

MAY 25, 2010

Francis and Alison News Letter



Thank you

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1

Dear Praying Friends and Supporters,

We want to sincerely thank you for supporting this ministry even through these difficult times. We want you to know that we take your commitment to us very seriously. We are determined to make the most of every opportunity given to us to share the beauty of the gospel. God is doing exciting things through our ministry. Below you can read the reports of what we have been doing throughout April and May.

Vocational Bible School:

Every year during the school holidays in India we organise three days of Vocational Bible School for the Dalit children and the local church children. In the last two and a half years we have been able to conduct 8 programmes.

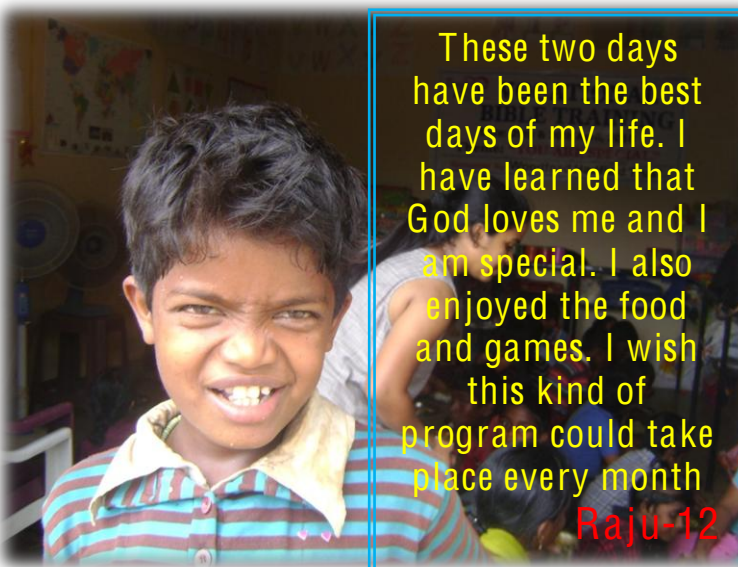
On the 29th and 30th of April we were able to conduct a Vocational Bible School for children from the various slums and the street children, about 60 attended. During the mornings we taught them songs and told stories from the Bible using a flannel graph (cloth story pictures) and drama. We played games with them and then gave them lunch. At the end of the two days we asked the children and teens to tell us what they had learnt and had a great response.



This VBS was sponsored by our friends from Woodford Hadfield



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These two days have been the best days of my life. I have learned that God loves me and I am special. I also enjoyed the food and games. I wish this kind of program could take place every month

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Computer Skills: *Equipping For A Better Future*



On the 3rd of April 9 young people graduated (one is not in Picture)

The Computer Training Centre is for young Dalit boys and girls. In the slums where we work, we come across so many young people who have completed their education but are without work due to a lack of computer skills (most work places and companies demand some kind of computer knowledge). The young people in the slum asked us to help them and so began the Computer Training Centre.

So far we have trained 24 young boys and girls and there are currently 8 on the course. It is a three months course where they learn how to use Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint and the Internet/e-mail.

Three of the girls who have completed the course have now joined a local computer centre for further training in DTP/Design and Corel Draw, and two of the boys now have jobs, one in a mobile shop and the other in a charity office.

Day Care Centre: *Empowering the Dalit Children through education*



The Day Care Centre provides:

- Nutritional food for the under nourished each day
- An educational programme
- Spiritual development
- Future school attendance
- Programmes to identify the skills and talents of the children

We are planning to introduce a regular health check-up for all the children.

At present we have 30 children attending each day. The parents are happy with the growth of their children. Just 1 year ago these children were begging for food yet now they are in a regular routine of learning. ***Our goal is to direct them into mainstream school once they have completed two years with us, this will help them to make a better living in the future.***

TRANSFORMING LIVES

Sangaitha: Rejected by family but accepted by Christ

Sangaitha aged 10, who attends our Day Care Centre, has had a skin disease since she was six months old. In the past her parents have tried to get help through the government hospitals but there was no improvement. Her parents gave up on her and began cursing her every day; they even tried to put her in a well to kill her as she was just a burden to them. But since she started coming to our Day Care Centre we have been helping her with treatment daily.

A few months ago God provided the finance to take Sangaitha to a private hospital to receive better treatment. When we reached the hospital they did various tests and informed us that if we had arrived six months later she may have died.

The results of the tests showed us that she had a liver and kidney problem and was losing her eye sight. We went with the intention of treating her skin but finally ended up treating other more serious problems. After being in hospital for three weeks she is now doing well but will need to return monthly for treatment over the next six months. She will have to apply creams and take medicine for the rest of her life. *We are looking for a sponsor who can sponsor £20 per month for her ongoing treatment and we are soon planning to put her into mainstream school so that she will have a proper education. If you are interested please do contact us.*



Step into Sangaitha's life by sponsoring

Please pray for us. Our prayer is that the Lord will guide this ministry for His glory as lives are changed by the power of the gospel. Praise God!

On behalf of the trustees and staff of 'Tender Heart Foundations' we want to thank you for your financial support of this ministry. Every seed that you sow is used to fulfill our mission of "transforming lives" through Jesus Christ.

In His service
Francis, Alison and Abigail

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Family News



Abigail celebrated her 1st birthday on the 13th of May.

Thank you for sending cards and gifts for Abigail, they are very precious to her.