

House of Bread



India



History: The House of Bread home was started in a rented building in 1983. In 1994, a mission team from the United States helped to build a new home for the children. In 2001, Peter and Sheila Anthony became home directors for the home. Mr. Kumar and his wife, Ruby Arumugam, reside in the home as house parents. Before this, Ruby was a director of a school and she

uses her experience to help the children with their studies.

Program: The children can remain in the home until they have completed high school. The children attend a public school and walk to school up to the 10th grade. For 11th and 12th grades they ride public transportation. In the home they are taught how to sew and to mend their own clothes. During play time the boys enjoy cricket and dodge ball while the girls play hopscotch and tag. They also like board games like snakes and ladders (same as chutes and ladders), and Carrom (a traditional Indian game). They also enjoy calisthenics with Ruby every morning together in front of the home. The home is in a rural area and they raise birds and rabbits. When there is enough water, they raise vegetables.



Meals at the home include wheat flour cakes and



cereal, rice and vegetable curry, and once a week an egg and chicken. They are also fed daily with the word of God during morning and evening devotionals. The children are taught to read their Bibles, memorize verses, and to pray. They compete in Bible quizzes at churches in the surrounding areas. At the home they have Sunday classes for the village children with the help of a local church. They also share the love of Jesus with the families of the children.



Greatest Needs for the Home:

To drill an additional well (\$600), fence around the home (\$400), and a project to collect the rain water (\$300).

Costs for home:

\$5 for school supplies

\$5 for a set of clothes and \$2 for shoes

\$2 for a Bible

\$10 for school supplies and \$10 for uniforms



Information about India:

(Quoted from "Operation World" 21st Century edition and CIA Facts Book)

- ♦ Population of India is over a billion.
- ♦ Over 600 million live in deep poverty.
- ♦ 4 million orphans.
- ♦ Millions of children work in sweatshops or are sold into slavery to pay off family debts.
- ♦ There are 407 languages spoken in India and only 53 have the complete Bible.
- ♦ Indian society is based on Hinduism, which divides everyone into different castes or classes.
- ♦ There are over 10 million blind.
- ♦ Over 300 million don't have enough to live on each day.
- ♦ 5.1 million people live with AIDS/HIV.
- ♦ India is the world's largest producer of illicit opium.



Prayer Focus:

Pray for the children in the home and their families, that they may come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and grow in their faith.

Pray for the village children who come to the Sunday school classes.

Pray for guidance for the home directors and staff of the home as they raise the children in the Word.

Pray for a church to be started in the village near the home.

Praise Report:

Devika K. who grew up in the home and then was supported through college testifies: "I am a master degree holder. It's by sheer God's grace, I can proudly call myself so. Looking back, 5 years ago when I passed 12th, I never thought I could go to college. Education was very, very expensive. Thank God and supporters of Children of Promise, for you provided me with funds for the same. I am a medical psychiatrist specializing in counseling. I want to work for Jesus' glory and be a witness for Him."