



# Sharing With You—Sponsor's Newsletter

## FLOODS IN AVANIGADDA, INDIA

Over the course of the weekend, I received several e-mails from the principal at the Avanigadda school. He informed me that they were experiencing flooding and had vacated the school. According to the news on the internet, the area experienced some tremors causing tidal waves which lead to the serious flooding. Some excerpts from his e-mails are below.....

"We are vacating the school due to heavy floods on river Krishna. The entire village is going to submerge in the water. Due to heavy rains the water coming very forcefully. I am very much happy because no child is here. All of them went for holidays. Only my family is here. Me, my wife and two children. The Government asked us to vacate this place."

"Some of our children in flooded area are safe. They move to the shelters arranged by the state government. They are providing food, clothing and shelter. I phoned to all the children and their parents. By Gods grace all the children are safe. Even I visited shelters



and prayed for them. Please pray for us—everything going well, no loss of lives only people thinking about their belongings. The flood came very close to houses."

"All the people are so scared. No one is sleeping. Almost all sides we have boundaries. If the boundaries over flows with water every one have to face death. No way to go out. The population of the town is one lakhs (100,000). This area is very close to sea. It is about 12km from here. Water come to very close to our houses, we are on the top of our school building. Keep praying for us. All the villages are vacated. We are coming out to save our lives, leaving every thing behind."

"I am very happy to tell you that the flood threat situation is under control. Andhra Pradesh has been battered, leaving scores of people dead. Property has been destroyed. People have been marooned for days, fields have been flooded, houses destroyed and roads washed away. It is a calamity of gigantic proportions. The real magnitude of deaths and destruction would become clear once the water recedes completely. Floods like this came in the year 1903. I am worrying about sanitation and drinking water. The water is not good for drinking. We need to buy water now. The cost of living has gone too high. Please try to do some thing for the children. I am very sorry to tell you everything. Many children in this area are standing like beggars. Please try to do some thing for this poor children. I am very sorry this all my burden. I am only expressing my feeling. I am praying to God for help. I am confident that My God supply our needs. Keep praying for us."

**Friends, if you are able to provide assistance to aid in this flood relief, kindly make a donation to CHER Canada with a note "India Flood 2009" and we will do whatever we can to help them.**

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### Sponsorship Fee Breakdown:

© \$25.00/month

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(11% deducted for admin expenses)

### Notice of Annual General Meeting October 25, 2009

All sponsors and general donors are invited to the Annual General Meeting on October 25, 2009 from 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. All are welcome to partake of the complimentary dinner and enjoy a presentation by our guest speaker. This will be held at the Kingsway Pioneer Homes at 1250 King Street East, Oshawa, Ontario.

During the meeting we will elect board members for the coming year, appoint an auditor, and consider possible changes to the by-laws. Please confirm your attendance by e-mail or telephone. We look forward to seeing you.

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## CERENID BOYS ENJOY A PATHFINDER CAMPOREE

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Here's a little story from CERENID.....

The National Camporee of Pathfinders takes place every four years in Bolivia. This time it took place July 8-12, 2009 in the "Highest Place in the World", in the community of "Santiago de Okola", at Lake Titicaca in the La Paz region of Bolivia.

"CERENID is my home..." has been actively participating for 10 years now as CERENID is My Club... CERENID has participated in all the regional camporees held every year as well as twice in the National Camporees, which includes this last one held at Lake Titicaca.

Both the CERENID Pathfinders and the members of the Board put forth a lot of effort for this event held at Lake Titicaca. All the activities carried out were a great challenge in the various social events, which included marching. Other activities included community service as well as spiritual ones.

There were definitely positive results from their efforts. We need to especially acknowledge our boys who got up at 5:00 a.m. every day to practice their marching. In



fact, the CERENID Pathfinders were chosen from 30 Pathfinder Clubs to represent the Eastern Re-

gion. Three Pathfinder Clubs were selected and CERENID was one of them. There were nine chosen in total from each region ... the Eastern, the Western and the Central regions. In the final selection CERENID took third place at a national level.

It was a success and, above all, a great achievement for our children. It increased their self-esteem to see what they can accomplish if they put forth some effort, to know that they can attain and aspire to all they set before them if they do not "let their arms down", that is, if they have persistence, if they devote time and effort, and have optimism when tired. These were all lessons learned in this beautiful experience. "



Friends, when you stop and think that these boys were runaways, drug users, abandoned or abused children before arriving at CERENID, you can see what a long way they have come because of this hostel and your kind and faithful sponsorship. Lives are being changed and these boys are being blessed beyond what you can imagine. May God continue to bless you all.



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