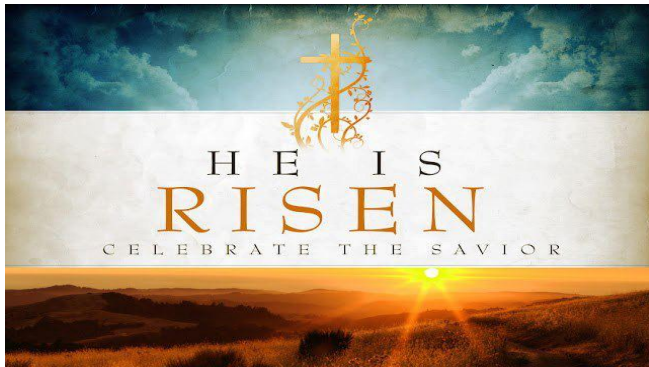




Family investing in building lives for eternity

“Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.” John 14:19



By the time you receive this news letter everyone’s eyes are focused on Easter which is celebrated throughout the whole world. For some Easter is just another holiday. For some it’s a collection of Easter eggs. For the true believers it’s the hope of a new life. As a result of Easter they put their faith and entrust their life in a man called Jesus Christ. For those individuals it marks a beginning of new life in their new found journey towards their eternal destiny. As God has come near, we enjoy the indwelling of His presence in us through Jesus’ death in the past, which is remembered in the present, and points to the future when we will be with Him forever in eternity. May we never forget the high cost, as we rejoice each time we remember and practice the sharing of the bread and the cup in the practice called communion. May we be like the early Christians who didn’t merely share the fact of Jesus’ death; they preached his resurrection proclaiming him ‘Lord of Life’.

### **Celebrate the Savior, Because He lives**

**Daniel, Sandy, the Children, staff at KidZ Sanctuary, and the board of BORN Foundation wish you a HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY.**

Over 50 percent of girls in India are married before the age of 18 in rural areas; one can even see girls getting married at the age of eight. More than 14 million girls worldwide are subjugated by family members, poverty, or a societal norm to marry long before they are adults.

Human Rights Watch reports that one in seven girls is married in the developing world—mainly, South Asia and Central and West Africa—before reaching her 15th birthday. Because of their prepubescent age, detrimental and sometimes fatal health complications are a common consequence of child marriage, stemming from alarmingly common human rights violations including domestic abuse, marital rape, and restrictions on education.

Each month we want to focus on at least one child or a set of siblings. This way the reader of the newsletter can familiarize oneself with the 45 children as well as know how to pray for them. This month in April, I want to focus our eyes on a 16 year old girl called Sowmya. Her story is a life of a second chance and a new beginning.

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Sowmya

Sowmya was raised in a Hindu family. She has an older sister and a father who had two wives. The first wife was mother to Sowmya and her older sister. Due to her dad getting married a second time, her mom quarreled and eventually separated from her dad.

Sowmya and her mother along with her older sister moved to her mom's native village and lived with her grandmother. Sowmya attended school each year she was moved to a different village for her schooling. Once she was so fed up of moving that she decided to get into a train and run away from home. When the train stopped at the final destination the man who was checking the train noticed her and reported to the station authorities and they found her and queried her. She did not know what she was doing and somehow through searching got her reunited with her family after a few weeks. After a few years Sowmya mother committed suicide after a few failed attempts. Her father's second wife took her two kids and separated from Sowmya's father when she was 3 years old. He returned, but left again when she was 7 years old. This left Sowmya to work and fend for herself as her grandmother was too old to work and care for her. Her older sibling went to live with her dad and

eventually found Christ through an outreach of a local pastor and found shelter in the pastor's house. With the pastor's help, her sister found her way into college. During this time Sowmya was working menial jobs, and her loneliness led her to attempt suicide. She tried twice but was not successful. When Sowmya was 12 her older sister visited her grandmother and Sowmya and during one of their conversations the older sister was sharing to Sowmya about her life and how she came to know Christ and the way her life turned around after she committed her life to the Lord. This made Sowmya think and she started to go to a local church and when her uncle and aunty who are strong Hindus took notice, they started to ill-treat and forced her to do more work. They would feed her one meal a day and that was all leftover food. Sowmya went through difficult days and when the pastor that rescued her older sister came to know about Sowmya he began to search for a safe place for Sowmya and found KidZ Sanctuary through talking to different locals as well as pastors. Sowmya came to see KidZ Sanctuary but had to wait for more than a year before she could be admitted into KidZ Sanctuary. She was admitted into KidZ Sanctuary in June 2013 and she has found a place where she can call it her own home. She is doing her final exams before she can qualify for pre-university studies. She plans to study to become a nurse.

Thank God that she did not commit suicide but found Jesus and wants to live her life for Him.

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**Praise**

- Salvation of Kon Mary and Chandra Shekar.
- Bills for March paid in full. The Lord has been faithful providing for his children.
- Children of KidZ Sanctuary have finished their final exams and are waiting for results to be promoted to next grade.
- Good health of children, and staff.
- I turned 40.
- Sandy & I celebrated 11 years of life together. God has been good to us in spite of all the hardships we have gone through as a couple in sicknesses, good health and in ministry.
- \$ 1,175 donated for building compound wall. We still need \$3,725.
- \$180 donated for the window and \$100 pledged. Still need \$920.

**Prayer Requests:**

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ We need a couple, the husband to work as security and the lady to help in the kitchen.
- ❖ Many prayers will be appreciated for the regular monthly expenses for April to be met.
- ❖ Wisdom for Jacob and other volunteers as they prepare for Vacation Bible School during end of April continuing into May.

KidZ Sanctuary is a donor supported 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.

Whether you are a monthly donor a first time reader of this newsletter, please take a moment to prayerfully consider what God would have you to do to give of yourself to these children who otherwise had nowhere else to turn when in need. Your partnership, sacrificial giving and very valuable prayers is valued and coveted more than ever before.

**KidZ Sanctuary Needs:**

- **Ongoing Expense needs** \$2,000 for each month for food, salaries for staff, water and other expenses.

**KidZ Sanctuary Project Needs**

- Need \$ 4,900 for building a 7 foot high and 600 foot length compound wall to protect the children as well as stopping unwanted people from jumping over the wall. Still need \$3,725
- Need \$1,200 for 12 metal windows for the multipurpose church building. Still need \$920.

**Please send your tax deductible love offerings to:**

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