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Chittagong – Rahiyan, age 5, taking part in the weekly Drawing Class led by Drawing Master, Bimol Chakma. Rahiyan came to the Home last year due to her father's difficulties supporting his family financially. He lost his hand in an accident, and struggles while continuing to work as a rickshaw puller. He comes to visit Rahiyan whenever covid restrictions permit. Behind Rahiyan, are Tasfia, Joyonti, and Y Y Marma focusing intently on their drawing.

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MVP – (Manav Vikas Parishad) Our Women's Vocational Training Program in Ghaziabad organized a Health Camp/Clinic in our training center for 76 women and children in the low-income community they serve. Several doctors and nurses from local hospitals came to staff the event. Rajni, the Director of the project, is standing with the white scarf. Tailoring and beautician trainings and low-cost sanitary pad production have been continuing, as are the similar trainings at our project in Rahon Village, in the Punjab.

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, 203 children 22 women, Language: Nepali
Tibet in China, sponsoring 14 children 4 women, Language: Tibetan
Chittagong, Bangladesh, 70 children 15 women, Language: Bengali
(Hundreds of other children are sponsored for education, but are not living in one of our Homes.)

Women's Programs Child Haven Sponsored

Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, education in tailoring for 50 women at a time; inexpensive sanitary napkin production and sale; Beauty and Wellness Course. Language: Hindi
Rahon, Punjab, education in tailoring for 50 women at a time. Language: Punjabi
Pen Village, Maharashtra, inexpensive sanitary napkin production and sale. Language: Marathi
Kathmandu, Nepal, education in tailoring for women. Language: Nepali



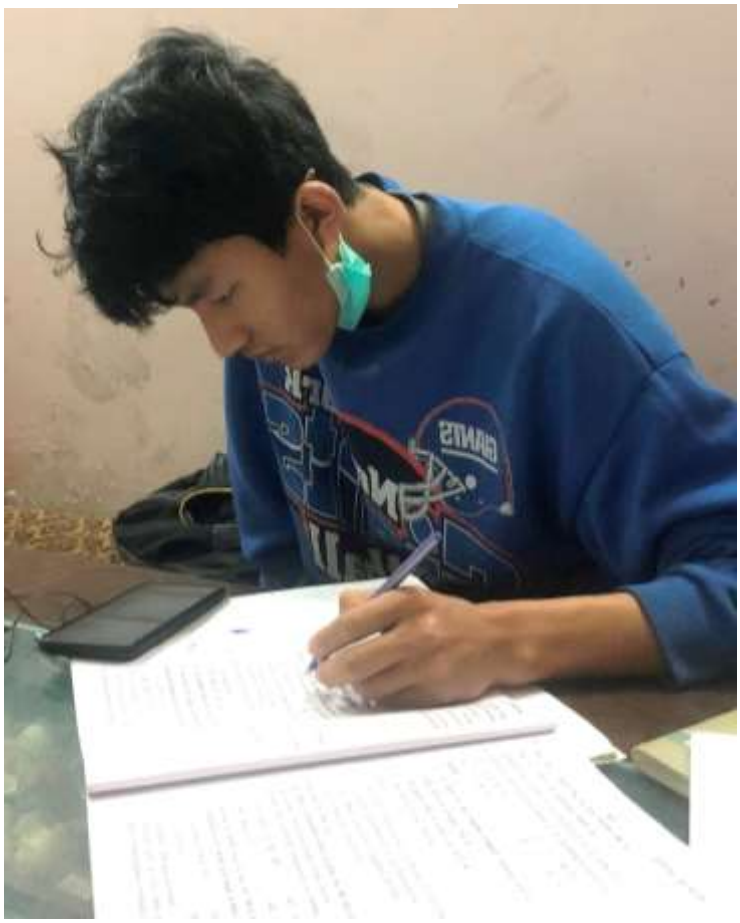
Maitreya Home – Above, the children take part in a Tibetan Buddhist prayer for the well-being of all sentient beings.



To the right, Deki Doka who is now 21 and studying Hotel Management in university, shows us how nimble you can remain if you practice yoga daily as do the children at this Home. Hotel management should be a comparatively easy stretch for her.

Below left, Yangchin Lhamo, in 10 grade joins her class discussing Mahatma Gandhi' s campaigns for Independence for India on a cell phone during one of the school lock-downs. Below right, Kesang Yongten attends his Sanskrit class using a cell phone as well.







Hyderabad – Above, from left to right, Lakshmi, Shankar and Shirisha, in the blue dress, are making a rangoli decoration to celebrate New Year's Day at the Home. The brightly coloured flour creates an ephemeral blessing for the day. It will fade as the day progresses with the wind and many footprints spreading it to the four directions.



In the middle of the photo to the right, Girls Caregiver Umadevi poses with some of our bright 9th grade scholars. They are, from left to right, Rajeshwari, Rajya Laxmi, SiriVennela, Niharika, Nandini, Nikitha and Shivani



Below right, Nandini, age 16, and also pictured above, is taking her 1st dose of the Covaxin vaccine. Since this photo, she has also completed her 2nd dose. Governmental authorities have permitted the older children to be vaccinated. All of our staff have been vaccinated as well.





Savarsai – With school closed on and off due to covid, the Boys Supervisors Venancio and Ananta have had the good sense to take their charges out on hikes across the river and through the woods behind the Home.

This has proven to be a superb way to engage and expend an abundance of youthful energy. It also provides a much appreciated break from study, chores and the playground at the Home.

Photos by Venancio







Some New Members of our Child Haven Family – Aditya, age 5, above left, came to our Chittagong Home after his father, who had been a fisherman became ill and is no longer able to work. Above right, Krishna age 6 and Simran age 9 are in our Meu Home. Simran came a few months after her mother could no longer care for her, and her brother Krishna joined her very recently after their mother passed away.

Below left, Dipesh, age 12, recently joined our Savarsai Home after his parents passed away from HIV. He is shown here with his grandmother, who had been trying to care for him but is unable to continue doing so. Ganesh age 7, below right, was also staying with his grandmother after his parents passed away. His grandmother makes a meagre income repairing shoes under a tarp on the street and was struggling to get by with her meagre earnings. He also recently joined our Savarsai Home. All of the children seem to be thriving in their new, secure environment.







Kathmandu – To the left, our Nepal Coordinator, Kanya, and Matron, Tika, give a tika to Anisha, age 13 on Dashain.

Below, Ram Dhirmal Sir, our music teacher for the past 12 years, teaches a new song to some of the younger children using the Home's harmonium.

Raising our children to understand and appreciate their rich culture, customs, and traditions is most important to Child Haven.

Suraj Gurung photos







Kathmandu – We have wonderful older boys at our Home. Above, Sahil, Tulsi and Shyam, are taking part in the Dashain tika ceremony at the Home. Dashain celebrates the victory of the Goddess Durga over a demon, the triumph of good over evil.

To the right are some of the boys with our Assistant Manager Suraj (back row, middle) visiting the Boudhanath Stupa, the largest stupa in Nepal, just a short walk from the Home.

Below, they are taking part morning exercises which no doubt are a factor in their prowess as both excellent soccer players and accomplished traditional Nepali dancers! Suraj photos







Kathmandu – One fine sunny day the Home organized games in the courtyard. Above left, Aaisha, age 12, travels as fast as she can carrying a marble on a spoon, as does Arun, in 9th Grade, below right.

Above right, Manger Bishnu spots Erisha, age 8 in the gunny sack race.

Below left, Sangita, our Bookkeeper for the last 20 years, takes her wheels for a spin, joining the revelry.





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Chittagong – Our young men are amazing chefs in this Home having helped prepare meals for many years! Above, left to right, Vaggomoni, Nuhamong, and Bijoy serve some of their delicacies.

Below left, Mostafa, age 12, Saikat, also 12 and Hasib age 13, do some cooking in the kitchen. Hasib is as adept with a table tennis racket as he is with a spatula! Below right, he holds the trophies that he recently won at a National Table Tennis Tournament. He has been getting special tutoring at the BKSP National Sports Institute. Congratulations to Hasib for his trophies and to everyone for their fine cooking!







Chittagong – Our Montessori School program has reopened after several government ordered school closing and openings as covid cases rise and fall. Here are a couple of photos of Book Distribution Day! The Montessori program makes education a possibility for the children living in low-income communities surrounding the Home. Tuition is nominal and books are free. Thanks to everyone for your support in making this and all our programs possible!





Chittagong – The playground slide makes a great place to sit and watch our Home muralists at work. Above, from left to right, Saisanu, Sweety, and Bijoy are painting eye catching pictures on the sidewall, offering a plethora of creative prompts for the fertile imaginations of playground players.

Below, Nokia, left and Soniprue, right, putting their artistic talents to work to enhance our Home.







Chittagong – This port city's active harbor is a spectacular place to wet your feet and enjoy ocean breezes, while watching a wide assortment of vessels, from hand-powered sampans to massive ocean liners. Above, taking a group of our children on such an excursion are Pathan, one of our older boys, to his left, Monir, our In-and-Out Man, back row center, and Sujon, our Program staff, back row right.

Below left, on the same trip, Forhad, our Assistant Manager, sits with, from left to right, Mihika, age 9, Kemis, 10, Ding Di, 6, Fatema, 7, and Joyonti, 8. As beautiful as the vista is, predictions are that by the year 2050, 18 million people in Bangladesh will have to migrate due to ocean level rise. Some speculate that up to 50% of those now living in Bangladesh's urban slums may be there because they were forced to flee their rural homes as a result of riverbank erosion. We will not only have to be sure we are ready to increase the capacity at our Homes but also do what we each can to confront climate change.

Below right, are some of our Hindu children attending a puja at the Saraswati Temple. Our Homes do their best to help children of all religious backgrounds practice and appreciate their religious traditions.









Meu – Above left, Durga, age 17, who is taking Beauty Parlor Training has some eager volunteers to practice on at the Home! Above right, Pal and Seema, both 11, are assisting each other with homework. It helps to have so many other children in the same grade to study with!

Below in the front row, from left to right, Sahil, age 10, Axay, 14, and Harsh 12, captured on camera at a rare moment when everyone was very busy with their studies.







Meu – Above left, Abhay, (in glasses) age 17 and Manish, age 14, help Care-giver Neetaben, with washing the walls of their dormitory. Above right, Girl's Superintendent Sonalben watches as Ravi, age 10 takes his turn during one of several covid testings that have happened at the Home over the past few years.

Below, from left to right, Sonal, 11, Seema, 10, Priyanks, 14, Mangu, 14 and Nirmala, 12, staying warm around a fire on a "cold" winter day. Mangu is a good fire-maker and puts her skills to good use when they are needed. Here she is moving the large log forward over smaller sticks to maintain the burn. While it may not look cold from a North American perspective, it actually does feel pretty chilly on winter nights in Gujarat.









Meu – Above, the children shout "Bharat Mata Ki Jay," Victory for Mother India, on Republic Day. Nirmala, (center in red shirt) has always been an independent thinker who sometimes listens to the sound of a different drummer. While this characteristic can be confounding to teachers and staff, we are all excited to watch where her inspirations lead her!

Left, Care-giver Neetaben, in the red scarf, and some of the girls are stripping fenugreek leaves, grown in the Home garden, from their stalks. Our venerable chef, Bhupatbhai, standing to the right of the photo, will use those leaves to make Methi Paratha, a flatbread made with fenugreek leaves and other tantalizing spices.

To the left below, our House-mother, Alpaben, in the pink scarf, and some helpers prepare grapes to be served with the evening meal. Starting from the left those helpers are, Durga, Seema, Simran, Pal and Swara.

Bonnie Lore by Fred Cappuccino, her long-suffering husband



Well, I hope you are all doing great! Here in Maxville, we are having a fine time sitting in our living room and keeping up with our Homes over zoom and by email.

An ordinary person, like me, might find that to be contentment enough. But as readers of this column well know, Bonnie can't sit still for very long, so every day she drags me out to the gazebo in our garden for some fresh air and exercise.



We bundle up and trundle off through the snow, reminiscent of a scene from Tolstoy's Doctor Zhivago. Fortunately, the gazebo is tight and has a small propane heater to offer some relief from the cold once we get there.

To the left are the two of us snug in our rockers with Sharon's dog Aza.

Once there, I read to Bonnie from one of her too many books. After a while we often doze off, giving me a welcome respite from direction by a certain party.

In spite of my grousing, it is refreshing to watch the chickadees and juncos flit around in the snow-covered branches from our warm perches.

With the pandemic seeming to wind down, we are looking forward to Bonnie being able to travel in person again, and the opportunity to visit with all of you.

Stay well, stay warm and as always, thanks for your generous support.



Here is a picture of a recent zoom call with our Home in Chittagong, Bangladesh. To our left is Robin, and below us are one of our beautiful children, Jasmin, our Home's Manager, and Rezza our astute bookkeeper.



Kaliyampoondi – The preparations for the Pongal harvest festival are quite complex at this Home! Above, our cook Bharti, in the orange sari, prepares the ceremonial Pongal Dish which is made from newly harvested rice boiled in milk and sugar cane. Satish, bending over in the red shirt, has helped to build the fire pit constructed for just that purpose every year in the courtyard.

Below left, it sure helps to have so many older sisters who are good at sewing! Valarmathi, in 5th Grade is getting some assistance from Gowri, in Grade 12 with some mending. Both girls and boys learn tailoring skills on the Home's sewing machines, a skill which will come in handy in future years.

Below right, a bountiful array of girls take a moment to be captured in time as they await the line-up for school. These bright and confident leaders of tomorrow look ready to take on any learning opportunities that come their way! Perhaps you can find Valarmathi among them (hint, she is in the very center).









Kaliyampoondi – When the kitchen needed a new concrete roof, our staff knew how to make it happen. Above, Shanmugam, Satish and Selvam are securing some new metal support beams. To the left, Sudhakar is working on placing the electrical wiring in conduit before more cement is poured. Below, women, as usual, are doing the heavy lifting to carry cement for their fellow cement workers.

With the new roof now completed, our cooks are pleased that it includes a new chimney for the wood-stove which will make it less smoky as they prepare an amazing 900 meals a day!

Kaliyampoondi photos by Seenu







Super Supporters – Terry Czyz and his valiant companion Don, above left, regularly scour the beaches and trails around their home in Sooke, British Columbia, typically collecting $20 worth of bottles and cans each time, which they redeem for our Child Haven children. Terry has also set-up a well-utilized bottle return box with proceeds going to Child Haven outside a local bottle redemption depot.

Deborah Hartt, above right, with a friend she made while interning at our Kaliyampoondi Home, is donating the proceeds from the chicken eggs she and her husband Tim sell from their Wild Acres Farm, in Hardwick, Vermont. Huge Thanks, Terry, Don, Deborah, Tim, and all of our other valorous and creative fund-raisers!

While our Dinners are on-hold at the moment due to the coronavirus, your donations are still most needed and appreciated to provide loving care for our children. Thank-you! Some of our Support Groups have held Zoom events featuring updates on our Homes and live cameo appearances and performances by some of our children overseas. Please check our web site for updated information

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Savarsai – Rupesh, age 7, on the right, arrived a month ago at our Savarsai Home. He is shown here with his two older brothers Omkar age10, and Hariome age 9. Rupesh's brothers came to the Home several years ago after their father died. Their mother wanted to keep Rupesh with her until he was a little older. She made a living sorting trash to find plastic, metal and glass which she sold to recycling operations. This became increasingly difficult when she was no longer able to carry Rupesh on her back, so she brought him to the Home to stay with his elder brothers. Several weeks later she too passed away. The boys of course are missing their mother while also adjusting well to their Child Haven family.

Let me light my lamp, says the star,

And never debate if it will dispel the dark.

Rabindranath Tagore



Kaliyampoondi – Johnson, one of our Boys Supervisors, walks the girls out of the Home's gate and down the road to school on one of their first days back to in-person classes. As of this writing, the corona virus is beginning to recede surrounding our Homes. All the staff have been able to get vaccines and the older children as well. The children are thrilled to be able to get out and about and to be reunited with their friends in school!

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