



HOPE CONNECT

JULY 2018 UPDATE OF THE HOPE HOME CALCUTTA

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Beloved friends:

ONE OF MY BEST LOVED SONG'S which the children of the Hope Home Calcutta often sing is 'Every breath I take, I take in you...' - the lyricist simply expressing his uttermost gratitude to God for life! I guess for simply 'staying alive'! During our monthly staff meetings held the 1st Friday of every month, I often remind our team that life, indeed every breath is a precious gift from God! Life is so vulnerable. Life is short (for many). Life is often delicate. And I encourage the Hope Home Calcutta community to be both thankful to God for every breath as well as pray for health, healing and God's grace upon our lives. I share this from the context of the daughter of our present treasurer who was suddenly diagnosed with cancer in the tongue in an advanced stage in the end of May. Moureen (40) is very critical now. While we request you to kindly pray for her; I would also encourage you take a brief time-out, stop doing what you are doing, and simply say it out loud, 'Thank you God for life'!

LAUNCHING OF OUR WEBSITE!

As I mentioned briefly last month, we launched our new website on June 4th. Making it a kind-of family event, the website was formally launched by Prof. Maria Fernandes of the West Bengal Commission



for Women and a good friend of the Hope Home Calcutta. Our staff, friends and guests joined in for this special event and later for a fellowship dinner. Sayan, from the upcoming Bengali Christian band 'Stephanites United' enthralled all of us with

a few contemporary songs! We encourage you all to visit www.hopehomecalcutta.org and revert back to us with your ideas, suggestions and insights for improving this site! We would also encourage you to link



our site with your official site(s) if you deem appropriate! [*would appreciate if you let us know about it though!*]

HOPE HOME FOOD BANK

WE were able to distribute monthly groceries and supplies as part of our **HOPE HOME CALCUTTA FOOD BANK** to Ranjan and his family in June. Ranjan works on a temporary basis, sweeping the streets of the city



as part of the government initiative of providing employment to the extremely poor citizens with 100 days of temporary work with a meagre wage. He lives in a local slum and has a son. While they are extremely poor, they have rich and big hearts and entertain us with tea and crackers (as part of the custom and culture of Calcutta) whenever we visit their one-roomed slum-home! In the picture above, Francis Gomes, Principal, Park English Day School and a good friend of ours is handing over the supplies to Ranjan. You too can join in with this effort of providing food supplies to the poverty stricken families in the community. It costs

us around **INR 1200 (USD 25)** for each family to receive the food supplies through the Hope Home Calcutta Food Bank!

HEALTH ISSUES AT THE HOPE HOME

MONSOON RAINS are on at full blast and it rains almost every-day providing some relief from the sweltering heat and humidity. The streets often get flooded and although



there is some relief, the rains cause great inconvenience to people. However, a greater concern during the monsoon season (between June till September-end) is not the flooding but illnesses such as dengue, malaria, hepatitis, diarrhoea and other vector-borne diseases. Sometimes these diseases turn fatal. And we, at the Hope Home Calcutta are particularly thankful to God for protecting our health and lives over the past 15 monsoons! The children at the Hope Home Calcutta do not have medical insurance as very few of them have documents pertaining to their parents (mandatory for issuing insurance in India). Our faith and trust is in God and NOT one of our children have every been afflicted with any of these diseases. We request you to kindly continue to pray for the Hope Home Calcutta community – for God’s continued protection of our health, especially during the monsoon months!

LET THERE BE HOPE- PHASE 2 & HOPE SPRINGS

OUR UPCOMING building project ‘Let There Be Hope-Phase 2’ is ontime and we are still awaiting for one last mandatory clearance from the municipality as also for the formal agreements with labor contractor to begin work on the foundation. With the onset of monsoons, we would also have to take into consideration accumulation of seeping ground-water etc. before starting work! Much prayers is needed along with the funds to get this work off to a start! We are taking a **BIG** step of faith as we look forward to start work soon. We are also awaiting funding for our new bore-well ‘**Hope Springs**’ (see ‘Current Projects’ on our website for more details.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPONSORSHIP opportunities are available for children both at the Hope Home Calcutta and the Hope Home Imphal. Please consider investing in the lives of the children, especially the girl child in either of our locations. Do write to us for more details! Join us in this transformational ministry of changing lives-in the ‘City of Joy’ – changing one life at a time!

HOPE EDUCATION CENTRE

WHAT A JOY to educate and empower boys and girls through our School- a wonderful opportunity to instil and inculcate values and good character traits amongst our students, both from the Hope Home Calcutta

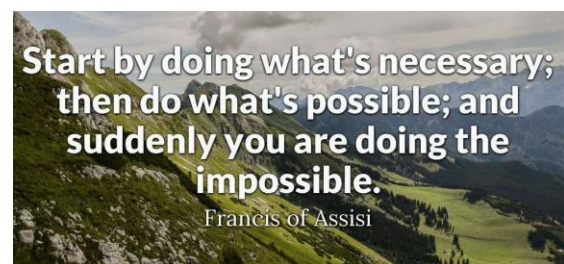


besides those coming from the local community! Leah and Junmoni keep on excelling in their karate training and have developed tons of self-confidence! Thankful also for the dedicated team of teachers!

BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

➤ July 1 : Rebecca

QUOTE OF THE MONTH



Dev and the Hope Home Calcutta family

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