



HOPE CONNECT

JUNE 2019 UPDATE OF THE HOPE HOME CALCUTTA

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Beloved friends:

FOR THOSE WHO have known me past 15 years or more since the inception of the Hope Home Calcutta, know that I often reiterate the goodness of God for this transformational movement! As I put it bluntly, *'we don't have a Godfather, but we do have God, our Father'*. Right from that first evening in 1999 when 4 of us met at my mom's small 2-roomed, tile roofed rented house, and the 'idea' of the Hope Home Calcutta was birthed, the history of our endeavour has been a series of miracles, especially one of divine providence for **all** of our ever-growing needs, including huge contingencies! Not to undermine the health which every member of the Hope Home Calcutta community enjoys - none of us have ever had to use our medical insurance for any hospitalization needs! Simply put, our theme sums it all: *'God is good all the time; all the time, God is good'*! This month, we are excited to share 3 special provisions during the past 2 months! It encourages us to know, time and again, there are so many kind-hearted and generous people who stand with us, side-by-side and are part of our ever-growing, life-impacting movement.

HOPE SPRINGS!

GIFT OF WATER...nothing is as sweet as the taste of fresh water, drawn from over 800 feet below the ground! We are thankful to Pastor Josh and the Victory Church for gifting us with the gift of water! The water available in the vicinity of the Hope Home Calcutta is contaminated -arsenic, iron, lead and other disease-bearing minerals have permeated the ground-water level. We had to go far beyond the recommended level for digging our new bore-well so that we have access to safe, clean drinking water. This water is then pumped to our 5000 litres

capacity overhead tank and supplied all over our facilities. To make drinking water safe,



we run the water through a RO water purifying system! We have overshot our estimates and budget by a little over \$500 – so we earnestly request you to prayerfully consider pitching in the break-even our costs for Hope Springs!

GENERATOR

WITHIN 2 DAYS of publishing our May Hope Connect, the Finley family responded in providing the new Kohler generator set for the Hope Home Calcutta (with the BFC pitching in with a little extra). The new



generator is up and running – no more hand-propelled, heavy iron-lever startup to get electricity during the frequent power surges here in this part of Calcutta. The new genset is compact, digital and easy to operate! Thank you so much – the Finley family and the BFC (Missions Committee) for providing this gift!

METAL ROOFING (GIRLS' ROOMS)

A SPECIAL THANKS to Lisa Warren and

family for providing for the metal roofing for the girls' rooms! As mentioned in several previous Hope Connects, the 18-year old tiles over their rooms were cracked and leaking, making it impossible to stay indoors during the heavy monsoon downpours! We were



even able to get a fresh coat of painting for their rooms! The girls would eventually move out of these rooms after the proposed building project is completed and ready (hopefully, should take a couple of years once the work starts later this year)

VBS @ ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

OUR CHILDREN attended the VBS at our Church, St. Paul's Cathedral from May 22-31 and were excited to part of a group of over



300 boys and girls between 4 and 16! They enjoyed their daily few hours of learning, making new friends, memory verses, art and craft, juice and snacks...best of all, they didn't mind the daily travel time of around 3 hours from our facility to the Church and back! The closing session was a time of singing, skits and dramas and group presentations! This is one of those weeks the children look forward to throughout the year (notwithstanding the extreme heat outdoors!)

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES...

A FEW CHILDREN at the Hope Home Calcutta and the Hope Home Imphal still require 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. We are thankful to one of our friends who have forwarded funds for the stay of some of these kids over the next few months. We are also able to provide heavily subsidized education to a number of children in our School as part of our 'Send My Friend Back to School'

initiative. Please consider getting involved and invest in the life of a child!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The following write-up was part of our *first* hand-out/brochure 15 years ago:

Viewpoint

I was hungry
And you formed a humanities
Club to discuss my hunger,
Thank you

I was imprisoned
And you crept off quietly
To your chapel to pray for my release
Nice

I was naked
And in your mind you debated
The morality of my appearance
What good did that do?

I was sick
And you knelt and thanked
God for your health
But I needed you

I was homeless
And you preached to me
The shelter of the love of God
I wished you'd taken me home

I was lonely
And you left me alone to pray for me
Why didn't you stay?

You seem to so holy, so close to God
But I'm still very hungry
Lonely, cold and still in pain
Does it matter?

THANK YOU for being part of the extended family of the Hope Home Calcutta! Thank you for being a *difference maker!*

Dev and the Hope Home Calcutta family

Support for the Hope Home Calcutta should be sent to/checks made out to:

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