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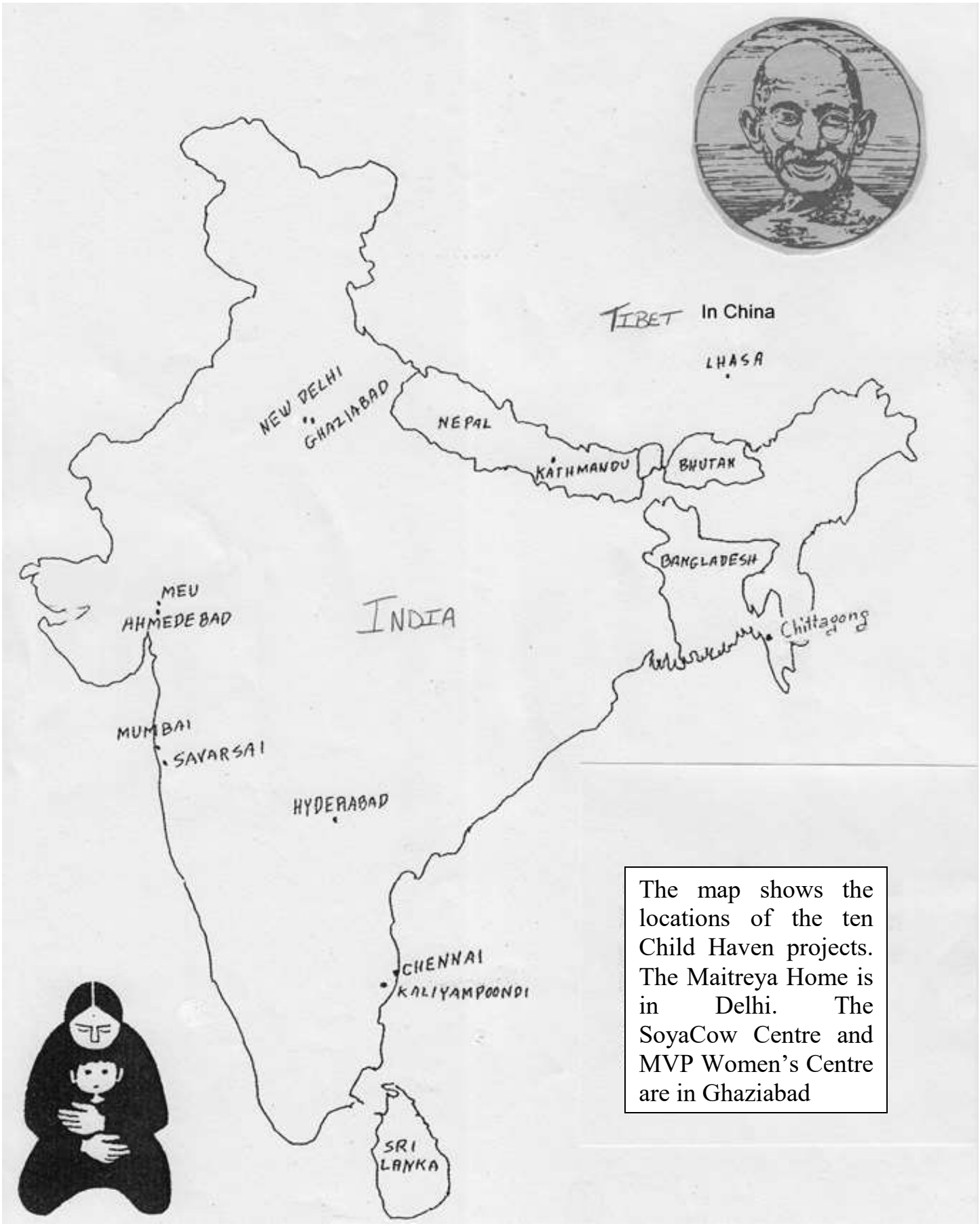
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Kaliyampoondi Aravindan (left) is 10 years old and in Grade 5. He says he would like to be a policeman. Hari Prasath is nine years old, in Grade 4 and he is interested in healthcare.

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The map shows the locations of the ten Child Haven projects. The Maitreya Home is in Delhi. The SoyaCow Centre and MVP Women's Centre are in Ghaziabad

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Tribal Home Every Sunday the children take care of Home chores. They clean rice together, wash toilets, clean the kitchen and their rooms. Though boys are not seen in the photo above, they too help in all this.

Child Haven Homes

Meu (Gandhinagar), 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, 203 children 22 women, Language: Nepali
Tibet in China, sponsoring 14 children 4 women, Language: Tibetan
Chittagong, Bangladesh, 70 children 15 women, Language: Bengali
Ghaziabad Women's Centre, **MVP** (Manav Vikas Parishad) Uttar Pradesh, India; education in tailoring for 50 women at a time; inexpensive sanitary napkin production and sale; Beauty and Wellness Course, Language: Hindi

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

Hyderabad Volunteer intern Rita Dickson (far right below) and her daughter Amy (left) and staff member Alivelu, (center) have been spending a lot of time upgrading the Home library.They purchased some new books for the collection and have been re-organizing. 12 children at a time come in to read and borrow books.

In the middle picture right, Rita and Alivelu help with homework.

At bottom of page, Durga (below in the center) is turning 13. Sreeja, (with the white barrette, bottom right) is turning 11. The two girls are dressed up for their birthdays. Rita sent this note about birthdays;

'A child's birthday should be a time of celebration. At Child Haven, every child and every birthday is celebrated. Children at CHI Hyderabad begin the day by dressing in their party dress or good shirt, rather than their school uniform.

Their many friends and staff greet them with 'Happy Birthday and best returns of the day'.

In the evening, after the supper prayer, the birthday child steps to the front of the line while everyone sings happy birthday. In keeping with Indian tradition, the child then proudly hands a candy or chocolate to everyone.

While the birthday celebration does not involve cake and brightly wrapped gifts, the sharing of a sweet and kind words has deep meaning.'

Rita and Amy photos













Hyderabad Here are some pictures taken by volunteer intern Zobida Ali, from Winnipeg, took during her recent stay at out Hyderabad Home. It was her 4th visit to the Home!

Above left, some of the girls wring out their laundry. All the older children wash their own clothes. Above right, lots of hands help with making puris. First the dough is made into balls then rolled out before frying. With 183 children at the Home, plus staff, that is a lot of puris!

Below, are two of the many entrants into the Rangoli Competition during this year's Summer Camp Program at the Home. Rangoli designs are made with coloured rice flour carefully placed on intricately designed patterns.







MVP Rajni, wearing glasses, has been working with Child Haven to empower women in this low-income community for the past 15 years. Altogether, some 15,000 women have taken part in the various trainings held at the site.

Shanti, far left, age 18, shows us some embroidery she is adding to a blouse she has made. Many of the women in the program have husbands or fathers who work as rickshaw pullers, or day laborers finding manual work when they can.

The tailoring classes, offered at a minimal fee, teach a skill useful for both providing clothing for their families and possible employment in tailoring shops. Some have been able to set up their own small shops.



Rajni, trained as a nurse, also conducts regular family planning workshops, and nutrition and hygiene training for the women in the community.

To the left, another young student puts together the pieces of an outfit she has carefully cut-out.

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Nepal There are lots of ways to help out at the Home! Above left Ashish tutors the Grade 4 homework class. To the right above, he gives a haircut to Parthik in Grade 9. Ashish is in Grade 11 and studying animation.

Below, left to right, Tilganga, in the Montessori Program and twins, Ishika and Ayusha, help entertain the Home with an impromptu song.





Nepal Construction is well under-way on the third floor and roof covering for Child Haven's Green Tara School. The additional classrooms will make it possible to serve more children in the surrounding community and add more classes to the school. The roof will be a year-round assembly hall and play space for the school especially, in rainy weather.







Nepal

Above, Karna Jung Nepali, 16, is the "go-to" person whenever special signs need to be made. In this case it was for a ceremony at the Home congratulating the new mayor and city council members. The children at our Green Tara School, where Karna studies in Grade 10, had also had an election at the same time to learn how that process works. With Karna are Dinesh in grade 9 and Yubraj in grade 6.

Left, Radha poses with a crown of clover that she has just made.





Nepal The snow lions at the Home above have a charmed existence. From giving kids rides during snack time to hoisting seekers of lost badminton birdies in the Bougainvillea vine, it's a full life. There is almost always a teaming view in the courtyard (below) under their watchful gaze.



Child Haven – Changing Lives Through Education by Sheila Laursen,
Sheila is Child Haven's Volunteer Post-secondary Sponsorship Program Coordinator

We see wonderful images in the Child Haven newsletters of young children playing and living as a big family in CHI homes in India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Tibet. We can easily see and understand how important Child Haven is to improving the lives of hundreds of children. These children go to school each day, and are supported in their studies and with their homework by the adults and youth of their CHI Home. As they learn and progress they begin to dream about what they wish to accomplish in the future. Once they reach levels 11 and 12, studying becomes serious work.

Child Haven's ongoing support is critically important to those children as they grow older. It is less well-known that Child Haven ensures that every young woman and man who wishes to further their education by attending university, college, or a technical school, will be fully supported by Child Haven and its donors. As long as a youth works hard, and passes his or her exams, there is no limit to what their educational goals can be. I know this as I have the honour and pleasure, to match donors who wish to support Child Haven's commitment to higher education with young people working hard on post-secondary studies. What a wonderful task I have!

For this 2017-18 year, Child Haven is supporting post-secondary students who are working towards such educational goals as:

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BA in English, Fine Arts, History, Humanities, Journalism, French, or Politics
Master of Business Administration, Master of Science
Degrees in Electrical Engineering, Commerce, Social Work, Physical Education, Business Management, Technology, or Mechanical Engineering
Diplomas in Mechanics, Nursing, Patient Care, Power Technology, Garment and Pattern Design, Tourism, Information Technology, or Homeopathic Medicine

These young men and women are very committed to the hard work and studying these courses demand. Rarely does a Child Haven student "drop out" or "fail out" of his or her dedication to graduate.

What will these young people do with their education? Just imagine how their knowledge, determination and skills will nourish, change and enrich their lives! And what a positive impact these young people will make - for their families, their communities, their country! By becoming a post-secondary sponsor you too can be instrumental in helping a Child Haven youth realize his or her educational dreams - and you will make the world a better place. I will be happy to provide details on how you can support a Child Haven student!

Sheila Laursen, sheila@childhaven.ca





Savarsai Nutan, above, came to the Home 10 years ago as a full orphan. She is now 17 and has completed Grade 12 with exceptional grades. She is currently enrolled in a Nurse's Training Program at a local college. To the right, many years ago, the same Nutan plays an imaginary flute in a dance recital for Bonniema and guests.

Khushi, age 8 (below left) and her brother Soham, age 4 (below right) recently came to the Home. Their mother died of cancer and their father struggles with alcohol. They were staying with their grand mother, but after a while she became unable to care for them. They are doing well at the Home.







Savarsai Four-year-old Soham had not been at the Home long before he and Akansha, who arrived last year, became good friends. Here they are collaborating on a major construction project under way across from the Girl's Dorm.

Tibet in China We now sponsor the education and care of 14 children in Tibet. Many are in the village where our Children's Home was located. Several are living with family members in Lhasa.

Among them are Shilok, pictured right, and her sister Tsetan (not shown). They have been living with their aunt, far right, since their mother died in an accident when Shilok was 2. Their aunt works when she is able to carry bricks and sand at construction sites. Shilok is doing very well in school as the paper she is holding attests.





Kaliyampoondi Smiles all around as Arumugan (left) in 8th Grade placed second in the 600 meter run in the state-wide track meet. Kanikkainathan, (right) in 12th Grade also came in second in the 1,500 meter run. This is the first time children from our Home qualified for the state-wide competition! Congratulations also goes to William their dedicated coach and mentor. *Seenu photo*

Below, long-time staff member, Nirumati, utilizes one of her many skills stripping palm leaves into new bristles for brooms. As you can imagine, with 300 kids in the Home, the brooms get a good work out every day. *Zobida Ali photo*





Kaliyampoondi Above, Moorthy, the Home's Cow Caretaker, right, watches as one of the travelling tool sharpeners put a keen edge on the scythe he uses to harvest grass for his herd. They also use their foot-treadle grinding wheels to sharpen the well-used kitchen knives, scissors and gardening tools. When finished, the sharpeners are paid a few rupees, and pedal off to their next gig.

Below are some of the mangoes and bananas grown in the Home's orchard. Thanks to years of care and sharp tools, a bumper crop now comes to fruition each year.







Kaliyampoondi

Bonniema can't keep her eyes off of Chitra's most beautiful baby in the world, Sudharson.

Below, Chitra's husband and Sudharson's father Shanmugam, joins the photo-shoot. Chitra grew up in our Hyderabad Home and then worked there as a staff member.

Shanmugam had been working at the Kaliyampoondi Home where they both now work since their marriage last year.







Kaliyampoondi Reach high! The boys above grew up in the Home and are off at their first year in college and technical school. They came to visit Bonniema on her recent visit to the Home. They couldn't resist a quick game of volleyball for old times' sake...

Left, Boy's Supervisor Babu serves Satish some "chana" or boiled and salted chickpeas for snack time. Delicious and highly nutritious, chana is a favorite snack at the Home.





Meu Above, the ever popular game Carom.

The boys strike a formal pose to the left.

Below it's time to let the energy flow on a busy afternoon after studies and before supper.

Chris Cappuccino photos



Bonnie Lore by Fred Cappuccino, her long-suffering husband





This modern metal teeter-totter was in the back yard of our parsonage in Winslow, Illinois, our last Methodist Charge before I transferred to the Unitarians. Left to right: Robin, Annie Laurie, Bonnie, Machiko, Pierre, Fred, Michael, William.

It was our only rural charge. Most of the members were farmers. The great Pecatonica River flowed through town. It had huge snapping turtles. One local guy used to catch them and keep them in a barrel, where they slept dormant until he needed to butcher one. He said turtles have the most variety in type of meat of any animal. One barrelful of turtles would last him all winter.

It was around this time that "At Winslow a different problem arose. Michael, age three, and Pierre, age four, were standing at our front steps, having a contest to see who could urinate the farthest. As two liquid arcs were splattering the lowermost steps and sidewalk, one of the church trustees drove by. She was not amused at seeing this desecration not only of parsonage property (the steps), but also town property (the sidewalk). Unfortunately, from her complaint, we could not ascertain which of our boys won the contest."

(*quote from Chapter 8 of BONNIE AND HER 21 CHILDREN, by her long-suffering husband, Fred Cappuccino)*



Robin, on his way to Grade 1 standing on the parsonage steps where Pierre and Michael had an infamous contest

Bangladesh





Above Matron Sokena accompanies Sumon during a short stay in the local hospital. She regularly accompanies children and staff on their visits to the hospital, often staying overnight with them, providing meals and basic care as is often the practice in that part of the world. She also leads tailoring classes for women in the community surrounding our Home from time to time.

Sokena (far left) has been the matron at our Chittagong Home for the past 7 years. Prior to that she worked in numerous social service organizations as a health educator, children's home mother and development worker. She calls on all these experiences in fulfilling her many duties at our Home.

She and Rosina, who lives at the Home and attends Grade 3 at our Montessori School, work on Ayesha's hair. Ayesha also lives at the Home and is in Grade 4.



Maitreya Home Manager, Tendak, left, laughs as Tenzin Dasel, daughter of Karma and his wife, Nurse Dechen Dolkar, enjoys all the attention

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Nepal Sandals are meant to be worn at all times outside, but sometimes they are needed to mark the safe zone for a quick game of tag. (Plus, bare feet can sure run faster!)

Let me light my lamp, says the star,
And never debate if it will dispel the dark
Rabindranath Tagore



Bangladesh Sometimes the only way to get the volleyball net tight is to climb the date palm tree and pull. Soykot, in Grade 4 tries this strategy. Staff member Monir (left) looks on, and a game of table tennis is being played lower right.

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