

# Kid's Home



## India



**History:** The Kid's Home was started in May of 1978 by Reverend Mindi Esau and his wife. They prayed for a year for the Lord's guidance concerning the home. Since the death of Esau, his son, Mindi Jesse Ratna Kumar, and his wife, Mary Sunita, have directed the home. Jesse was trained for this job by helping his father as he has been involved since its

beginning. This home has brought hundreds of souls to the feet of our Lord Jesus Christ. Some of the children who have grown up in the home are now teachers, preachers, evangelists, pastors, postmen, and executives with good reputations. The children come to the home with their Hindu backgrounds, but when they leave the home, they carry the name of Jesus written on their hearts. Since the home opened, it has cared for over 850 children in the love of Jesus.

**Program:** The home is located in the city of Visakhapatnam, in the state of Andhra Pradesh. As the city has grown, the home has been surrounded on all sides by tall buildings and there is no longer a place to play. The children come to the home around the age of five, when they are in the first grade, and stay until they finish the 10th grade, which is the completion of high school in India. When they leave, the home tries to help them find employment and supports them until they can support themselves. After they leave the



program, they often call or come back to visit. The children walk to a private Christian school about 2 km. from the home. At the home, the children enjoy playing carom and other board games, ring toss, and they like to go to the beach or visit historical sights. They have morning and evening devotions, they go to Thursday night Child Evangelism Fellowship, and on Sunday they go to church for worship, and Sunday School. There are many evangelists that come to the home to share in the devotions and sing with the children.



## Greatest Needs for the Home:

The home needs a new well pump and motor (\$300) to supply the water to the home. To get the water the children must walk with buckets to the community pump or they buy it from a tanker. A home outside the city with room for the children to play.



## Costs for home:

For school supplies \$12

For a set of clothes \$10

For a Bible \$3

For school uniforms \$16

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

Idol worship is increasing daily, please pray for the Hindu people.

Pray for the lower caste converts who are attacked and sometimes killed by the upper caste.

Pray for guidance for the home directors and staff of the home as they raise the children in the Word.



## Testimony of Praise:

Written by the home director: "God is doing many miracles in the home. One month we were low on funds and we had no money to buy rice. We prayed with the children telling them to pray that God would give us food. We told them about how God fed the Israelites in the desert and he would feed us. That night a family came to our home, distributed cakes, and gave us 50 kg. of rice to celebrate their child's birthday. At another time, one of the girls in the home got sick. She suffered from cerebral malaria, and was admitted to the hospital. After three days, the doctor said there is no hope. Everyone in the home, including myself and my wife fasted and prayed, and God did His miracle that night and gave her new life. She went on to sit for her 10th class public examination."