



Family investing in building lives for eternity

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Hello to all our dear friends,

It has been over a year since our last newsletter.
Much has gone on in the mean time.

We returned to India on December 2, 2010. We had 27 children at that time. Since that time we have received more children in 2 groups. We now have 48 children, 26 boys and 22 girls. The ages range from 3 to 15. The vast majority of the children are from the India state of Orissa, where as we mentioned before, there was widespread Christian persecution where they had killed as many as 500 Christians. The persecution continues today, although not to the extend it did a couple years ago. We plan on eventually receiving a few more, God willing.

We did an update on our promotional video. Although much of the content is the same, it has changed some. There is an interview with a young boy that tells how he lost his father in the persecution in Orissa. It is most heart rending. You can view it here:
<http://www.bornfoundation.org/BFPromo2011a.swf>.

In India, the national language is Hindi. Most children begin learning it in the Government schools at around the 5th grade and on. However, their retention may be low since it is usually not spoken in their home. Each of the 26 states of India have their own local language, and they all learn that from the beginning in school and even before school it is

learned in the home. English is taught in the Government schools from first grade on, but again, since that is usually not spoken in the home most children do not retain English speaking abilities.

A few of our children are from the state of Karnataka, which is where KidZSanctuary is located, so their primary language was Kannada. Most of our children, as mentioned earlier are from Orissa, where their local language is Oria. So as they arrived, some of the children could not communicate with the other children. However, we have been teaching all of them English, and most of the children that have been there for a year can speak broken English. One of the Kannada girls, only 6 years old, taught herself Oria. I was most impressed.

I had the opportunity to welcome the new children after they arrived, and it was such a joy. Of course, I needed a translator. I let them know that they will never go hungry or thirsty again. I let them know that they would be cared for and loved and will want for nothing. I let them know that I understood the difficulty of transitioning into this new environment, but that they would adapt.

I saw that many would tend to hoard food, which let me know that they had been used to not knowing for sure how long it might be before the next meal. They would eat large portions. It would take some time before they realized there would always be food. Through the generosity of many, they were given new clothes, and even some nice dress up clothes. They came and were left with nothing but what was on their backs.

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The above is a picture of all of our children in their dress up clothes.



The last 2 pictures show the new dining facility. It also serves as a teaching and meeting space.



This shows the children studying in their English class with the House Mother, Geeta, instructing them.



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The Christmas Nativity play was great. The sheep you see was not planned. It just sort of wandered into the campus as we were preparing for the play, so a few grabbed it, hog tied it so it wouldn't run away, and we used it during the play. It brought a number of giggles.



In February we let them have a picnic. We found a nearby lake not too far from the campus, and made about 3 or 4 trips carrying supplies and children to the site. It was only about a 5-10 minute drive. They had a nice lunch along with some play time in the water. Although the picture doesn't show him well, Dan is in the water with them, and carrying them on his back. They had so much fun.



This was during the Christmas time, and some guests helped them play a game of "memory match".



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Here you see the children preparing to leave for school. The top picture shows them gathering on a rainy morning in prayer, and afterwards walking down the road towards school. The last girl, Pinky paused to look back to me and wave bye.

We were blessed to have the services of the dentist you see above. Very few orphan children ever see a dentist. This one provided his time and services pro-bono, along with his associate dentist. In the first trip, we took 13 of the children, and then a second trip with 3 vehicles with 37 of the children. A few of them were making a revisit at the dentist's request. A few struggled with motion sickness on the way as they are not used to any travel. I got nailed one of the times while helping her down.

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We do have a few new things we would like to obtain for the children. Most of us are used to a nice warm shower in the morning. These children have no choice but a cold shower every morning, even in the cold of winter. We desire to put in a solar water heater.

We are still seeking a donor for that. We also need sponsors for the children. For just \$1 per day, \$30 per month, you can sponsor a child of your choice. You would receive pictures and a letter at least once a year from that child. You can correspond with that child, and they will write you back. These children are starved for love and affection. YOU can make a difference in the life of one of these little ones.

We request your prayers for these children, and for their healing of memories. They have been through so much. We pray that we will be a blessing to them and help them to grow in knowing their Savior. We also wish to thank you for all the support you provide.



In February we dealt with the Chicken Pox running through most of the children, including all of the girls. It was a challenge. We did our best to isolate the infected ones during their illness to prevent spread, but still it ran through most of them. They were treated each day with a paste of neem leaves to help kill the virus. I'm not sure how much good it did, but we did it. Here you see a few of the kids in isolation.

With much love and blessings to you,

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