

Rehoboth Home



The Rehoboth Home has been caring for the children of India since its founding in July of 1985.

Mrs. D. Rani is the director of the home and cares for the children with the help of her daughter, a Bible woman, and three helpers. The home is located in a poor rural area several hours from the city of Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Mrs. Rani operated the home with her husband until his death in 1990. She is a retired principal and spends evenings helping the children with their school work. Mrs. Rani's younger daughter decided to dedicate her life to reaching the lost with the love of Jesus and caring for the children in the home. When the children are attending school she visits nearby villages and shares with the women who are at home.

The children all attend a Christian school, located directly behind the home, until they complete 10th grade. Upon concluding the 10th grade they are required to take government exams. If they pass, they are eligible for higher education which requires paying a tuition. After the children in the home finish school and leave the home they are either visited weekly by the director, visit during holiday seasons, or stay in touch with the home by written correspondence.

The children have assigned chores in the home. After chores are completed the children often play in the school fields. They enjoy jumping rope, ring toss, cricket, and tag.

The children learn to worship, pray, and read their Bibles during morning and evening devotional time, Sunday school, and special Bible classes. Every Tuesday a Pastor from the school comes and conducts a Bible study with the children. In the home they learn many Bible verses and have Bible quizzes regularly. On Sundays they go with a Bible woman and an evangelist to hand out tracts, visit hospitals, and share testimonies in the streets.



The children are very healthy because they receive a balanced diet of rice, wheat, eggs, fish, vegetables, and some fruit. In the area of the home, draughts have caused food prices to double.

Greatest Needs for the Home:

- ✝ A permanent home with more room for the children and for a garden
- ✝ Funds for further education

Costs for Supplies:

- ✝ Shoes cost \$6.00
- ✝ A set of clothes cost \$14.00
- ✝ A Bible costs \$3.00
- ✝ A Book bag costs \$4.00
- ✝ School supplies \$15.00
- ✝ School uniforms cost \$14.00 per set

Information about India:

(as quoted from "Operation World" 21st Century edition)

- ✝ There are 4,635 distinct people groups in India.
- ✝ Yearly income per person is \$370 (1.2% of USA).
- ✝ There are 41 million Indians without a home.
- ✝ There are 407 languages spoken in India and 53 of the languages have the complete Bible.
- ✝ The population is 80% Hindu, 12.5% Muslim, and only 2.4% Christian.
- ✝ India is the second largest Islamic nation with 140 million Muslims.
- ✝ In India, nearly 400 million people are under the age of 18; more than 70 million are child laborers; 10 million are bonded laborers (a form of slavery to pay off family debts); 13 million are homeless; 2 million are street children without families and over 575,000 are child prostitutes.
- ✝ AIDS has spread rapidly. The major source of infection is drug use.

Prayer Focus:

- ✝ Please pray for the children of our home and the home director. Pray that these precious children may come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior, grow in their faith, and become influential in their community and country.
- ✝ Pray for the Bible women, evangelists, and pastors (who follow up with the families of the children and share with the unreached), that many will come to know Jesus through their witness. Pray for their safety as they share in areas often hostile to Christians.
- ✝ Pray for the needed rain for this region.

