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Rebecca, aged 11 yrs.
in school uniform,
thrown out and abandoned by her parents due to white eye, this was soon diagnosed as cancer. After arrival her diseased eye was removed.



Home of Hope



Ramya, Vicky and New Baby

Ramya aged 24 was brought to Home of Hope by the police. She was destitute, confused heavily pregnant, bedraggled and in a filthy state roaming the city streets begging. Both right arm and leg were paralysed she had suffered a stroke.

*From the heart of Carole.....*Another year has flown by, with so much to tell its hard to know where to begin. Lets start at the beginning of January . This year after much consideration and the memory of last years increasing traffic, deeper pot holes and running over a dog I decided to hang up the steering wheel and scooter.....but how to get around was in the hands of God? The second day after fighting with the Autorickshaw drivers, (white face ‘high fare’!) a lovely Auto man stopped, unprompted he turned on his meter and agreed to take me to my destination. En route I found out he lived in the next street to the Girls Orphanage, could speak good English, was married with two children, both he and his wife were illiterate. Daily he rented this Auto for 200 rupees and was determined to have his two children educated. Theirs is a love marriage and not arranged, he being a Christian and his wife a Hindu are now abandoned by both families due to this ‘love’ marriage’. I asked him if he was available with his auto especially returning home from the girls hostel in the dark and he willingly agreed. The next night he was there ‘early’ not Indian time to take me home. From then on whenever necessary we phoned Dennis, visited his family and made sure he was well paid to cover his children’s education. He even came with us on occasions to Home of Hope and enjoyed working with the children and helping with the dressings.
MY Itinerary: Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, 8 hrs working at Home of Hope. Tuesday & Thursday was Community College, Friday, Sunday + evenings boys and girls orphanages. Vicky and Marion fully helped, the lady living below gave us a ‘packed lunch’ and Auto Raja sent Saravana his brother with one of their vehicles . One day he sent the ‘body’ van with a few resident maggots in the foot well ! Between Dennis and Auto Raja we had a wonderful transport system. ‘Oh’ and another chap for the airport run!

This was her first baby but due to lack of education and absence of antenatal care she suffered pre-eclampsia resulting in paralysis. Her husband of one year and mother in law had tortured her then abandoned her. Only fit ‘perfect’ working wives are accepted, now Ramya would be a burden on the household. Shortly after she arrived at Home of Hope her labour started and before Raja and his wife Devi could take her to hospital she delivered a perfect full term

baby girl.

All 300 residents and staff were delighted to have a new baby girl born into their family. The little baby was thriving and feeding well, all the other 35 children were running home from school to see their baby ‘sister’. One morning Vicky and I were ready for our lift to Home of Hope when Saravana our driver arrived , he was upset and crying. Joy had turned to sorrow. After

feeding the baby her paralysed arm had fallen on the baby's face, unable to move or attract attention the baby was smothered. She was only 20 days old! With great sorrow and heartbreak the little ‘unnamed’ baby was buried with dignity and prayer in a leaf lined grave in the garden behind the children's house.



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AGAPE CHILDRENS ORPHANAGE AND REHABILITATION CENTRES



Carole Ruby & Sneha, best friends and top girls at pre-nursery school.

Agape Children's Orphanages continue to flourish as a large extended family with all the usual ups and downs of normal family life. Prema and Sweata have finished their tailoring course and are learning basic life and family skills by helping in the orphanage. All the children did well at school apart from a couple of slow learners who will need to repeat the year. At the moment they are on their summer holidays and enjoying some outings and different activities. The boys have a garden at the back of their orphanage and are learning to grow vegetables. Boys being boys spend a lot of their spare time playing cricket, volley ball and other sports. The girls love to perfect their Hindi dance routines learned from the latest movies. The youngest are Carole Ruby and Sneha, 'very' best friends proudly wearing their new uniforms and huge satchels, holding hands, as they attend nursery school..... This year they were top of the class in all subjects!! Pastor Reuben, Flora and all the dedicated staff continue to take care of all the children as if they were their own. Pastor Reuben's children Jim and Sabina are like big brother and sister to them all. Jim has excelled in his MA in Business Administration coming top in all subjects and is now working. Sabina is completing her 2nd year of a degree course in Psychology and social studies, really enjoying it and doing very well.

Suryaprakash new boy aged 5yrs abandoned because of his deformed hand.

Sonu and Samuel. This poor Mother aged 24yrs recently widowed, husband died from alcohol abuse.



Mum was working as house maid but children not allowed so they were living in doorways.

Both Sonu & Samuel are settled in the orphanage and Mum has peace.



'Dennis's Auto - and here he is with some of our children at Home of Hope'.



Smiles From tears.

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Many residents at Home of Hope are mentally challenged and need constant supervision, however many are able to do jobs suitable to their disability. Not everyone dies but many recover and help with the work and looking after others.

Dressings in the open

This Old lady was found in the street the cord from her Sari skirt became imbedded in her waist. The wound was deep & horrible, full of maggots and dripping pus. After removing the cord, thorough cleaning and treatment with Inadine and Vaseline the wound was completely healed within 2.1/2 weeks.



Fun time, tea and biscuits





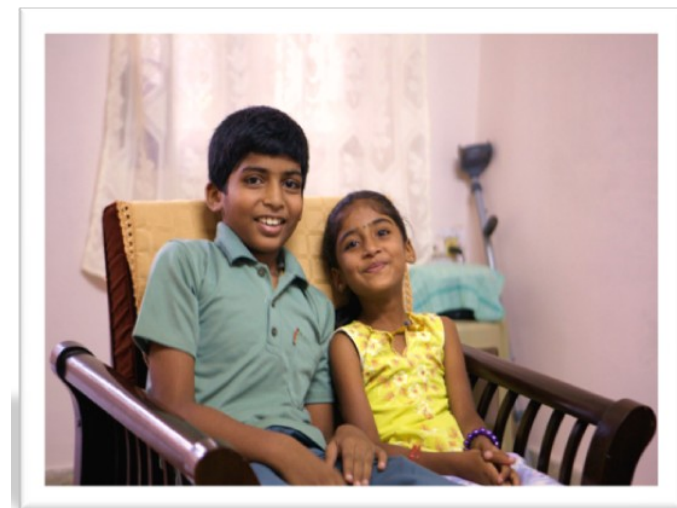
Beautiful clean Granite Outside sitting area, very easy to clean and beautifully cool.



New Home of Hope. Opening Day



Auto Raja and Carole Granny dedicating New Home of Hope.



Kiran's & Karvia's mum Kempama helps me for a few hours. Her day has already begun early. Daily before dawn hundreds of people queue up to fill their pots with water from the stand pipe. First come first served. Previously the water was pumped alternative days for one hour to the 12 x 12ft house and quickly she would fill the water drum. From this drum the family of four would bath, cook, drink and wash clothes it had to last till the next water arrived. Outside one toilet facilitates 40 families.

Kempama's hard working husband is employed by Varna Craft pest control and /Deaf Foundation and between them they look after Karvia their daughter and son Kiran who's both legs were amputated above the knee when he was pushed off a moving train. Life is a struggle but between them they send both children to school knowing the benefits of good education.

After a very early start fighting for water, cooking their breakfast and getting the children off to school she comes to help me. A disabled child like Kiran

is extra expensive as the prosthetic legs quickly wear out his clothing and footwear requiring monthly replacement. When we first heard about Kiran, his family were in a state of shock. They were going to their village by train when a late comer jumped on the moving train accidentally pushing Kiran off. His father pulled him from under the train. Kiran, fully conscious, was shouting to his father to get his legs. He was eight years old. Local people in authority and auto rickshaw drivers are afraid of being implicated in any incident so nobody would help them. Running through the streets, his father carried Kiran to the nearest hospital. This was shocking and they were filled with despair. The fear of the hospital demanding money to treat Kiran to stem the bleeding and dress the legs was terrifying for them. After receiving immediate treatment he was sent home because further money was unavailable.

Satya and Kiran

Sathya, a long term friend and our web designer missed Kiran at Sunday School.

He and his family then became involved and helped with medical costs. When ASK learned about this, they decided to help and financed top-range lightweight prosthetic limbs. Now, two years on Kiran has mastered these limbs. He studies hard at school and speaks excellent English. We now look to the future sponsoring higher education to place him in suitable employment. Already he is focusing on engineering. Here there is much discrimination against any form of disability. Karvia already has a junior school sponsor.



Community Development

One of the highlight in this trip was attending the graduation for forty young women who had attended the Community College. They put on a wonderful performance of song, testimonies and choreography, all 180 pre schoolers dressed up and performed traditional celebrations. Mums and dads were very proud.

The Community Development has gained prestigious recognition by the Credibility Alliance as complying with national accountability, transparency and reporting standards and is also one of only 200 NGOs in India that meet all the credibility norms set-up by GIVE India.

This organisation closely monitors any organisation providing social support to the marginalised communities throughout India.

This year's pre-school programmes in 4 areas reached 180 children daily. All children were given Vitamin A to prevent blindness, de-wormed and fully vaccinated. All had a pre-admission medical assessment and 90% showed an increase in height and weight. Two hundred and fifty families were helped to send their children to school thus preventing anti-social and child labour. A programme to coach children in their home work was attended by eighty children. Forty children completed this programme and each was presented with a school bag, lunch box and geometry set. Four hundred and ninety new families were contacted and given polio vaccination, Vitamin A therapy etc and the centre is now a recognised Government centre for treating TB.



All staff are chosen from the Community College and can work flexi hours to suit their family commitments. They come from surrounding slum areas and have been given the opportunity for education making them highly motivated to encourage others to do likewise. They walk the talk and none more so than Yeshoda, Chitra's right hand woman. Yeshoda came from a similar background to these women and was sponsored to get a Social Work degree through a distance learning programme. Last year she was shortlisted for 'the all-India most enterprising social worker' award. This is a wonderful encouragement to us all. Aprox 400 young woman have graduated most employed in good jobs or self employed working from home.

All ASK and Bangalore team give Special thanks to **everyone** who individually support us and make such a huge difference to so many desperate and hurting people. **God Bless you, with love, Carole.**

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