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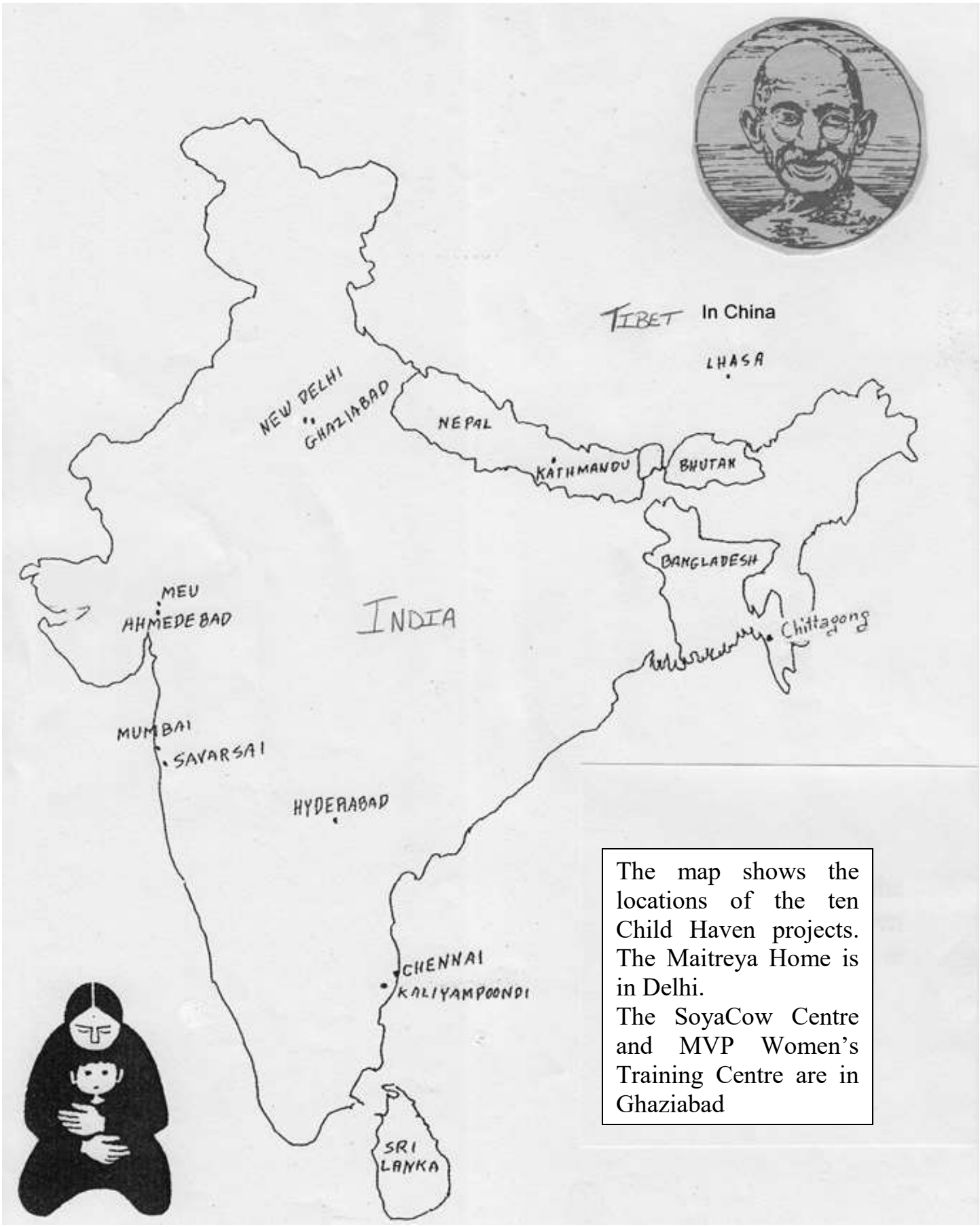
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Hyderabad - Asma (left) receives help from Pooja (right) as Pooja's biological sister Soni Bindi (center) looks on. The older children in all the Homes do their own laundry. Asma is 15 and has been at the Home for 8 years. Pooja is 14 and joined when she was 7, and her sister Soni Bindi, 16, has been part of the Home for 10 years.

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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 Training Centre are in Ghaziabad

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Kaliyampoondi Cooks and caregivers Sasikala, and Vasanti, serve breakfast to the children before they head off to school. Around 1,000 meals are served each day at this Home.

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 2 women, 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, Uttar Pradesh, India; tailoring training for 50 women at a time; inexpensive sanitary napkin production and sale; Beauty and Wellness Course, Hindi
Rahon, Punjab, 53 women taking tailoring training, 23 taking beautician course, Punjabi

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





Hyderabad Baby, above left, and her brother Jagadeishwar are new to the Home. Baby is 12 and in Seventh Grade and Jagadeishwar is ten and in Fourth Grade. Both of their parents died in the past several years. Their uncle had heard of Child Haven and went to the Child Welfare authorities to see if the children could come to the Home. They are both doing well. Also new and doing well is Joseph, above right, who is eight years old and in Second Grade. After his father passed away, his mother who works as a maid was not able to care for him.

Below, Mounika, 14 years old and in the 9th Grade reads in the library. Also in the library Volunteer Intern Elana from Pisa, Italy, is teaching some of the children how to play the electric keyboard. She also taught songs which were sung with keyboard accompaniment at a special evening performance at the Home.









Hyderabad Boys Supervisor Yadhagiri has taken responsibility for the Home's vermiculture program using bins, designed by the late Dr. Mapuskar. *Vermiculture* uses worms to decompose food waste from the kitchen, turning it into nutrient-rich material fertilizer for the Home's vegetable garden, flowers, shrubs and trees. Yadhagiri went to the local Agricultural College to learn more about how the process works and is now growing a fine crop of happy worms which in turn are producing some great plant food.

Below left, Watchman Ramkrishna waters some of the Home's shrubs with nutrient-rich water from the Home's water stabilization plant. Below right, two of the boys harvest a green variety of eggplants from the garden.











MVP Shital, above left, is holding up a dress she made in our Tailoring Program. Behind her is Program Coordinator, Rajni. Shital is 17 and had to leave school because of a family problem. She hopes her new skills will help her care for her family.

Lalita, above right, has no father. She says that with her new tailoring skills she will be able to look for a job and make clothes for her family.

Priyanka is 19. Her father is a tailor, and he told her that if she wants to work with him she has to take this training which she is enjoying.



New Women's Tailoring and Beautician's Training Programs have been set up by Rajni and Srivastava, the coordinators of our Women's Program in Ghaziabad. The new project is located in the village of Rahon, in the Punjab (pictured above and below). Rahon is in the ancestral village of Child Haven supporter Dr. Surinder Kumar. Surinder and his wife Ann, of Victoria, B. C., are funding the project through Child Haven.

Presently 53 women are taking the tailoring training and 23 are enrolled in the beautician courses . Both courses last for 6 months. Rajni and Srivastava from the MVP visit once every two months to provide encouragement and direction to the two staff members hired to lead the program. We look forward to a long and meaningful relationship with the women of Rahon.



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Bonnie Lore by Fred Cappuccino, her long-suffering husband

Soon after we were married in 1953, I happened to see an article in PSYCHOLOGY TODAY on the birth order of children. One point made was, "the older sister of brothers, when she grows up, can handle any number of children."



Bonnie had two younger brothers and no sisters. Perhaps this should have been a warning to me! It also may help to explain how Bonnie successfully raised 21 children – and now is in charge of the raising of 1300 children in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Tibet in China.



Boss Bonnie with her two younger brothers, David (center) and Bruce.

More recently, an article in Scientific American in 2014 points out that first-born girls are most likely to succeed. The article by Roni Jacobson states that “Bossy, know-it-all older sisters everywhere now have something else to lord over their younger siblings: Researchers have found that first-born girls are the most ambitious and successful children in their families.”

Oprah, Beyonce, and Hillary Clinton are also firstborns.

Bonnie herself doesn't think she is special. She is inspired by women doing amazing things the world around.

Photo is from Fred’s book *Bonnie and her 21 Children* available for $20 from www.bonnieandher21children.com *(It’s the best book he ever wrote!)*





Meu Eight-year-old Vijay Lavar, (above left) is new to the Home. After his mother died, he and his father went place to place begging. They slept in temples, gardens, anywhere they could find. Villagers told the Child Welfare Authorities who brought Vijay here. His father and an older brother come to visit.

Sisters Bharti, age 9 and Jinal, age 11, (center and right above) also came recently after their mother passed away. Their father is a laborer and could not provide for them. Jalak, age 7 is to the left of Bharti.

Below, Matron Alpaben helps Tejal in grade six with her studies.







Meu Volunteer Intern Catherine Pinard , above left, from Quebec, makes rotla with some of the women and older girls. Rotla are a mid-winter treat made from ground black millet.

Ajay, (upper right) age ten, shows off a picture of a camel of which there are many near the Home.

Sohan, (right) age 16, hangs up his jeans to dry on the solar clothes dryer.

Below left, Dharmishta, nine-years-old, tries to focus on the homework for her fourth grade class in spite of the crazy photographer trying to distract her.

Below right, Rinki, 12, a very bright student, helps some of the younger girls with their studies.









Savarsai Kirin, Omkar and Akash (above) smiling and doing their homework at the same time!

Below left, Sunaina Nage is new to the Home. She is ten-years-old. After her father died she and her mother became homeless. She was referred to the Home by a former staff member. Also new to the Home are sisters Disha and Divya, ages ten and eight respectively (below right). Their mother found a cleaning job in a hospital after their father died, but it doesn't bring in enough to care for the girls or send them to school, so they got permission from the local Child Welfare authorities to come to the Home where they are all doing well.









Tribal Home On one of our recent visits to the Tribal Home in Pen, the children performed dances (above and below left) and sang songs (below right).

Several also spoke about some of the issues they are concerned about. Among those who spoke was Samadhan (above left) who related his experiences with a door-to-door food security survey he has been helping with.

The results of the survey will be used to advocate for adequate food resources for members of the Tribal community and other low-income people in Maharashtra State. He has also been helping to file applications for people who need food assistance.













Bangladesh The children at the Home are rarely idle.

Nazma, above, works on an embroidery project as part of a school assignment.

Binita, above left is doing some homework, while Lalkunai, center left, is studying for an up-coming exam.

Nokia, below left is making a bracelet using her toe as a convenient knob to hold onto her work as Punam admires her progress.





Bangladesh Child Haven offers a Montessori primary school from preschool to grade four for our children and children from the community. Of the 85 children in the school, 63 are from outside our Home. Of those, 50 are from a low-income area nearby and receive a full or partial scholarship.

Above left, teacher Jasmine plays a naming body-parts game with her Montessori class. Above right, Salma is a day student at the school. She is 7 years old. A full orphan, she lives with her aunt in the low income area. She receives a full scholarship to the school which includes lunch.

Hasan, below left, is six and in the nursery. His father is 70 years old and Hasan is part of his second family. His father just had a heart attack and is paralyzed. His mother works only an hour a day so she can care for her husband and family. Hasan also receives a full scholarship.

Below right, teacher Bibi and her grade two class.









Nepal Above, Ganga and Maya take a turn cleaning beaten rice for the Home's cooks.

The Director of Child Haven's over-all programs in Nepal, Kanya Gurung, (left) and Sharon Fialco, visiting from the US, visiting Chunu, (center).

Chunu grew up in the Home and is now working as a cook at the Siddhi Memorial Hospital in Bhaktapur.



Nepal Volunteer Intern Francesca Wildman from Edmonton, above helping others prepare food,says one of her treasured memories from her recent three months at our Nepal Home was teaching rooftop yoga to the caregivers in the morning after the children went to school (right).

She also enjoyed helping prep vegetables with the cooks (above). On the left is cook Bhimsen, and opposite him is his wife Nirmala and daughter Bhumika. To the right of Fran, is cook Bishnumaya.





Maitreya Home Dakhpa Rinpoche, (top center above) is the head of the Maitreya Foundation which operates the Maitreya Home for Tibetan refugees in Delhi. Last year he learned of 26 destitute children in Arunachal Pradesh who needed a Home. He was able to arrange for their care at the Tibetan Children's Village based in Dharamsala. Child Haven agreed to pay the expense for these children at that Home. Here they are with the Rinpoche on a recent visit of the Home near Dharamsala.

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Tibet in China A few years ago all the private orphanages and children's homes in Tibet including Child Haven's were closed and the children enrolled in government residential schools. We still maintain contact with many of the children who graduated from our Home. We now focus on supporting children most often still living with an economically-struggling single parent. Here are some of the thirteen children and young people we are currently supporting in Tibet.

Dolma Yishi (above left) lives with her mother and is in grade 11. Her father passed away several years ago. Tsring Dorje, (center above) is also in grade 11 and is also living with his single mother.

Tsring Lamzo (above right) also has no father. She is in grade 10.

Norbula, the former manager of our Home, oversees the family support for these children. They all live in the village where our Children's Home was once located. Norbula's family has lived in that village for many generations.

Below, a roaming cow in the village with flamboyant ear décor, and cow dung piled and drying on a wall to be used as fuel in stoves for cooking and warming homes.








Kaliyampoondi The library at the Home is a popular place.

Varsha, (left), in grade 1, works her way through a Tamil picture book.

Also very popular are newspapers. One way the newspapers are used is for public speaking material. Once a week, just before supper, individual children who wish to, line up to tell the assembled 300 children and staff a story from the news of the week. Other nights are devoted to jokes, and expressions. They can be delivered in Tamil or English. This has proven to be great practice for kids in gaining confidence speaking before large groups.

Some pretty funny jokes have been heard as well like; “What has four legs and goes Oom, Oom? A cow walking backwards!”







Kaliyampoondi Babu, seated right, is in charge of school supplies at the Home. Here he doles out paper to some of the children in his charge. He is also one of the staff people who make regular visits to the elementary and high school our children attend to meet with teachers, and be of whatever support he can to our budding scholars.

Below a study circle of older boys in grades 10 through 12 getting some help from a few of our college students. The two girls to the right below, are Haripriya and Sindhiya, doing their fifth grade homework.







Kaliyampoondi These guys are either playing volleyball while taking a break from their studies, or are they about to study while taking a break from their volleyball.





Savarsai The Green Tara statue above gives a *high five* as a circle of children revel in the excitement of the moment.

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



Savarsai The indomitable Indrika turns the world upside down (center) as she and her cohorts give the parallel bars and jungle gym a work out.

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