



PHOTO: AT KOLAR CHILDREN'S HOME

# hope foundation

## 2013 Action Update



## A look back at 2013

On behalf of Hope Foundation, we want to thank you for your prayers and contributions towards our mission. We would like to provide a brief update on the progress we made in in 2013.

By the grace of God, 2013 has been a year of growth and renewed focus on our vision; we opened a new children's home, and invested in additional training and benchmarking projects. Today, we support 32 children, at 3 locations, with 9 paid staff members.

### HF RANCHI CHILDREN'S HOME, RANCHI, JHARKHAND

In November 2013, we inaugurated our new children's home operations in Ranchi. Currently, we have 5 children and are looking to accept another 8 – 10 children in the next year, with priority given to children below the age of 5 who have lost both parents. Pastor Finni Samuel helps lead our operations in Ranchi, and we have also established a strong local team who act as our support group in the area.

### KOLAR CHILDREN'S HOME, GIRLS HOME, ONNENAHALLI, KARNATAKA

We care for 22 girls in our current facilities. Our girls all attend Gnana Bodha Vidya Samsthe school, and we have been blessed in receiving significant support from the school management in reduced fees as well as additional tuition support from the teachers. We are proud to report that some of our girls are doing exceptionally well scholastically – 1 has been appointed class leader and 3 other girls are at the top of their class.

### KOLAR CHILDREN'S HOME, BOYS HOME, P.C. HALLI, KARNATAKA

The 5 boys we care for have moved to a new home, where they live together with their caretakers, Pastor Johnson and his wife Ruth. Rakshith, who is currently in kindergarten, joined us this year and is now an integral part of our family.

### LIBRARY FOR CHILDREN

In collaboration with Bookwallah, we hope to establish a library for the children. Bookwallah is currently going through the fundraising process, and we hope to have this operational in a few months.



Boys from Kolar Children's Home

### SHALOM CHILDREN'S HOME

Unfortunately, due to Kerala government regulations, we were unable to get the required government approval to continue funding and managing Shalom Children's Home in Neyattinkara. We are happy to report that they continue to operate with other sources of funding and the children are under the care of a local pastor.



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### STAFF TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

We are collaborating with another non-profit, Miracle Foundation, to provide our staff with house mother training. The training will consist of various modules that focus on how to build an atmosphere of love and family at the children's homes, and how to deal with common challenges that arise when caring for orphan children. Our first session is scheduled for January 6, 2014.

### CHILDREN'S HOME OPERATIONAL BENCHMARKING STUDY

We are conducting a benchmarking project focused on understanding the various operational challenges faced by children's homes in and around Bangalore. We have a dedicated project manager who is responsible for engaging with various orphanages and our goal is to understand how our operations compare against other children's homes, and where we have room to improve. Over 20 organizations will be participating in this study, and we will be publishing the results of this study on completion.

### LOOKING AHEAD

The past 7 years have been challenging, and it is only through your prayers and support that we have persevered. As we prepare for the year ahead, we look forward to your continued participation in our mission, to change the lives of the children we have taken responsibility for, and enable them to become leaders of the future. We have exciting plans for growth, and we welcome your participation in our initiatives.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous new year.

The Team at Hope Foundation



Heading to School in the morning

### NEW WEBSITE

We have redesigned our website this year, and added additional functionality that will now allow you to make contributions directly online, through Paypal. In addition, we will also be using facebook to provide updates on our operations, and want to invite all of you to join our online community.

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