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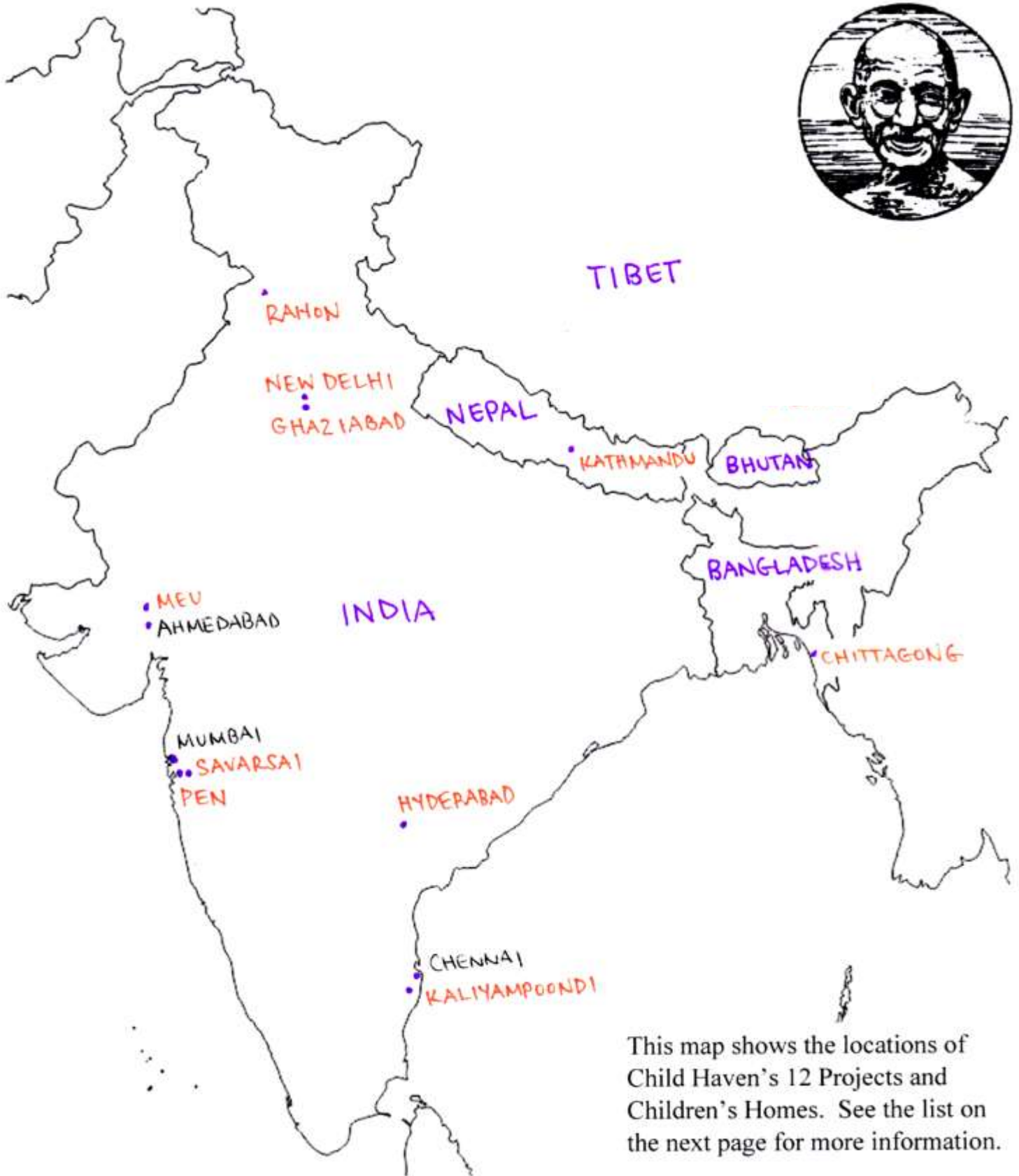


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Kaliyampoondi – Jumping up to pose for the passing paparazzi are Sherlin, age 8, in pink, and from left to right below her, Miruthula age 9, Chandrika age 6 and Kalavathi age 8. Miruthula is holding aloft their magical wonderfulness potion which they have obviously had huge portions of!

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Kaliyampoondi – Leaders of tomorrow squeeze in for a photo on their way up to the second floor of the boy's dormitory. Looking not quite so bright and shining is the red paint above and below them! As you can imagine funding for a new coat of paint to preserve and protect those cement walls is one of the many needed items on the Needs List to be discovered on our website and featured at our Dinners!

Child Haven Homes

Meu, Gujarat, India, 68 children 8 women, Language: Gujarati

Hyderabad, Telangana, India, 183 children 14 women, Language: Telugu

Kaliyampoondi, Tamil Nadu, India, 325 children 35 women, Language: Tamil

Maitreya Foundation, New Delhi, India, 24 children 1 woman, Language: Tibetan & Hindi

Savarsai, Maharashtra, India, 48 children, 4 women, Language: Marathi

Tribal Home, City of Pen, near Savarsai Home, 55 children, Marathi plus Tribal languages

Kathmandu, Nepal, 99 children 22 women, Language: Nepali

Chittagong, Bangladesh, 70 children 15 women, Language: Bengali

Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh, India, Tibetan Children's Village - support for 17 children - Language: Tibetan

(Hundreds of other children are sponsored for education but are not living in one of our Homes.)

Women's Programs Child Haven Sponsors

Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, India, Tailoring, Beauty and Wellness Training for 50 women at a time, Language: Hindi

Rahon, Punjab, India, education in tailoring for 50 women at a time, Language: Punjabi - Currently on hold

Kathmandu, Nepal, education in tailoring for women, Language: Nepali



Kaliyampoondi

To the left, Grade 10 graduate, Revathi, (center) speaks on a zoom call with Bonniema, Ganesh and Robin about her desire to pursue a degree in Nursing. All of the Grade 10 students took turns sharing their dreams and goals with support and encouragement from Home Manager Arun (left) and our Accountant Sandhiya, (right).



To the left, our seven nursing students at the St. Theresa Nursing College met with Home staff members who went to visit them to see how they are doing. They are, from left to right, Mumthaj, Gomathi, Haripriya, Delphine Catherine, Sneyha, Ramitha and Divya.



Congratulations to our cow and her most beautiful calf in the world, Meenakshi, named after the Hindu Goddess, known for her watchful and loving gaze. The Meenakshi Temple, located not far from our Home in Madurai, is a destination for pilgrims from across Tamil Nadu. We look forward to our Meenakshi keeping her loving gaze on our children for many years to come.



Kaliyampoondi – Off to school! Our young scholars leave the gates of the Home to walk the half mile to school in preparation for the longer life journeys ahead of them. We wish them every success on their pathways, near and far.

To the left, few things bring a joyful smile as readily as a ripe mango in season from just down the road!

Seenu photos



Savarsai – Above left, Samar came to the Home after his father died. His mother works as a domestic helper and doesn't earn enough to support both of them and is also not home enough to care for him. Samar is doing well with his Grade 6 studies. Teja Bahadur, above right, lost his mother. His father, who works as a cleaner in a residential society, doing sweeping and other cleaning tasks, is also unable to support him. Teja is originally from Nepal. When he first came, he was unable to walk independently as he had been getting very little exercise and needed support from other children to help him walk. His condition has improved significantly now though. He can walk on his own although he still has some difficulty climbing stairs. Teja is mastering his Grade 2 studies.

They and our scholars below are deeply engaged in the schooling Child Haven with your support, makes possible for them. From left to right below are Pratigya, Dnyaneshwari, Vedika and Sanskar - waving goodbye on their way to yet another learning adventure.





Savarsai – Above, staff members Marthu, Manisha, Tejashree and Rohini work together to prepare lunch for everyone. Marthu and Tejashree are caregivers, Manisha and Rohini are cooks. At this Home everyone helps!

To the right, Jivika, Fulbani and Archana enjoy the meal.

After the children have eaten and gone on to other projects, matron Harshada, watchwoman Nanda, her most beautiful granddaughter in the world, Layara, clothes washer Radha and caregiver Marthu have a relaxing meal. Nanda brings Layara to work with her whenever she can, much to everyone's delight!



Mariamamma, Child Haven Wonder Woman!

Mariamamma began working for our Hyderabad Home 20 years ago. She knew Kumari, who was working at the Home as a teacher and asked her if there might be an opening. Luckily for all of us Kumari said yes, and Mariamma's Child Haven journey began.

At first she worked as a sweeper and cleaner. She also helped serve food and wash vessels in the kitchen.

Later she began working as a caregiver for the boys. Her kind and gentle manner proved to be an effective balm and support for the boys in her care.

These days she switches back and forth between being a caregiver and a cook which she also enjoys and does well.

Mariamamma says she came from a very poor family and began working at a very young age as a laborer in agricultural fields and carrying sand and bricks on construction sites.



She was married at 11 or 12, had 2 sons and 2 daughters of her own. Sadly, one of her sons drowned in a river. The other has a hand injury and struggles to find work. Mariamma helps to support their children, her grandchildren, and Child Haven funds their education as needed.

Mariamamma explains that she loves working with children. When she is with them she says she can forget about her own problems and just be happy. She feels like Child Haven is her home and that working with children is a god given thing, so she treats all the children like our own and enjoys it a great deal. As long as her strength is there, she will stay with the children she assures us.

That is truly fortunate, as her chosen role mothering our children has buoyed and elevated the lives of hundreds of little children in need of her loving care. Thank-you Mariamma!



Hyderabad – It was a decidedly good day for cows recently when our new cow shed was opened to great fanfare by our children, staff and of course, new cows. The cows are a very welcome donation from our good friend Seenaiah Bollenini who was the contractor for our new Home. Our previous grounds were too small for cows, so it is a new experience for our children to enjoy their good company and fresh paneer! Our gardener is also incredibly excited about all that good dung! We just have to be sure they don't wander into the garden to distribute their droppings uninvited!





Ghaziabad – Learning to sew is a most useful and valuable skill in both finding a job and clothing one's family as these women in our women's vocational training program have decided!

This editor fondly remembers falling asleep to the hum of Bonniema's treadle sewing machine as she valiantly tried to keep up with the ripped and torn clothes of her household full of scallywags! Somehow, she even found time to make us new clothes or if we were very lucky a stuffed toy or Halloween outfit!





Ghaziabad – Quite a few years ago, the women enrolled in the tailoring training program asked if they could also receive training in beautician skills as that was another career path that they thought they could utilize in supporting their struggling families. Bonniema agreed and with the support of all of you, teachers were hired and equipment purchased. As these elegant coiffures show, our students are learning some very complex techniques! It probably helps to have such luxurious locks!





Kathmandu – Welcome to Sukraj

by Dhruba Pradhan, Home Manager

Our Child Haven Nepal family is delighted to welcome Sukraj who is 6 years old.

Sukraj's father, Ambar, passed away while working as a porter on a trekking expedition to Baruntse Peak in eastern Nepal. Ambar was only 28 years old at the time of his death. He reportedly suffered from altitude sickness during the trek and was unable to survive despite efforts made to save him.

Following the death of his father, Sukraj's mother, Manju, along with her sisters, migrated to Kathmandu in search of employment and better opportunities. Manju, who is currently 27 years old, struggles with finding enough employment, to be able to care for her son.

Sukraj resided with his mother, aunt, and grandfather in a small, rented house in Aarubari, Kathmandu.

Manju earns occasional income through daily wage labor, including household cleaning, dishwashing, and carrying bricks and sand at construction sites.

Despite their own financial hardships, Sukraj's aunts made sincere efforts to support both him and his mother. They arranged for Sukraj to be enrolled in a local government school. However, because of the lack of parental guidance and supervision at home, Sukraj

regularly absconded from school and was unable to continue his education consistently.

Concerned about Sukraj's welfare and future, members of the local community recommended that he come to our home. They also assisted in obtaining the necessary legal documentation from his hometown in Solukhumbu District to facilitate his admission.

Sukraj was admitted to our Home's residential care program on May 17, 2026. Upon assessment, it was determined that he would benefit from additional educational support to strengthen his foundational learning skills. He has been enrolled in the Montessori Third Year Class at our Green Tara Child Haven School, where he is benefiting from the nurturing environment, quality education, and the care and guidance needed for his overall development. We are very happy he is part of our Child Haven family!



Kathmandu – It's dance class time at our Green Tara Child Haven School! The children wear traditional clothing for performances, but practice takes place in their more mundane school uniform. Some nice dance moves on display there!



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Child Haven founder and Bonniema's loving husband, Fred Cappuccino, died on August 6th of this year after a brief illness. Below is his last *Bonnie Lore* written just before his passing. Our next issue will include more reflections on his storied and inspiring life.

Bonnie Lore by Fred Cappuccino, her long-suffering husband



*Above here we are with Robin,
and my arms full with William,
Pierre and Machiko*

Thanks too to all of you for your help keeping Bonnie distracted with Child Haven so that I could get in a little rest every now and then. Bonnie has never really understood the “rest” concept. I can’t complain though, it has been a fascinating adventure and there have been so many most beautiful children we can all be proud of.

Well Bonnie has kept my arms full for quite a few years now, 73 to be exact. I still feel a thrill every time I wrap my arms around her. Now that I’m 100, I suppose that I’m getting to be an armful too from time.



I don’t know how she finds the time to take such good care of me with all our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren to attend to, let alone the 1,300 Child Haven children she is off zooming around with all the time, but then she has always been a marvel to me.

Thanks to her good care, we’re both doing fine. We’ve got our trusty walkers, finicky hearing aids, glasses when we can find them and most of all our abiding love.

Below Bonnie and Fred on a recent outing





Chittagong – Our Home’s Assistant Manager Forhad, second from right, and his wife Jakia, far left present the most beautiful baby in the world, their son Abdullah, sitting in Forhad’s mother, Ferdous’s, lap. To Jakia’s right is her mother Jaheda, holding Forhad and Jakia’s daughter Nusaiba, and to the far-right is Jakia’s brother and Nusaiba and Abdullah’s uncle, Talha. Forhad tells us he feels so incredibly fortunate to be raising his children with the support and involvement of his extended family. We are grateful that Forhad extends this appreciation and understanding of familial love and care to all of the children at our Home!

Below are two of the most beautiful children Forhad cares for in our Home. To the left, Roni, age 10 came after his father, who was a fruit and vegetable seller, died in a road accident. Fatema, age 7, came after her father, who was an auto driver, became ill and is no longer able to work. Her older sister Pinky also grew up in our Home, completed her studies and is now working as lab technologist. Her sister Punom is studying Radiology in college. We see a bright future for all of these wondrous children with Forhad’s gentle guidance and your support!





Chittagong – Art classes are a favorite activity here! Led for the past 12 years by our inspiring art teacher Bimol Chakma, there is one class for the older children (above) and another for the younger children below.

Below left, Ontu Rani, age 5 shows us her creation as does Tamim who is five and a half. They are both in the nursery class of our Montessori School.





Meu – To the left, our tailoring teacher, Kanchaben, in the yellow sari teaches to Kajal, to her left, age 17, as well as Puja, 16, Dhruvi 17 and Nancy, 15 how to cut out a pattern.

To the right, Sejal and Palak, both 17-years-old, practice their sewing skills as part of Kanchaben's class. Older girls are often placed in this Home for short periods of time through the auspices of the local Child Welfare Committee during which it is difficult for them to enroll in the local school. Having tailoring and other skill development classes available for them at the Home has provided the opportunity for them to spend their time with us in meaningful and useful ways!



Below the tailoring room doubles as a homework class where caregiver Khushbuben helps Kajal, 8 years old and in Grade 2, with her studies.



Meu – Vidya, center, is new to our Home. She quickly became involved in caring for and supporting the younger children. Here she is reading a story to a group of very attentive boys.

Our caregiver, Kushbhuben, below, is teaching a clapping game to another circle of children. This one made up of some of the little girls in her care.





Meu – In addition to supporting each other to thrive and flourish, the children and staff at this Home enjoy doing the same with their flowers, trees and shrubs. Above left, Caregiver Vaishaliben unloads some new plants for the Home with help from Housefather Krunalbhai. Right above, Sejal, age 17, helps with planting. Below left, our Boy's Superintendent, Pannabhai Office Manager Jayshree ben, Caregiver Khushbuben and Housemother Shitalben also help. To the right below, from right to left, Nidhi - 16, Yamini – 17, Kajal – 17 and Pooja – 16 help out as well. May all bloom and grow!





Meu – It's bean-picking time! In the picture above, our gardener Sureshbhai, left, receives help from Neha, and Priyanka, center, and to the right, House Mother, Rinaben, protects her head from the sun with her scarf.

To the left, the day's papaya harvest is held by Henil, age 11, the son of our Home Manager, Sonalben, and our gardener Sureshbhai.



In the picture to the right caregiver Khushbuben (left foreground) along with Sonal, Viral, Urmila, and Vansari, prepare more of our garden's bounty for the evening meal. In this case it is ladies fingers, or okra as it is more commonly called on this side of the pond.



Kaliyampoondi – Home Manager Arun oversees some of our Grade 5 and 6 children who are members of the Gandhi Peace Club. They are taking part in a trust-building exercise called the Human Knot. One of the goals was to illustrate how “truth liberates us although it is sometimes a hard path to adhere to”. The club is an outcome of the work of the Gandhian Mr. Kuzhandaisami and our All-India Child Haven Board Charman, Ilangovan.

Child Haven Support Groups for Fundraising Events 2026

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Kaliyampoondi – Sometimes it can be a very long distance down the slide! But with hands above and feet below, Chandrika, age 6, and Anitha, age 8, are well positioned to handle whatever challenges await them!

*“Let me light my lamp, says the star,
And never debate if it will dispel the dark.”*

Rabindranath Tagore



Chittagong – It's Lichee time! Enjoying them are Alamin, 9 years old and Jannatul Mawa who is 6. Alamin's father, formerly a day laborer, is now seriously ill and unable to support his family. Fatima's father passed away and she and her sister are now staying at the Home. Their mother works as a cleaner and both she and Alamin's parents visit when they are able to.

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