

Project Hope

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GREETINGS

Project Hope Supporters,

Our Project Hope Vision Team continues to be humbled by the faith and joy of the children and directors of Bethel and Pratheeksha Children's Homes and by the generosity of you, the sponsors. Thank you

for your support in changing and saving lives for these little ones in India.

Recently, you set an example of the love of God by loving others through the Christmas fundraising event to provide new outfits to over 110 children.

Through the purchase of Christmas ornaments, plus some very generous donations, we reached and *exceeded* our goal to be able to buy each child an outfit. Thanks to your abundant generosity, we were able to send extra funds to the homes during the holidays!!

The directors of the children's homes, are so grateful for what Christ is doing through the sponsors. Susama, a co-director at Bethel, recently wrote to Project Hope supporters,

"Thank you for your continued support of our ministry and the children under our care. We are doing well, by God's grace, and the children are thriving"



PRATHEEKSHA

Under the loving direction of Sister Jessy and Sister Molly, Pratheeksha currently supports 36 school-age students. In addition, they provide after-school tutoring for some of the children from the community of Tiruchirappalli (Trichy) at their campus and provide support for college-age girls.



During the Christmas break, seminars were presented concerning various topics such as health, hygiene, how to be more active, and the special challenges faced by women in India.

In addition to the Christmas season festivities and the seminars, on January 14, the children celebrated Pongal. This is the festival of harvest, similar to Thanksgiving celebrated here. These are photos of the artwork created for the celebration.



Dhanusri (14yo), Hemasri (17), & Divyasri (10)

BETHEL



Co-directors, Prabin and Susama, recently received a desperate cry for help. A couple and their five children from a nearby village came to Bethel, with tears in their eyes, to ask for help. Although they worked tirelessly, they were barely surviving and, due to

the costs, the children could not attend school.

Moved by their plight, the family was welcomed to the safety of Bethel. The children and the parents now live with shelter, dignity, and hope on the Bethel campus. The children attend school, and the parents help with cooking and other tasks.

At Bethel today, Prabin and Susama provide total care to 75 children. In addition, they provide daycare and schooling for many of the children from the nearby community. Shown here are some of the children celebrating Susama's recent birthday.



CHILD SPOTLIGHT

Every newsletter, we choose a current child from one of the two children's homes that we sponsor, Pratheeksha or Bethel. We want you to learn about all the wonderful kids for whom these homes and your donations are making a huge difference!

MEET SHRUSTI!

Shrusti is a 10-year-old girl who lives at Bethel. Her father suffers from mental illness, leaving her mother to work tirelessly as a porter. Despite her efforts, her mother could not afford to send Shrusti to school.

Last year, Shrusti's mother brought her to Bethel, pleading for a chance to give her daughter a better future. Bethel welcomed her with open arms. Although Shrusti initially had to be placed in a lower grade than children of her age, she now thrives in school.

She excels in science and expresses her creativity through drawing. At Bethel, Shrusti found not just an education but a family. She laughs, plays, and lives happily among the other children thanks to your continued support.



ONGOING NEEDS

Please continue to pray for the children in India. Due to the ongoing needs of the homes, we are seeking donations to this ministry crucial to the lives of so many children. If you wish, you can always make a **one-time** donation or sign-up for a **recurring donation** at our [website](#). Occasionally, we lose a donor, so we are always looking for new regular donors or increased monthly giving from our Project Hope supporters.