

Calvary Home of Love



India



History: Calvary Home directed by Suresh and his wife, Madhavi, has been open since 1993. Suresh was well prepared for this job after growing up in Karen's Cottage, another home of Children of Promise International. Through his many experiences he has learned what poor children need and long for—a family.

Suresh has a degree in engineering. He pursued this field but never had peace in his life. Then he and his wife, accepted the call to direct a home, to spend their lives for the children, and moved into the rented building with their son and their thirty new children. The Lord provided the funds to purchase one acre of land to construct a new home for the children. The new home is wonderful and has lots of space to play. In 2006 they were also able to buy bunk-beds for the children, a dream come true for Suresh and Madhavi.

Program: They take the children into the home and provide for them, both physically and spiritually. All the children are being brought up in the Christian way of life. Their goals are that the children will come to know Jesus and will become great warriors in the battle of winning souls for God's kingdom. The program is based on Bible teaching. The children stay in the home from two to ten years, depending upon the child's family and background. Sometimes the parents come to a place where they can provide for their children and take them back. The children that are completely orphaned generally stay until they are able to provide for themselves. Since the home opened, they have provided loving care for 130 children. Suresh and his wife work to provide a family atmosphere. They enjoy doing many things together as a family. The home raises different kinds of birds, and owns three dogs. The children also enjoy playing games and playing on the playground equipment. They garden as a family too. Sundays after church and lunch, the whole family rests together



while Suresh tells stories. The children all go to public school with the three wheeler that was purchased for the home. They graduate after completing a three-year college course, with help through Children of Promise's further education program. Meals at the home include rice with vegetable curry, curd, milk, buttermilk, and fruit. Eggs and meat are on the menu once a week. The Lord provided two water buffalos, so the children get milk each day, and a well, so they are able to have fresh vegetables from their garden.

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Greatest Needs for the Home:

- ◆ a van to transport the children to school and run errands
- ◆ additional funds for Sajeera's further education; she would like to study to be a doctor

Costs for home:

\$20 For school supplies

\$10 For a set of clothes

\$7 For shoes

\$5 For a Bible

\$5000 For a van for the home



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.

Pray that these precious children may come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and grow in their faith.

Pray for the older children as they leave the home after they graduate.

Pray for guidance for Suresh, Madhavi, and staff of the home as they raise the children in the Word.



Pray for Aparna, Mamtha, and Mahidhar, a sibling group of three at the home whose parents have HIV and have been cast out. Pray that all will come to know Jesus as their Savior, and that the children will remain healthy and free of HIV.