

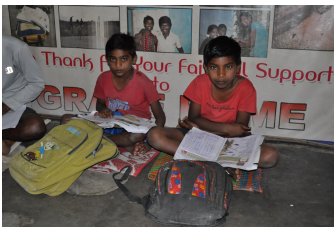
NEWSLETTER 03/2023

Dear Friends from Grace Home

Joyfully we can share once again news from India.

THE KIDS

Our 3 boys which joined last June feel home in the hostel. They're happy, joyful and having a helpful nature. Studying is still a bit more difficult than playing. Because of Covid-19 they lost 1 to 2 years. Ganesh went up to the 3. Standard to school in his village, but there was no teacher. They learned just Tamil and simple mathematics through the help of some older students. Here he has to go to the 6. Standard, according to his age. The 4. & 5. He missed. In India it's not possible to repeat a standard. So the school here is now a bit difficult for this 3 boys. They have a lack of



Knowledge. We have to help them a lot by learning. Few weeks ago Anbu went with all the kids to the dentist. For some of them it was the first time. The teeth are not all good, some had to fix a hole or pull a tooth. In April the kids are writing the annual exams. After it, there are summer holidays. Anbu is still working on the permission for the kids' hostel and the school. Therefore he has to visit many times the offices, to get all the needed papers. It's difficult, because he's a Dalit, and the officers are high class people, he's experiencing a lot of discrimination, has purposely to wait for a long time. Only through the help of God, we can do this work. Because the caste system is still very present.

THE SCHOOL HOUSE

At present in the 3 level workers are putting floor tiles. Some more work has to be done. Hand workers



are at work or have still to come. The toilets in the school house are now also done. Some more special rooms have to be made ready, as you can see here the computer room. Some more material as sports items and books for the library we have to buy. The school itself runs well, the teachers are well teaching. The biggest group of the kids are the lower and under kindergarten kids. The youngest are 3 ½ years old. They learn more by playing, and also at lunch they take a nap on the floor in the



school room. All the subjects are in English, the other 2 languages we teach are Tamil and Hindi. 2 times a week the students are allowed to come in the sports uniform. At Christmas all the parents



were invited for the celebration in the school. The principal Lady organised everything. They showed dances, sang songs and heard the good news of

Jesus Christ from Christmas. During advent season and Christmas the school house was decorated with fancy lights.

THE BOYS HOME

This house is big and gives still lot of work. The interior work is not yet done. The work is a bit in slow progress. The main problem is, the workers are not very faithful coming for work. They have several excuses, a Hindu fest or something else. But we still hope, soon we will be finishing that work. The



partitions in the bad room are done, the tails are missing and the toilets have to be fixed. Some more walls have to be plaster and paint, and all the floor tiles and the windows has to be fixed.

MISSIONWORK

In the churches of our pastors there are meeting several people, mostly from poor background. A believer lady had a lot of abdominal pain. She's a day labour and also her husband. They have no saved money, they live from today to tomorrow. Her daughter also had no money to help her to go to the hospital. So she asked in her church, but also the pastor couldn't help her. So the pastor asked finally us in Grace Home, if it would be possible to help her to get a treatment. In Bangalore, she got an operation, they removed kidney stones. Now, she can live again, is joyful and so thankful. She's going regularly to the church and sharing what she has experienced. During an evangelisation has been touched an alcoholic man by the spirit of God. He just was sitting side by the program. While listening he was realising, that only by God he can find freedom, peace and sense of life.

Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

The Holy Spirit opened his heart. Many times his wife tried to bring him away from the alcohol, but he was never listening to her. His liver is already sick, the alcohol is giving him health problems and also bringing the whole family in difficulties. After hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ, he's regularly

visiting together with his wife the prayer cell group where he's learning more about faith in Jesus Christ and he's growing spiritually. Please pray for him, God may heal and liberate him from the alcohol, and he will turn his life to Jesus Christ.

One of our pastors has an adapted child, but not an own one. In the Indian culture it means the lady will be seen often as a witch. The couple will be torched by the Indian society. Living without a child nearly doesn't work. They have to suffer a lot. Daily they can feel the pain, because the woman is worthless. Now, she was in the 3th month pregnant, but had a miscarriage. Now she's so much depressed and has to take tablets. Please pray with us for them. Both of them are over 40 years old, but God can do a miracle and give them a child or the torment will be stopped and the couple will be accepted.

WE ARE THANKFUL TO GOD FOR

- * God's provision
- * our kids
- * our groundwater
- * the lord is touching the people
- * the possibility to share the gospel
- * the good management and the teacher of the school

PRAYERREQUESTS

- * Permission for the school
- * Permission for the kids home
- * for the exams of our kids and the students
- * the boys home can be finished soon and we can move
- * workers will be coming regularly
- * the desire to have a child for the pastors couple

Now we like to say thank to you for your valuable financial help and prayer support. Without you and God's grace we couldn't do this work. God bless you.

With love

Barbara & Anbu

