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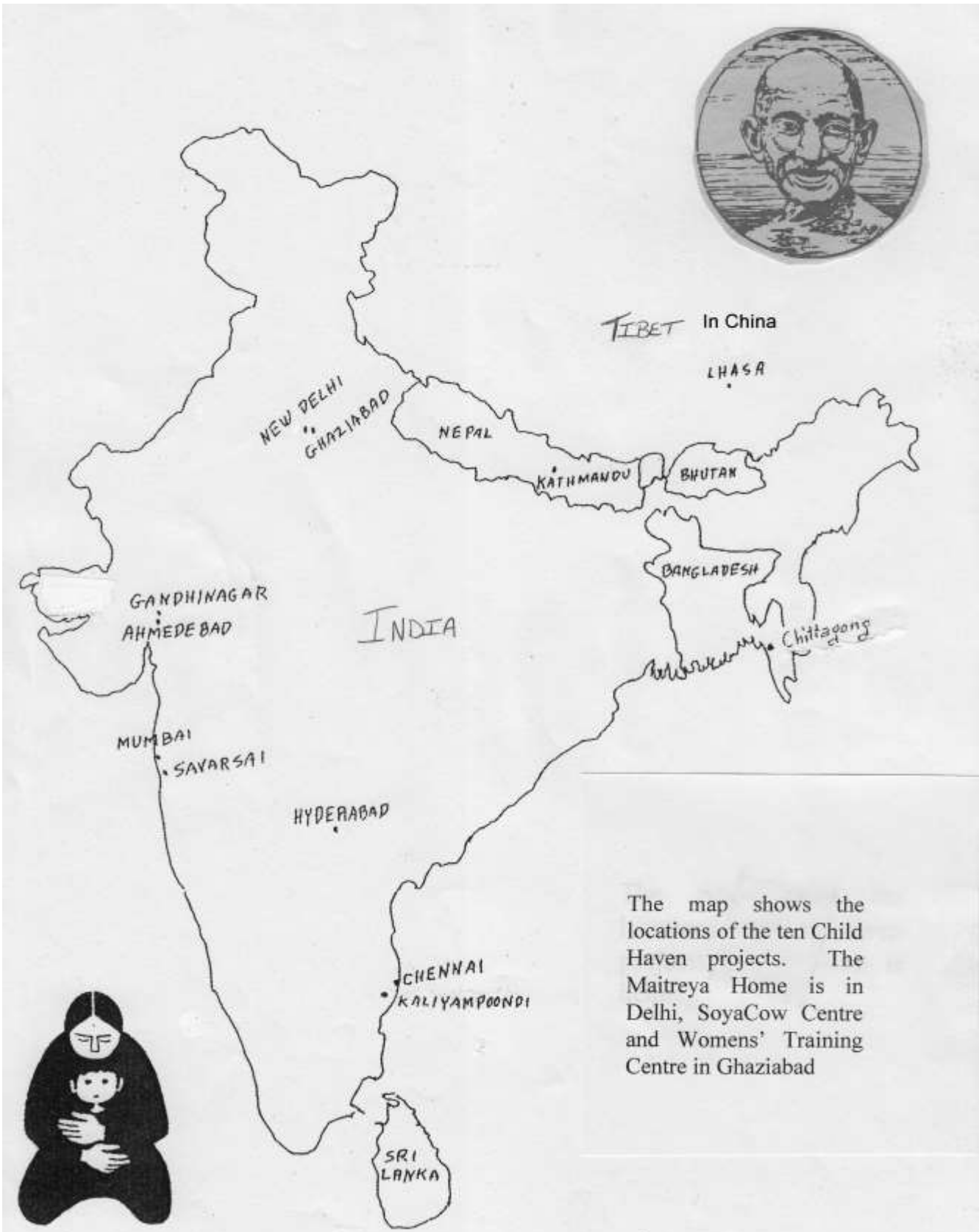
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Kaliyampoondi - P.Logeshwari, left, and K. Abinaya, right, holding Barat, the most beautiful baby in the world. Both girls are in 5th Grade. Barat is the child of staff member Sasikala.

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The map shows the locations of the ten Child Haven projects. The Maitreya Home is in Delhi, SoyaCow Centre and Womens' Training Centre in Ghaziabad

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Kaliyampoondi – Nirmal, left and Kavya are two of the newer children at our Home. Nirmal, in Second Grade, was living in a railway station after his mother left him. Some of the women working in the station gave him food. Eventually the police brought him to Child Haven. Kavya, also in Grade 2 was living with her 80-year-old grandmother after her mother died, but she became unable to care for her. Both children are doing very well.

Child Haven Homes

Meu (Gandhinagar), Gujarat, India 57 children 8 women, Language: Gujarati
Hyderabad, Telangana, India 209 children 18 women, Language: Telugu
Kaliyampoondi, Tamil Nadu, India 304 children 35 women, Language: Tamil
Maitreya Foundation, New Delhi, India 26 children 1 woman, Language: Tibetan & Hindi
Savarsai, Maharashtra, India 48 children 4 women, Language: Marathi
Kathmandu, Nepal, 203 children 22 women, Language: Nepali
Tibet in China, sponsoring 14 children 4 women, Language: Tibetan
Chittagong, Bangladesh, 72 children 15 women, Language: Bengali
Ghaziabad, India, informal education in tailoring for 50 women, inexpensive sanitary napkin production and sale, Language: Hindi
Tribal Home, City of Pen, near Savarsai Home, 55 children, Mahrathi plus tribal languages
(Many other children are sponsored for education, but are not living in one of our Homes.)



Maitreya Home Above from left to right, Dhonyoun Gyalpo, Home Manager Lama Tenzing, and staff member Karma building the new library shelves at the Home. Posing in front of some of the new books and shelves in their new library are the children and staff of the Home with guests Bonniema, Pam and Kaliyampoondi Home Manager, Ganesh.





Bangladesh – Above are this year's Grade 10 graduates with their tutor, Belal, (back-row center), Volunteer-Intern Maryse Cohen and Bonniema. Back-row left to right are graduates Nathan, Sujan, Farouk and Anis. In the front row is Meetu.
Below, Belal, in the striped shirt, demonstrates some of his ping-pong moves with some of the boys. Perhaps his ability to engage with the children on many levels contributes to his great success as a tutor.







Hyderabad – On a recent gardening day, Vanaja, above left, paints a plant trellis. At right, Asma holds Tejashwini's pony tail to keep it from turning green as they paint some flower pots. Below brothers Hanuman and Sachin plant a coconut tree under the supervision of Vikas.







Hyderabad T. Mahesh Babu, above left, came to the Home after his mother passed away. His father was unable to support him with his income from playing the drum for funerals. Pravalika, above right, is a full orphan. Her grand-mother comes to visit her and her sister when she can.

Below, Maria, left and Renuka, right, with Volunteer Intern Pam Hellstrom, Chief-Chef Mahender, of the Hotel Daspalla, and Bonniema. Chef Mahender was quick to hire Maria and Renuka to work at his Hotel after they were placed there for a six-month training at the end of their Hotel and Restaurant Management Course. Both girls grew up at our Home.



Bonnie Lore (*excerpt from,* ***BONNIE AND HER 21 CHILDREN,*** *written by her long-suffering husband, and to be published within the next decade, hopefully*)



In l968 Bertrand Russell condemned the American slaughter in Vietnam as "genocide." Bonnie said to me, "If they're committing genocide, we can try to rescue at least one orphaned baby from over there."
I said, "We have enough babies. Besides, Canada is stricter than the United States. I've been told it's impossible to bring in overseas children to Canada for adoption.

"Then you don't mind if I try."

"OK with me. Lot's of luck." It didn't take her long to find out that another family had already succeeded. Lizette Gervais, a Quebec television personality, and her husband, Judge Robert Sauve, had adopted a Vietnamese child by proxy, which means they didn't go there personally. Lizette's was the first adoption by proxy of an overseas child by a Canadian family. Her case was not hindered by the fact that her uncle was Jean Marchand, Minister of Immigration at the time. But she said to Bonnie, "I had to go through all the proper procedures. There's no reason why you can't do the same." With Lizette's step-by-step encouragement Bonnie asked for and received a Home Study from the Montreal Childrens Service Centre.

Lizette had dealt with Rosemary Taylor, an Australian nurse with *Terre des Hommes* in Vietnam. Rosemary was rescuing G.I. babies, black and white, to be sent to the U.S. and Europe for adoption. Bonnie wrote letters - to Lizette Sauve, to Rosemary Taylor, to Canadian government officials, to Canadian adoption agencies. Finally we received a picture of a baby from Rosemary - a beautiful boy just a few months old. But because of Canadian red tape we couldn't get immigration papers for the child. We tried for months, until Rosemary informed us that the baby died. We were devastated and more resolute.

Rosemary sent us a picture of another baby. We completed the adoption procedures in Vietnam, but we ran into more stone-walling at the Canadian Regional Immigration office in Hong Kong. One day when Bonnie was particularly despondent, little Mohan said to her, "It's a lot easier to have a baby inside you. He would get here sooner."

Bonnie said, "Well, that takes a long time, too."

"But at least you know where he is," said four-year-old Mohan.

The first medical approval on this second baby was not sufficient for Canadian officials. They wanted to test him for syphilis by taking a specimen of spinal fluid! Rosemary Taylor - aghast! - refused absolutely. In war-time Saigon, with the lack of sanitation, any such intrusion into an infant would have meant certain death.

Bonnie was horrified. This was ***her baby*** they were messing around with. She said, "Fred, you'd better get through to Pierre Trudeau, because this baby is also going to die if they keep playing around." I isolated myself in my study for two days to compose myself and to compose a four-page letter. We mailed the letter to Prime Minister Trudeau on December 9, 1968. Bonnie, deeply frustrated with official callousness, announced to me: "I'm not going to eat anything until those guys in Ottawa open the door for my baby." Bonnie embarked on a Gandhian hunger fast. Trudeau's office would likely receive the letter on the 10th. On that day she didn't eat any breakfast or lunch. She and I were the only ones who knew about her fast. But



The most beautiful baby in the world,
Tran Thai Tong Cappuccino

if we didn't hear anything on the following day, I was going to call the newspapers, show them a copy of our letter to Trudeau, and tell them Bonnie was fasting until Immigration agreed to let the child in. Bonnie missed supper. At 7:21 pm that evening, we got a phone call with a telegraphed message:

RE: YOUR LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER DATED DECEMBER 9 AND RECEIVED TODAY, IT IS RECEIVING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. COPY OF IT IS BEING REFERRED BY HAND TO THE MINISTER OF MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION FOR URGENT ATTENTION. I AM SURE THE MINISTER WILL HELP YOU IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE. - WILLIAM G MORRIS, SECRETARY.

We finally got our baby. “With man it is impossible, but with Trudeau all things are possible.

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Nepal To the left, Care-giver Mina is getting a lot of help washing dishes from Ramita Yadav, left and Subina Karki right.

Below left, Care giver Manju Tamang is taking a turn caring for Care Giver Sushma's most beautiful baby in the world.

Below right, future engineer Shuva Bhumi fine-tuning one of his more recent inventions.







Nepal Volunteer Intern Ginny Kowalski took this picture of laundry day in Kathmandu. "Clean clothes, clean toes" she says, "what could be better!" Below, Bishal Tamang, 11, gets a guitar lesson from Shreekrishna Magar, who is talented with everything musical. Shreekrishna is in Grade 10 at our Green Tara School.







Nepal – Above left, a neighboring farmer brings manure from her cow every morning and deposits in the Home's bio-gas tank. In return, she takes a bucket of kitchen scraps to feed her animals. The pipe in the lower left of the photo provides gas to the kitchen from the bio-gas tank, which is also fed by the human waste from the toilets.

Above right, some peaches on a neighbor's tree. The neighborhood our Home is located in is Arubari, meaning *peach field.*

Left, some of our little boys play a game of cards. They hope the photographer is not going to give away their hands to the other players!



Tribal Home – Above, Matron Nikita, front row second from left and some of her charges. Below the children from the Tribal Home join the children at our Savarsai Home for some circle games.



Kaliyampoondi

Our Homes are often visited by groups of Doctors, Dentists and Nurses providing Health Camps. Their services supplement our regular health teams at each Home. Here, R.Ramya, in Grade 7, is getting her blood checked. B.Karthick, (center) one of our Home graduates, is helping the doctor keep records of the tests.





To the left, J.Sangeetha, in Grade 10 is getting treatment as part of a Free Dental Camp organized by the SRM Medical College Chenai.
Below, Sathya, in Grade 7, is being interviewed by an ear, nose and throat specialist.







Kaliyampoondi – Tamil Vani (left) just finished her Grade 12, placing first in her group. She has now been accepted and is attending Agricultural College. Yogashri (right) is in second grade. She came to Child Haven after her father died. Her mother makes a small income in a tailoring shop. Below some local farmers gather date palm leaves behind our Home. The leaves are used for many things including thatched roofs.





Kaliyampoondi – Above, Tamil Selvan and Aravinthan with some cool drinks at the recent Home Day, a day of fun and activities organized by graduates of the Home every year. Photo by Seenu.

Below, our cow Lakshmi with her most beautiful baby in the world. Photo by Seenu.





Kaliyampoondi - The magnificent Neem trees in front of what is now the boys dorm, were planted by our late-manager Nathan many years ago. He protected them from the inquisitive hands of hundreds of little children. They now tower over the dorm offering much needed and appreciated shade, and sheltering arms for little boys to play in.
Their leaves and branches have been used in traditional Indian medicines for over two thousand years. Neem products are believed to be antifungal, antidiabetic, antibacterial, and antiviral. The sticks are commonly chewed and used as a toothbrush throughout India.
Thank-you Nathan!





Tibet in China – Most beautiful baby in the world, Tenzing Lobsang, with his mother Pasang Dolkar and big brother Karma Kelsang reading a Tibetan story-book. Tenzing's father, Pema Dorje, is Child Haven's translator and assistant for the 13 children that we support in Tibet.

Picking Up The Pieces,

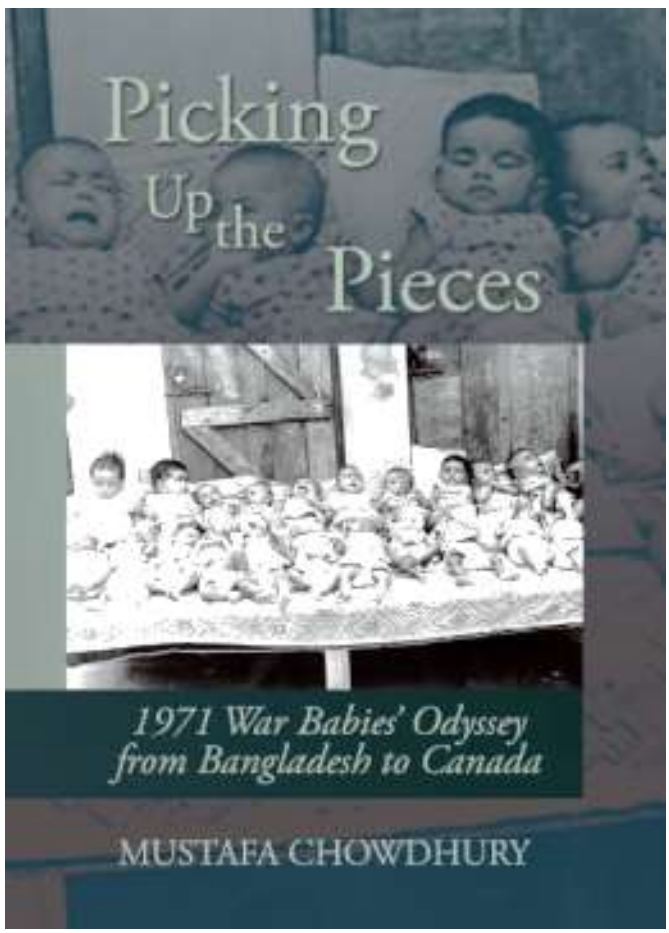
The 1971 War Babies Odyssey from Bangladesh to Canada by retired Canadian federal public servant, Mustafa Chowdhury, is a new book sure to be of interest to many in our extended Child Haven Family. It is based on the adoption of 15 war babies born in Bangladesh and brought to Canada by a team led by Bonnie and Fred Cappuccino.

The book chronicles how a group of Canadian couples took the lead to adopt a number of war babies of Bangladesh, not wanted in their country of birth, and raise them as their children.

The testimonies, experiences and remarks together with the life-stories and recollections of the adopters and the adoptees from Bangladesh reveal how they grew up in Canada knowing that Canada is the country now they call "home."

The book can be ordered at www.warbabiesofbangladesh.com

The FOREWORD for the book has been written by the editor of this Erudite and Elegant newsletter.



"*Bonnie and I are presently reading this book with great interest. It is well-written. One error is the impression that International Social Service helped us. Actually ISS tried very hard to torpedo our effort. They failed. But we feel this is an excellent book."* F.C.

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Meu, Gujarat– The boys at our Home are skillful tailors thanks to a weekly tailoring class, which is also offered to the girls. Hopefully these skills will be of service to them for many years to come.

They may not be very keen on keeping their clothes clean, but they are champions at washing them up as needed.



Meu, Gujarat - We were very pleased to have Imam Suleman Varachiya (far left above), come and do a Muslim blessing for our new Home which has a number of Muslim children. Pictured with the Imam are Home Manager Kalaben, Asha, one of our older girls, Bonniema, and the Imam's daughter. He promised to return to visit the Home regularily.

Below, Aansh, center was brought to the Home by his father who is a farmer after Aansh's mother passed away and he was unable to care for him. His father will come visit when he can.





MVP Some of the students at our Ghaziabad tailoring training program show Bonniema the new Yoga Mat Bags they are making for sale at Child Haven Dinners. Keep your eyes open at a Bazaar Table near you!

Volunteer Interns Needed:

We have space for more volunteers who will pay their own travel and commit three to six months interning in India, Nepal, or Bangladesh. Please contact our office in Maxville 613-527-2829. A $50 fee covers processing costs and your attendance at a two-day Orientation in Maxville. An additional $200 donation to partially cover overseas room and board is also asked of Interns. You can check out our new Intern Brochure on our web-site www.childhaven.ca

We were very saddened to hear of the death of Child Haven International India Board Member, and Child Haven Patron, Dr. S. V. Mapuskar. He was a much valued guiding light and inspiration for all of us at Child Haven. Our next Newsletter will include an article about the many contributions of the good doctor.

Monique Violette, right, with Sabari Priya, is one of our now regular Volunteer-Interns who has returned several times to experience the Homes in India, Nepal, and Bangladesh. She went over for her first stint not knowing that it could become habit-forming. Watch out or you might get hooked too!





Savarsai – The boys at our Savarsai Home utilize their collaborative, creative, construction skills in designing and making this *Welcome to Bonniema* sign out of leaves and flower petals on her recent visit. Much as are Tibetan sand paintings, this is a temporary creation to be swept up with the dust in coming days.

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

Rabindranath Tagore



Kaliyampoondi
Sandia has lots of help learning to ride a bike!

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