

# House of Anthony

## India



**History:** The House of Anthony was started in 1984 in a rented building; then God blessed the home with a plot of land from the village headman. Money was raised by the Anthony's family, along with support from Children of Promise, to fund the construction of a new home. A team sent by Children of Promise provided the labor for the endeavor. Each year they make improvements on the home with the help of the sponsors. Sheila and Peter Anthony direct the home. Jeganathan and his wife

Jessammal have been house parents to the home since 1989.

**Program:** The children come to the home between 2nd and 3rd grade and stay in the home until they have completed the 10th grade. When they graduate they have the opportunity to pursue further education. After they leave the home they are invited to the annual Christmas program at the home and those who live close visit the home when they are able and often bring small gifts of pens or pencils for the children.

The children attend government schools. Up to the 8th grade they attend the public school in the village and the 9th and 10th graders travel by bus to high school. They all wear uniforms to school. In the home they learn to sew and mend.



The children are in good health. A local doctor comes to the home on a regular basis and gives the children check-ups to insure their good health. Food includes: ragi, wheat flour cakes, cereal, rice with vegetable curry, and fish, chicken, or beef is served every Saturday. The children attend church every Sunday. The home provides the children with time for both personal and group devotions each day. There are morning and evening family devotionals. Scriptures are memorized on a regular basis and they participate in the

church Bible memory quizzes. They also help with the evangelism of the village and share their new faith with their families during visits.

At the home the boys enjoy playing cricket while the girls play dodge ball and hopscotch. They all enjoy board games including Carrom board, snakes and ladders (chutes and ladders), and checkers.



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## Greatest Needs for the Home:

A fence around the play area, \$700 and to complete the rainwater collecting system to improve the ground water level, \$550.

## Costs for home:

\$5 for school supplies

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

\$2 for a Bible



## 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 children who have left the home to return to their families.

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

Pray for the need of a church in this town.