



Family investing in building lives for eternity

March 2014

Hello Dear Friends,

Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father is this: to visit **orphans** and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world. James 1:27 (NASB)

375 million children live in India, more than in any other country in the world. An estimated 18 million of these children live on the streets. Some are orphans and some have parents unable or unwilling to care for them. These children's daily lives often consist of begging and digging through trash for scraps of food, before searching nightly for a safe place to sleep on the street. Many inevitably turn to crime or prostitution to survive.

KidZ Sanctuary was founded to endeavor to meet the needs of these children, who are so very dear to our heart. With prayers, sacrificial giving and help from family, friends like you and Churches, KidZ Sanctuary is now a safe home for over 45 children, who were once living without any hope. KidZ Sanctuary addresses the issues of orphaned and abandoned children in a very holistic and comprehensive manner. Its unique approach has brought much success to the program and abundant happiness to the children.

We are excited to share the stories of these incredible children with you. May these stories inspire you as you continually invest in them.

In the February newsletter we had shared the story of Jeevan, Soni and her 2 siblings. In this March

newsletter we wish to share the story of 2 brothers, Pavan and his younger brother Chandra and their cousin Sathish. Pavan and Chandra are the oldest boys in KidZ Sanctuary.



Pavan

Pavan and Chandra's father left their mother and the boys to fend for themselves. The mother had to work in 3 different houses doing dishes, cooking and all other maid service work to just provide a roof over their heads and food on the table. The boy's mother had a sickness where her belly would bloat so big she could not sit nor stand and it made things very difficult. Later on she was diagnosed with diabetes and other health issues. This forced Pavan to work helping to fix bicycles at a very young age. As this did not provide enough Pavan

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was forced to work in a neighboring factory for very low wages as children are very much exploited when it comes to work and wages. Nevertheless to take care of the needs of the family Pavan was forced to work. One day Pavan's grandmother happened to visit the family and she was disturbed to see Pavan and his younger brother in that condition so she took them to live with her and provided them with the limited savings she had. When things became difficult she was forced to admit Pavan and her brother in the same Hindu orphanage that Jeevan was living in. After a few years Pavan's grandmother came across by divine providence to meet a World Vision volunteer in her neighborhood. Through that connection she came to know about KidZ Sanctuary and brought Pavan to the treasurer of KidZ sanctuary and the rest is history. Pavan has been at KidZ Sanctuary since 2009 and in 2010 Pavan gave his life to the Lord and became a believer. He has become a well disciplined young man and he now assists Jacob with the house parent duties. He also helps Rahmath Unissa, the cook, with care of the entire grocery storage and kitchen operations along with purchasing the food items each month. During our Christmas celebration he shared his testimony at the church service saying that only Jesus could do this miracle in his life and bring him to this place. He now wants to give his life back to Jesus by serving in KidZ Sanctuary. He also said he has found a good dad in Daniel and a mother in Sandy and

caring aunty in Sujatha, as well as an aunty and uncle with the house parents and grandparents with my uncle, aunty and my mother. Pavan will be doing his final exams for his high school and is praying and seeking God for his future course of action. He seeks prayers for himself as well as for his family members to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus.



Chandra

Chandra the younger brother of Pavan joined a year after Pavan came to the KidZ Sanctuary and his story is the same as Pavan as history repeated itself again. His grandmother noticed a big change in

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Pavan and said where Pavan is there will Chandra be. So again she came and requested that of my sister and the rest is history. Chandra takes charge of the inventory of toiletries and of the storage. He maintains the distribution, storage and has been doing a very good job. He runs this like a regular store and looks like he may end up becoming a Christian businessman some day.



Sathish

Sathish is the cousin of Pavan and Chandra. His mother is the sister of Pavan's mom. Things were going well for Sathish until one day two years ago his dad was so drunk that while driving his 3 wheel auto rickshaw (poor man's taxi) downhill and ended up hitting a lamp post. His skull was opened and he died before he could be taken to the hospital. His

dad was the only bread winner to the family so this made things obviously difficult. After a few months his mother admitted him to the Hindu orphanage. When the grandmother came to know about this she left him there until the school year got over and approached KidZ Sanctuary and Sathish was admitted to the KidZ Sanctuary. When he grows up Sathish wants to become a soldier in the Indian Army as well as be a witness for the Lord and share how good the Lord has been to him.

March of course marks the end of the school and college year and before the summers break it is the time of examinations for the entire month of March. Here the summer is at its peak and schools and colleges are closed for the summer holidays. Temperatures reach up to 110 degrees in the day! The kids get ready for the exciting times of summer break and also Vacation Bible School in April and May.

Praise Reports:

1. Children are growing in size and also spiritually.
2. Jacob's father was hospitalized due to breathing related issues as well as kidney problems. Now he is out of danger and recovering in the hospital. We appreciate continued prayers for him.
3. Children from KidZ Sanctuary are showing the love of Christ through their life in the local government school they attend and also the teachers are praising them for their excellent work in studies as well as good manners.

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4. Bills for February were all paid in full. God has always made sure little things are all taken care of. He is the Great I AM.

Prayer Requests:

1. Children write their final exams in March. They need prayers for remembering what they have learned throughout the year.
2. We need an extra set of house parents. It's getting difficult for Jacob and Soni to maintain the day to day operations and as well as manage the entire operations.
3. Many prayers will be appreciated for the regular monthly expenses for March to be met.
4. Wisdom for Jacob and other volunteers as they prepare for Vacation Bible School during end of April continuing into May.

KidZSanctuary Immediate Needs:

- Need \$1200 for 12 metal windows for the multipurpose church building. Cost is \$100.00 for each window including labor, material and installation.
- Need \$2,500.00 for chairs for the children in the multipurpose building. The additional chairs will relieve the children from presently moving chairs back for forth between the dining area and the multipurpose building. Right now the children are sitting on a mat placed on the cold concrete floor and it is getting difficult to carry chairs to the fourth floor through stairs.

KidZ Sanctuary is a donation based ministry. As such, your faithful giving is what fuels our God given vision to transform communities by giving hope, inspiring dreams and changing lives for eternity.

In the words of Mother Theresa, *"What I do you cannot do; but what you do, I cannot do. The needs are great, and none of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful."*

There are innumerable ways you might meaningfully respond. How might you share your resources of money, time and energy, and perhaps help to spread the word to your friends and family about these extraordinary individuals?

Together, we can and will make a difference. Friends, if we each share what we are able and feel moved to give, joining hands with others who are also doing the same thing, we will impact greatly and make needed change in our communities and world! There is indeed great power in communities coming together: collaborating, exchanging, giving, and receiving.

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With much love and blessings,

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