

David's House of Refuge



India



History: Despite the rumors concerning female infanticide, many are of the opinion that it has been discontinued, but that is not the case. One day our India partner was visiting a village to plan for an upcoming evangelism event, when he met a government health worker. As she responded to his inquiries about the

village, she brought up the subject of female infanticide. When she determined that he was not a reporter, she began to tell him about things that were happening in the village. As she guided him around the village to see the homes and gain a better understanding of the way of life in the village, she brought him to a place where just the night before a pair of new-born twin girls had been buried alive.

Clearly, God showed our partner that He had a specific purpose in allowing them to become aware of this practice of killing baby girls. It was apparent that something needed to be done in response to this calamity. The ministry tried to teach others about the problem, but ultimately, they decided they had no choice but to provide financial incentive for the midwives to give the ministry the babies instead of killing them.



November 2002 our partnership ministry started rescuing these precious babies and keeping them in a private home. They then rented a home and by

faith they started constructing the first small home for the babies in 2004.

The plans are to provide homes that will care for ten children, staffed with two house mothers and four helpers. Since they started the program, 16 babies and 14 remain in the program. There are many more to be rescued as baby girls are killed daily in nearby villages. (The name and location of the ministry has been withheld to protect the program.)



Program: The girls arrive after they are born and they raise them up in God's love, providing them a loving family atmosphere so that they will be able to have a future. They will eventually be available for adoption but those who are not adopted will stay at the home until they are 18-20 years old and able to live on their own or marry.

Greatest Needs for the Home:

To finish the construction and add room heaters and water filter to the first house and to start building the second home.

Costs for home:

\$120 to rescue a baby

\$7000 to build a baby home

\$5 for a set of clothes

\$300 to purchase a cow and build a shed

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, the house mothers, and staff.

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

Pray for funds to build and staff the next two homes for 20 more babies to be rescued.

Pray for protection for the staff and babies.