



Sharing With You—Sponsor's Newsletter

MY FRIDGE KIDS

In January 2011, one of our board members, Sheila Mondragon had the privilege of going on a mission trip to India. While she was there she had the opportunity to visit a few of our CHER sponsored schools—including the Avanigadda SDA School.

Sheila found the Avanigadda SDA School to be well-maintained despite its age. The children were well-groomed, healthy, and happy. The principal welcomed her with open arms and allowed her to freely inspect the school which she found to be clean and well kept. The principal was delighted by her visit and she joined him and all the children for a special afternoon together.

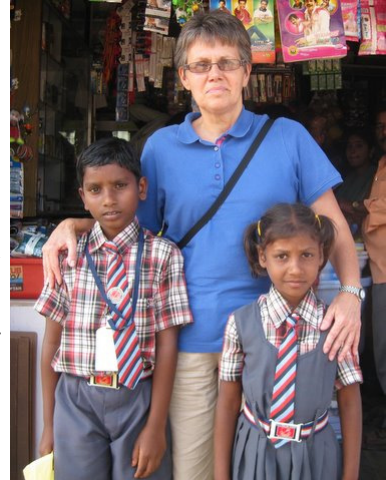
As an added bonus, Sheila had the opportunity to meet her two sponsored children. Below is her account of the experience....



I have the pictures of my two sponsored children on my fridge. I am not sure where you keep your sponsored children's pictures, but I like to look at them every day and wonder how they are doing.

Suresh is 11 years old and Sivamani is 9 years old. They both attend the Avanigadda SDA School and live there full-time as both have families that are extremely poor and do not have enough to feed, clothe or educate these beautiful children. Like you, I eagerly await letters from my sponsored children. Suresh and Sivamani tell me

how they are doing in school and other little tidbits that are going on in their lives.



On Jan. 30th of this year, I had the unbelievable opportunity to visit my sponsored children while attending a mission trip in India. Suresh, Sivamani and the whole school were eagerly awaiting our group's anticipated visit. When we arrived at the school all the children were waiting in the hot sun for us. Suresh and Sivamani stepped forward to greet me with flowers. All I could do was cry from the overwhelming happiness in seeing them and hugging them in person. They called my Sponsor Mama and in the next few hours I came to realize that just like our own children, they rely on us for their basic needs in life.

We make the difference between them living in the streets in poverty or them living a simple life at school being fed, clothed and educated. My children proudly wore their school uniform and were glad to practice their English with me. I took both of them into town to buy a few needed items and had a wonderful afternoon with them that seemed to go by all too quickly. In a few hours, my Fridge Kids became real kids and I was so thankful that I had this wonderful opportunity to visit with them.

AUTOMATE YOUR DONATIONS

I would like each of you to consider the option of automating your donations—either through your bank account or credit card. We recently had a problem with some cheques that went missing through the postal system and it was suggested that our donors should consider other options.

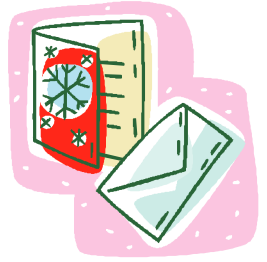
Automating your donations is safer, less time-consuming and always guaranteed to be received on time.



For your convenience, I have included forms for credit card or bank withdrawal. If either of these options is suitable to you, please complete the appropriate form and return it to our office for processing. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS CORRESPONDENCE

Some of you may be receiving Christmas correspondence from your children during this April 2011 mailing. We do our best to encourage our projects to send correspondence within the correct timeframe, however, international mail is not always reliable or timely. For example, we received a package from Sri Lanka last week that was sent in December 2010.



In order to save costs, we send any correspondence from the child to the sponsor during our quarterly mailings as it can get quite expensive to send correspondence in between these times.

We apologize for the lateness, but as the old saying goes.....better late than never!

NEWS FROM YAMIKANI HOUSE—MALAWI

A recent report from the Yamikani House Orphan Home in Malawi, Africa, highlighted some successes and challenges that the orphanage is experiencing at this time.

First, they were blessed to have harvested good maize which is used as the main meals of lunch and dinner. Also, the "chicken project" has proved to be very beneficial and the children are now enjoying chicken and eggs in their diets.

Also, the severe rains caused their front wall to collapse and expose the orphanage to the main road. They have received donations to rebuild the wall and it is now 95% complete.

Another good point is that their vehicle has been repaired and is back in good condition after being involved in an accident last year.

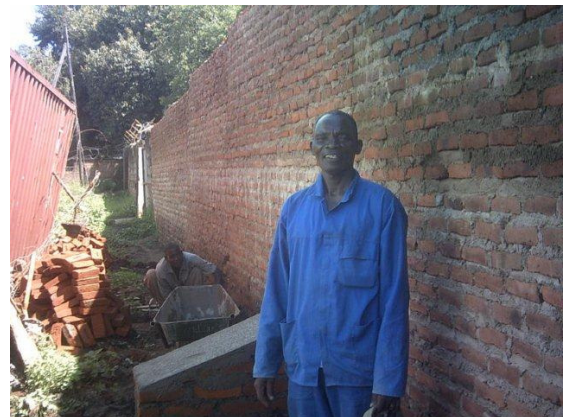
The home however is still struggling to replace items that were lost in a recent break-in and although their maize harvest was good, they are still struggling with

providing enough healthy food to meet the needs of the growing children.

A couple of the children in the home are HIV+ and require extremely healthy diets in order to give them the best chance for survival. Fortunately, their medication is provided by the government.

Regardless of their struggles, they remain happy and positive, always doing the best they can with what they've got.

If you are interested in making a donation to help the orphanage, please feel free to do so, as every little bit helps.



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