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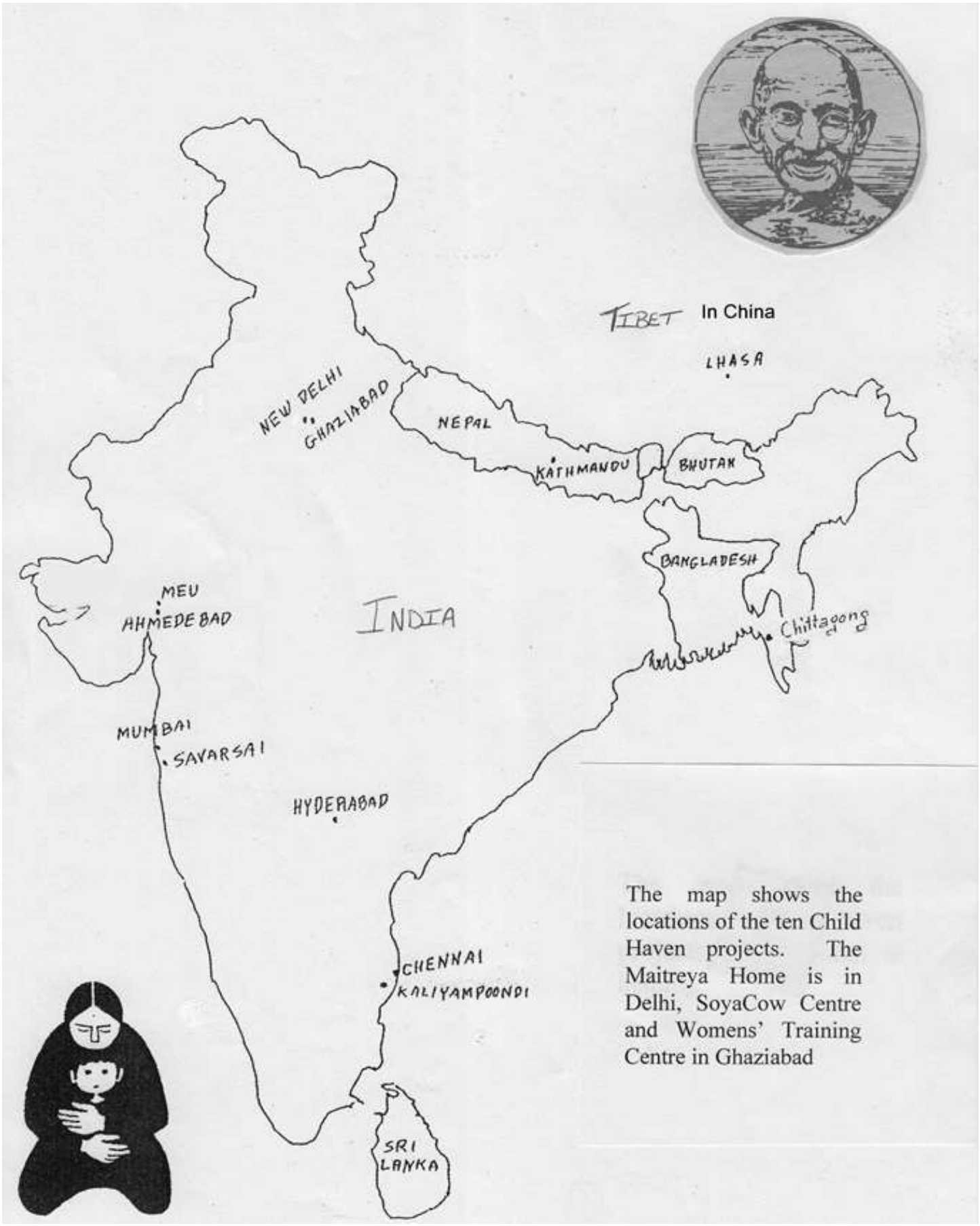
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Kaliyampoondi Kalaselvi, Varsha, Durga Devi, Varshani sharing their Grade 3 smiles. Varsha and Varshani are twins.

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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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Bangladesh Robin, left and Ridowan are caring for 3 fledgling sparrows that fell from their nest. Thanks to all who help provide a new nest for these little boys!

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, 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.)







Bangladesh Here are a few of the new children at our Home.

Kamis, upper left, is from the Tribal community. Her parents have no land and have been unable to support Kamis and her sister.

Dilshat above right has no father. His mother tries unsuccessfully to make ends meet working for low pay in a garment factory.

Faisal, left, and his mother were abandoned by his father. His mother works as a maid and could not arrange for Faisal's care on her meagre salary.

All the children's family members are encouraged to come and visit their children in the Home when they are able to. They are all enrolled in the school Child Haven operates in our Home for our own children and the children in the neighborhood.



Bangladesh Above, the music teacher comes once a week. With her the children learn songs in Bangla and playing the harmonium (shown above). Another teacher gives weekly drumming lessons. Below, the boys are waiting for their tabla lesson. Child Haven strives to engender an awareness and appreciation of the rich cultural traditions of the communities surrounding all of our Homes.







Hyderabad Surprise! But you're supposed to hide while I am counting!





Avid readers checking out the news of the day (above). One paper is in Telugu, the other one in English. To the right, waiting for a turn to hop-scotch.



Above, sometimes when the playground gets flooded in a torrential rain it is important to run through the middle just to be sure it's not getting too deep!



Hyderabad Quadheera, above left, has completed Grade 12 and is embarking on a Bachelor of Commerce degree. Narmada, on the other side of Bonniema, is entering a three year course in Nursing and Midwifery.



Hanumanth, right, is entering the second year of a Bachelor in Social Work degree. Hanumanth came to the Home at the age of 3, and has always enjoyed helping people. He especially enjoys the practicum component of his studies. He has visited a refugee camp not far from his college where he has helped conduct awareness programs and learned how to conduct and write case studies. He and his team have also visited some other children's homes and a senior citizen's home. He says he is enjoying his studies a great deal.

For information on sponsoring one of our college students, contact Sheila@childhaven.ca



Hyderabad Zobida, from Winnipeg, (center), just completed her 5th volunteer internship at the Home. A highlight for her was visiting with some of the young people she watched grow up at the Home. She was "encouraged to witness their enthusiasm, optimism and successes outside the home and was particularly impressed by the young women's independence and level of confidence." Zobida goes on to say, "it would be nice if Hyderabad got more volunteers. The children are wonderful and the staff is welcoming!"

Overseas Interns Needed: We have space for more volunteers who will pay their own travel and commit three to six months interning in India, or Nepal. 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 website *www.childhaven.ca*

Hyderabad

Some of the older boys help out by moving sand to be used for making cement needed to repair the walk-ways around the Home.







Maitreya Home Above, Dhakpa Rinpoche, Director of the Home, (center) and Konchok Yamphel, Secretary, (right) with children from the Tawang District of Arunachal Pradesh, India. These children are sponsored by Child Haven at the Tibetan Children's Village in Dharmamshala. Arunachal Pradesh was once considered to be a part of Tibet.

To the left is Sonam Dhondup, of the Maitreya Home. Sonam just passed Grade 12, and is enrolled in Delhi University, where he is studying Tourism Management.

Bonnie Lore

by Fred Cappuccino, her long-suffering husband



When Bonnie was 13 years old, she was a Junior Bridesmaid at the wedding of her Aunt Ethel in rural Minnesota. It was a sweltering hot day. The attendants all had matching outfits. As the minister droned on, Bonnie started to feel dizzy. She had probably been too excited to eat breakfast. Then she keeled over, and on her way down to the floor she toppled over one of the flower pots, strewing flowers and water all over, and stopping the proceedings. The bride started to sob.

Ethel's brother, Bonnie's Uncle George, who was a Groom's Attendant, soaked a towel in the spilled cold water and wiped Bonnie's face to rouse her. It took a while but finally she was able to stand. After this impromptu performance the wedding continued and was successfully concluded. We're sorry we can't provide a photo of this historic event.

Six years later, when Bonnie was 19 years old, we got married in Dundee, Illinois. Bonnie borrowed her Aunt Ethel's wedding dress for our ceremony. It fit perfectly. Then it was my turn to get weak in the knees when I looked at her, which of course I still do. Here below is a photo of our wedding day from my recent book, ***Bonnie and her 21 Children , by her long-suffering husband*** (that would be me) . Copies can be purchased at any of our Child Haven dinners, or online at www.bonnieandher21children.com.







Kaliyampoondi The tailoring program at the Home has recently gotten a make-over with 10 new sewing machines. There are now regular classes for the boys and girls as well as staff members. Classes for community members are also in the works. Above left Bakkiyalakshmi and Kavitha work on a new creation and above right Arasan and Rishikesh prepare their new fashion statements. Below, the girls design their outfits, and cut out the pieces from piles of fabric and clothing to be repurposed. Seenu photos.





Kaliyampoondi Mary, center, has worked at the Home for 14 years. She first came with her two daughters Sasilia, 17, (left), and Roslin, 15, (right) after her husband abandoned them when Roslin was 1. She was unable to support her daughters alone and brought them for safe-keeping. She was delighted when she heard there was a staff opening and she was able to find a job at the Home. Mary says after she joined, she realized that "we have everything here to live, it feels like a family." Sasilia is now studying in her first year of a Bachelor's degree in Physics.

She would like to be a physics lecturer at a university someday. Roslin is beginning Grade 11. She graduated from Grade 10 with a mark of 82%.

To the right, Care-giver Indra shares a light moment with Sathiya (left) in 9th grade.





Kaliyampoondi

Matron Pappy, (left) tutors the Grade 3 class during one of the two study periods each day. Pappy grew up in the Home and has a BA in Computer Education.

Below, Nurse Sasikala tutors the Grade 7 class. Sasikala, who also grew up in the Home, received her General Nursing Diploma after a 3.5 year course of study.

Bottom left, one of the rangoli decorations made from rice flour each morning in front of doorways.

Bottom right, a ceremonial plate.









Nepal Here are some of the recent graduates of Child Haven's Women's Tailoring Program (standing) in Kathmandu. One of them says she will take her new skills and help in her village which remains heavily damaged by the earthquake. Several say they will sew for family and friends, and some will look for work in tailoring shops. Nearly all are interested in an advanced course when we offer one.

Seated in front are Kanya, the Co-ordinator of our Home and School, Bonniema and the tailoring teacher Maiya Sharma. The tailoring courses are held for a nominal fee at our Green Tara Child Haven School.

Child Haven Support Groups and our Fundraising Dinners

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Nepal Tilgana, above, and others join Maya didi, above right, in circle games in the courtyard.





Nepal It takes many hands to produce the soymilk and tofu at all our Homes. Above, staff members Lalmaya, Sushila, and Sabitri clean the soybeans. Below left, Ramji makes the soymilk, and below right, Badri prepares the tofu from the curdled soymilk with help and supervision from some of the children.







Nepal Pujan (left) is the son of Saila dai, who has been a staff member at the Home for 16 years. Saila dai has had many duties, but chief among them is as a mechanical problem solver. For example on Bonniema's last trip, when she got worried about a water tank being left open because the hand pump wasn't working, it was Saila dai who figured out how to fix it. His son Pujan did not fall far from the tree as it turns out. Having been raised at the Home, he still travels back to see his mother and sister in his village, Sindhuli, which is 7 to 8 hours away first by bus and then walking. The trip would take hours less time if there was a bridge over the river directly to the village. This has inspired Pujan to want to become a civil engineer and first help his village build that bridge and then help all over Nepal. Last year he scored a 90% grade average in Grade 10. It looks like he is well on his way. Saila dai did not have the opportunity to go to college. Now with support from Child Haven's many donors, Pujan will be able to pursue his dreams and the dreams of an entire village.

Rasmita, right below, is new to the Home. She is from a very poor family. Her father and four of her five siblings have all passed away. Her mother makes a small income working seasonally for local farmers, and gets paid in food, but not enough to feed her family for the whole year. Because her village is so remote, food costs are three times as much as in Kathmandu. Her mother heard about the Home because Rasmita's cousin, Ramkrishna, (holding her to the left below) has lived at the Home since 2002.





Perhaps because her cousin is there to keep an eye on her, Rasmita has adjusted to her new life at the Home very quickly. Above right, after her new haircut, she poses with one of her new friends, Chaini.

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Savarsai Akansha, Indrika and Aryan apply their construction skills to a make-believe world under a coconut tree in the play-ground.

Below, the children's magical kingdom (lower left) is a small part of their Home shown here with boy's dorm on the right, and girl's dorm to the left.





Savarsai It's always time for cricket at this Home. Above Bhimrao warms up while Indrika gets ready to catch the ball should it get past Bhim. Meanwhile umpire Sudesh has decided that another pair of eyes would make his job a lot easier and recruits Aryan for the task.

Below builder Rohan works on his new and improved farmhouse complex.





Tribal Home Ganesh has recently finished Grade 12, and is now in his first year studying for a Bachelor of Social Work Degree. A year ago, Child Haven sponsored surgery for Ganesh to repair a hole in his heart. He has had regular check-ups since then and he seems to be in full recovery. Ganesh's interests in social work began years ago. Most recently he was the coordinator of the Food For All Campaign in 5 local villages. His duties included helping people receive ration cards that needed them, getting them stamped, and being sure they got the food grains they were entitled to.

Below children from the Tribal Home and our Savarsai Home take part in a co-operation and group-building exercise. Their instructions are to move together to place a pen suspended from the strings between them into a water bottle below. This was part of the annual Summer Program organized by staff and our local Board Members.





Meu Activities abound. Above, Ganesh, the Manager at our Kaliyampoondi Home, pitching (at right) and Karma, from the Maitreya Home (in shorts) play cricket with the children and staff at the Home. Visits between Homes help share ideas and inspiration. To the right, a variant of checkers in the hall outside the boys's dorm and below, Josnaben reads to an attentive audience.







Nepal Raising Tibetan prayer flags on the roof of the Home in commemoration of Buddha's Birthday. Ramita in the foreground is in Grade 5. Placing the flags are Pujan in Grade 11 and Parai in Grade 9.

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



Kaliyampoondi Some high-spirited girls playing tag in the court-yard. There's not a whole lot of spare time in-between school, tuition classes, meals and chores, so when free-time finally comes around, there's a burst of energy to let loose.

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