



HOPE CONNECT

JANUARY 2019 UPDATE OF THE HOPE HOME CALCUTTA

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Beloved friends:

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

I RECEIVED this inspiration the start of this new year and this is my prayer for you all!

I have some wishes for you all for 2019...

I wish for you to discover your passion because when you do, you'll be unstoppable

You won't even be able to stop your yourself

Procrastination will fade away

And action will take over

I wish for you to discover your reason why

The reason why you must

The reason you do everything you do

Who is it for?

What example must you set

What blessings must you give to others

I wish for you to understand that nothing great in life comes easy

That includes you creating your own greatest life

You reaching your greatest potential

Will require some work and it will sure be worth it

If it's worth the prize, it's worth the fight

I wish for you to become rich

Not rich in money terms

Although that will come too

I mean RICH in spirit

RICH in joy

RICH in presence

RICH in love

RICH in great relationships

RICH in surrounding yourself with amazing people who are in alignment with you

The deepest, truest form of wealth can't be measured by a bank

I hope you become truly RICH in your soul

I wish for you to go deeper

To continue growing

To continue evolving

To take everything to the next level

To find peace

To live in kindness and compassion

To be the example for others

To be the shining example of what a great life Really looks like

I wish for you all the best

I wish for you all the best in 2019 and beyond

Bless you all!

HOPE HOME CALCUTTA FOOD BANK

CHRISTMAS DAY, we had the privilege once again to have Trevor Taylor join us for lunch and receive food supplies as part of the Hope Home Calcutta Food Bank. As we mentioned in our December update, Trevor is extremely poor, lives all alone and struggles for his everyday existence. He has



no source of income whatsoever. We were able to visit his 8ft x 7 ft one-room rented 'home' just before Christmas. He is witty, very polite and courteous and extremely grateful to receive our help. He stood up to say that he has found a new interest in life and living after he has become 'part' of the Hope Home Calcutta family! We offered to arrange for his stay at the Mary Cooper Old Age Home but he refused our help. He wants to continue living on his own as long as he has his new-found family by his side! Such is the blessing of being a blessing to this gentle soul! We plan to provide food supplies every month during 2019 to at least one poor and needy family in our community through the Hope Home Calcutta Food Bank!

CHANGING LIFE...SHAPING DESTINY

A COUPLE OF MONTHS back we shared about **Rajesh**, a 'sweeper' by profession. We explained that 'sweepers' are mostly considered coming from the lowest castes in India (if you would like to more about the caste system in India, do write to me); many are considered 'untouchables' and any person from a higher caste would never eat of



the same table as that of a sweeper; many would never allow the shadow of a lower caste in India to fall on the grounds of a higher caste. We began reaching out to Rajesh and his family of children and grandchildren with our Food Bank supplies a few months ago. Then, just before Christmas, we decided to invite him to join us for the Christmas Day Community Lunch where over 200 people from different castes and religious faith join us. A dear friend of mine designated some money for his family and we were able to gift him food supplies, blankets and a new outfit (specially made by our local tailor). More than the goodies, Rajesh and his family are dumbfounded that anyone else but people from his own caste should do anything like this. He simply did not have words to say 'thanks' but his smile says it all!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

THERE are several children at the Hope Home Calcutta (as well as the Hope Home Imphal) who need monthly commitment of support to enable them to live, study, be equipped and empowered and grow up in an environment of love and security. In working with a local Church pastor who reaches out to children of victims who have been trafficked from Nepal and Bangladesh, we have taken in a couple of them in our School program. For most of these children, 'education' is luxury and a distant dream. Most of these kids lose their childhood, being sucked into the system even before they have reached double-digit age! We have the

privilege to provide full-time care to one such six-year old, **Pearl** (not her real name)-shy,



fearful, hesitant and never have been loved before; the responsibility and privilege is ours to build up her life! Do write to us for details regarding opportunities of investing in the lives of such boys and girls. The need indeed is urgent!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

One of the secrets of life is that all that is really **Worth The Doing** is what we do **For Others** – *Lewis Carroll*

Christmas Day 2018 – some of us at the St. James' Church grounds!



THANK YOU for being part of our extended family!

Dev and the Hope Home Calcutta family

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