,

In this season of caring and giving, we have so much to be thankful for - especially, your love and support! Working together, we are making a real, lasting impact on the lives of impoverished children and their families, now and on into the future. Your love and caring is changing the world, one child at a time.

We wish you a happy, love-filled holiday season!



OUR MISSION

World Family Foundation & Prashanti School, Puri, India are committed to providing a quality, values-based education for children from the poorest and most marginalized families. Education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty, illiteracy, and the devastating trap of low expectations. Education is a basic human right, yet it is the children who live in poverty, especially those from the formerly "untouchable" classes, that are the least likely to attend school or complete their education.

Coming from abject poverty, many of these children would have ended up begging on the streets, working in the rice paddies, selling tea on the roadside, or even being forced into prostitution by the time they were 12 years old. Instead, they are making great strides towards real literacy, fluency in written and spoken English, competency in math and science, and much more. They are going on to college and vocational training, becoming teachers and learning

other professions.

Because of YOUR SUPPORT they can lift their families and communities out of the terrible grip of extreme poverty.

WFF is an all-volunteer organization. Greater than 90% of all funds contributed go to programs that directly benefit the children!

Learn more about World Family Foundation and Prashanti School, Puri, India! Go to www.worldfamilyfnd.org!

Prashanti International School Construction Update

The first phase of the new school building for Prashanti International School (PIS), Puri, India, is now complete! The loving contributions of so many have made this project possible. Private donors, WFF sponsors, the Rotary Club of Ojai, California, the Rotary Club of Srikshetra, Puri, and the Rotary Club of Sri Jagannath Dham, Puri, have worked together to make this project possible.

The new building is 5750 square feet and will house grades 6 through 8, a computer lab, a science lab, a lecture hall and a large assembly hall for all PIS grades to use.

The next work at hand is to build an access road and a boundary wall around the school. As soon as the ground dries after the monsoon rains, the work will begin!



Now we are ready to furnish the building with all the necessary items to make a truly wonderful school for the children. We need 5



large white boards, several long student tables + benches, teacher tables and chairs, computer desks + chairs, tables for the science lab, steel office closets, 3 desktop computers + printer, electrical outlets for the computer room, and ceiling fans.

**Please remember us on #Giving Tuesday, Nov. 28!
Help us furnish the new classrooms and support the
ongoing care of these children.**

Here's how your donation will help:

- \$ 20 = 1 month of tutoring for a child**
- \$ 30 = 1 month of healthy meals for a child**
- \$ 50 = 1 table for computer room or science lab**
- \$ 50 = 1 ceiling fan**
- \$ 80 = 1 large white board for a classroom**
- \$ 150 = 1 classroom desk + bench to seat 5 students**
- \$ 200 = 1 year school tuition, books, uniform + supplies for a child**
- \$ 200 = 1 laser printer for computer lab**
- \$ 450 = 1 desktop computer for computer lab**

Please Donate to Help



Events, Activities & Holidays

Ma Mangala Puja

On September 4th the girls of the Prashanti School residential program performed a special traditional puja (worship) to the Divine Mother asking for her blessings for their future and the future of their families. They love to take part in this ceremony, as they feel very "grown up" knowing that they may choose to perform this very same puja for their own families in the future.



Teachers Day

The children of PIS celebrated Teachers Day by presenting their teachers with gifts of pens and a special chocolate cake! Many thanks to these wonderful, dedicated teachers who encourage the children, treat them with love and kindness, and teach them self-discipline and values along with their academic subjects!



The teachers of Prashanti School being honored by the students.

Special Visit by Smt Latika Pradhan Chairperson, State Social Welfare Board, Government of Odisha, India

Prashanti School was honored to receive a visit by Smt. Latika Pradhan, Chairperson, State Social Welfare Board, Gov't of Odisha. Ms. Pradhan came with Sri Sambhunath Khuntia, worshipper of Jagannath Temple and a longtime supporter of Prashanti School. They arrived just days after very heavy rains had drenched Puri. Local supporters of the school from the Temple were trying to make a festival feast for the PS kids, and the school's traditional outdoor kitchen wood-burning stove kept filling from underneath with sea water!

Smt. Pradhan immediately promised to donate two smokeless chulhas (wood-burning stoves)! Smokeless chulhas burn less wood, reduce particulate matter and both indoor and outdoor pollution, and are even designed to be portable! This donation was desperately needed, and we are enormously grateful the need was so quickly answered! Ms. Pradhan had a wonderful visit with the children, and is now a heartfelt supporter of our school and residential program. We are enormously grateful for her loving support. Here is one of our new stoves in action!



Sponsor Visit - Joan and Mike Sarin & Thelma Ventura

Joanie and Mike Sarin from Arizona have been long-time sponsors of children in Prashanti School. This year to our great delight, they made their first visit to India and also Prashanti School! Thelma Ventura from New York also came to the school and she became a new sponsor, too. Here are their comments:

"We are pleased to meet the children here and see their bright eyes and smiles. It has been our special blessing to have sponsored many children here over the past twenty years and see them graduate and find good jobs and better lives. This school provides an unique opportunity for the underprivileged to achieve success that they would not otherwise be able to do. Congratulations on the success of your school and congratulations to all these special children.

With kind regards, Michael Sarin "

"Such a delight to finally come to Prashanti and meet these beautiful children. We appreciate the wonderful hospitality and attention and the opportunity to meet them and speak with them. The school is beautiful.

Thank you so much!

- Joan Sarin"

"Blessed are we that can serve your mission in this part of Puri, Odisha, India. Jay Guru, Jay Ma, Jay Vishnu!

-Thelma Ventura"



Sponsor Visit - The Choudhury Family

The children had a wonderful visit with WFF sponsor Umakanta Choudhury, his father and mother, and his brother-in-law Gouri Shankar Rath. Mr. Rath is a Retired District General of Police, the highest grade of officer for the state of Odisha. Like little boys everywhere, so many of the boys at Prashanti want to be policemen when they grow up. When they found out about Mr. Rath, they all rushed up with great excitement, saluting and touching his feet (a sign of respect for an valued elder)!

"We are very happy to visit Prashanti School. We were warmly welcomed by Elizabeth, Mr. Khuntia and the children. We are touched by the great work Prashanti School is doing to support and educate children."

-Sri Umakanta Choudhury, Portland, Oregon



"Extremelly happy to be in this scenic and pleasant atmosphere of Prashanti School. Got a first-hand briefing and feeling of great service to humanity exhibited by all who are involved in this noble project. My best wishes for the success of

the institution and especially for the development of children.”

-Sri Gouri Shankar Rath, Retired Dist. General of Police, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India



Special Visit by Ms. Hitomee - Yoga Teacher

On September 13, Ms. Hitomee, a yoga teacher from Japan, came to visit the children of Prashanti School. She is a friend and student of Yoga Sir Alok, who is the yoga instructor for the school. Ms. Hitomee led the children through their asanas (yoga positions). They were very excited by her visit, and they loved the international connection.



Sponsors Needed for Trisul, Age 7

Trisul, age 7, shown here with his mother, has just been accepted as a new student in the Prashanti School residential program.

He needs sponsors for living expenses and school fees.

Trisul's father abandoned the family 4 years ago and his mother now works for minimal wages as a cook. Trisul's mother struggles to



support both him and his grandmother, and they all live together in one rented room. Trisul has great potential, as he was an A student in the government school and ranked first in his class. Trisul is bright, sweet and will do well at Prashanti. With your help, he has a chance for a truly bright future!

Would you like to sponsor Trisul?

Please contact Bruce

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Your love and support make a world of difference for these needy children, giving them a happier childhood and a chance for a brighter future. You are truly changing the world, one child at a time!

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