



HOPE CONNECT

APRIL 2019 UPDATE OF THE HOPE HOME CALCUTTA

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Beloved friends:

I HAD THE PRIVILEGE to study in a school just across Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta. For 10 years, I saw Mother Teresa do all that she had been able to accomplish in her life. She has been one of the greatest influences in my life, especially after I got to meet her personally a couple of times! One of her inspirational quotes that has inspired me greatly is this: *'We cannot all do great things. But we can do small things with great love.'* The envisioning, initiation and our ongoing endeavour with and through the Hope Home Calcutta is an effort to do all that we can to make a difference with love! And for all the little things we have been able to accomplish over the past 15 years, we give God all the glory! We appreciate all you people for standing side-by-side with us in this journey of faith!

LET US RISE AND BUILD!

10 YEARS after we built our first facility, we were able to complete building the boundary wall around the building last month: a total of 320 feet in length and 7 feet high to secure our premises. We have been working towards making our facilities safe and secure for the children as well as the students of the Hope Education Centre. With 15 surveillance cameras installed and now with the boundary walls complete, we have come



a long way from the time we had purchased this property with flood waters, snakes and scorpions and other creeping creatures

invading the living spaces of children and staff! We invite you to come and volunteer to paint the newly built walls!

DIME CHALLENGE-DIMES FOR HOPE!

A COUPLE OF years back we had initiated the 'Dime-Challenge' for students and children who are keen on participating in the activities of the Hope Home Calcutta. The idea was to encourage them to save up their 'dimes' in a 2-litre pet bottle (of say, Coke, 7-Up etc.) and they could save at least a minimum of \$350 over a 10-month period. During 2017, students from several schools took this up as part of our **'Send My Friend Back To School'** initiative and raise up a substantial amount of funding that enabled us to sponsor the education of a few of the students in our School who would have otherwise not had the opportunity to get a proper education in their lives. We are once again encouraging students and children to take up the 'Dime-Challenge' and label their collection as **'Dimes for Hope'**! all funds raised up in the 'Dimes for Hope' campaign



would be utilized both for supporting students hailing from extremely poor families besides some urgently needed school furniture, namely desks and benches for the classrooms! Come, be a part of this life-changing initiative!

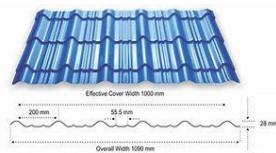
HOPE HOME CALCUTTA FOOD BANK!

WE WERE ABLE TO provide food supplies and groceries to a dear lady **KANON BHELO** (76). Kanon is a widow, extremely poor and is being evicted from her small tiled-roofed house by her own sons, partly because of her Christian faith! The police have not been helpful to her and advised her to settle the matter 'amicably' considering her age! She lives in a village about 30 minutes walk from the Hope Home Calcutta! After receiving the groceries and food supplies, she was extremely thankful and excited! I am so humbled by the attitude of this lady- and upset too that her own sons could do such injustice to this wonderful soul. Appreciate prayers and your help and participation as we seek other ways to help her out in her old age!



METAL ROOFING OVER GIRLS ROOMS

Many of you are aware that the girls of the Hope Home Calcutta are presently housed in three rooms in our new property as we await permits to be able to start our upcoming building project, 'Let There Be Hope-Phase 2'. We had built these rooms way back in 2003 with bamboo and tile roofing. We are in urgent need to replace these leaky and worn-out tiled roofs with metal sheets to prevent the rooms being inundated again during the upcoming monsoons this year. The costs for replacing the roof with metal



(Tata metal sheets) is approximately **INR 80,000 [US\$ 1200]**. Please prayerfully consider pitching in to get this done by the end of April before the onset of the monsoon in June! We would also be replacing the bamboo support with G.I. pipes to support the metal roofing.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS...



CHILDREN writing their final examinations in March as they prepare to move up to new grade classes from April!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES...

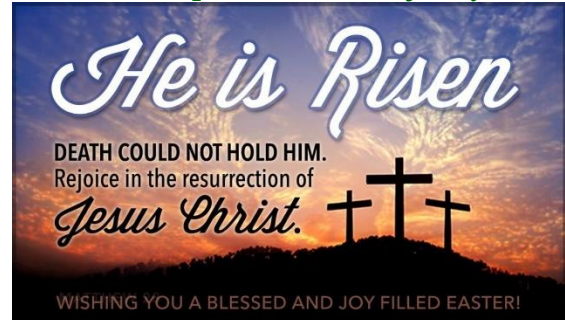
A FEW **CHILDREN** at the Hope Home Calcutta are in need of regular commitment of support to enable them to live, study, be equipped and empowered and grow up in an environment of love and security. Most of these children, would otherwise never had a decent upbringing and no access to education. Please consider getting involved and invest in the life of a child!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**Knowing is not enough; we must apply.
Willing is not enough; we must do.**
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

THANK YOU for being part of our extended family! **Wishing you all a blessed and meaningful Easter!**

Dev and the Hope Home Calcutta family



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