



# HOPE CONNECT

## AUGUST 2019 UPDATE OF THE HOPE HOME CALCUTTA

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Beloved friends:

### 16<sup>th</sup> FOUNDATION DAY

**NINETEEN YEARS AGO...** Ahin (presently pastoring in PA), Stephanie (AZ), Nancy (CO) and me met up for what was supposed to be a 'brain-storming' session at my mom's tiled-roofed, dilapidated rented house to consider this: *'could something be done*

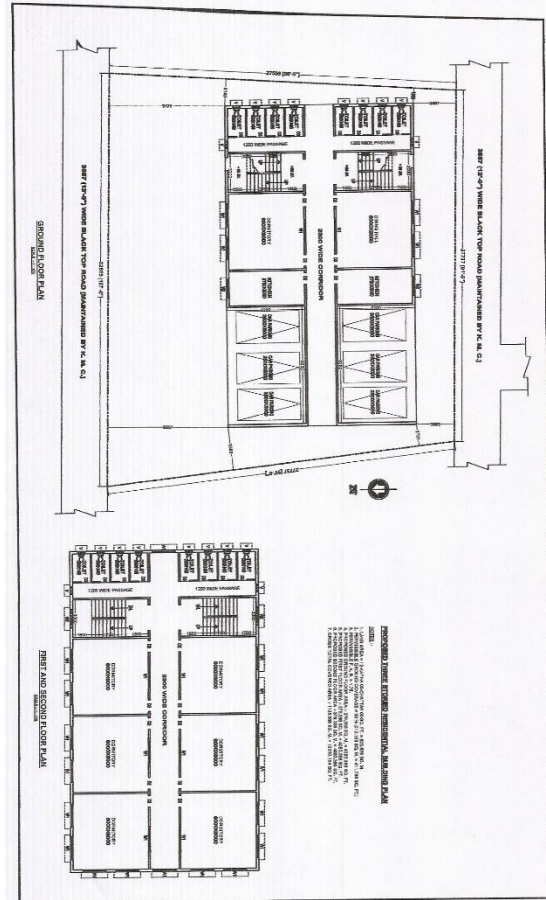


*for the street kids living in the vicinity of Park Street'?* That summer night, we envisioned, conceived and prayed over what is now a growing transformational movement called the Hope Home Calcutta! We had no 'idea' what to do, no funds, no inkling of all that would have to be done...all we had was a God-given passion to make a difference in the lives of as many children as possible and shape their eternal destinies! The Hope Home Calcutta has, over the years, impacted hundreds of lives, especially those of children living in vulnerable environments and has transformed our local community through our School project, the Hope Education Centre in equipping, educating and empowering lives! We give God all the glory for His love, grace, protection, peace and provision on us all through these years!

### LET THERE BE HOPE-PHASE -2

**THREE LONG YEARS...** that's what it has taken for us to get the land records corrected, mutation done and land conversion records (from being low-lying agricultural land to

'vastu'- suitable for real estate and construction! Our consultant has been preparing the building plans for our new facilities christened '**Let There Be Hope-Phase-2**'! We have been praying for this



project for the past several years and there has been one cause of delay after another—a common feature in India if lieu of a bribe! Finally it's over now and we trust to receive the sanctioned plans from the municipal corporation of Calcutta in a short time! Once complete, we would be able to house our girl's dorm and additional classrooms/resource rooms in our new facilities. We urge you all to kindly uphold us in prayers as we prepare for the work to commence soon! Pray for God's wisdom, protection, provision and grace upon all those who would be involved in this project. (*'Come, let us rise up and build...*' Neh 2:17).

We would take a **BIG LEAP** of faith when we eventually start work in terms of funding...but, as always, trusting God to provide for every single need in detail as we embark on another initiative of faith!

**GO GREEN – HOPE HOME CALCUTTA!**

**GO GREEN** our new initiative to better our environment kicked off the last week of July. The Hope Home Calcutta facilities and our School premises are now a **‘NO PLASTIC ZONE’!** We launched the campaign by putting up banners spreading awareness of the necessity to do away with plastics. Then, we embarked on planting trees in our premises! We planted a few mahogany trees as well as a couple of ‘*krishna-chura*



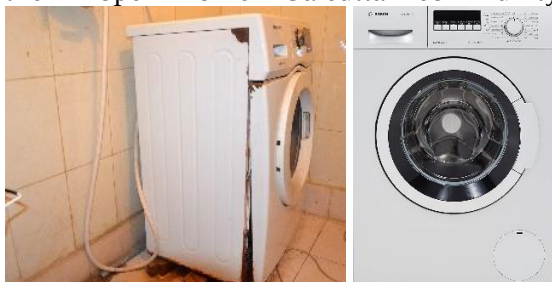
(*delonix regia*) in our field. We are preparing to plant many more trees (mostly trees that provide shade) over the next few months! One more way to show



we care for our God-endowed environment! It’s an uphill task but at least, we have made a small beginning!

**STOP PRESS!!**

**THE ONLY WASHING MACHINE** for the Hope Home Calcutta community



our old washing machine ...

our need...

‘opened-up’ last week ☹️. This machine has serviced us well and is usually operational at least 3 times a week, cleaning the clothes of the 25 odd people who live at our facilities full-time! Repairing costs of this decade-old and Samsung product is almost 85% of a new product. We are praying to be able to procure a BOSCH washing machine (Model No.WAK2426IN). Amazon is selling this product for **INR 33,000 (US \$ 525)**. We request you all to prayerfully consider ‘pitching-in’ to purchase this utility!

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES...**

**WE CONTINUE TO URGE** you to get involved in investing in the life of a child at the Hope Home Calcutta and/or at the Hope Home Imphal. Some of the children 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 in our facilities. We also provide a 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! We also have plans to provide a mid-morning snack to children who come from impoverished families living in the community. We would keep you posted on this front in our future updates.

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

**OUR GREATEST** natural resource is the minds of our children! – *Walt Disney*

**THANK YOU** for being part of the extended family of the Hope Home Calcutta! We are blessed immeasurably! Also appreciate your visits, letters of encouragement and emails!

*Dev and the Hope Home Calcutta family*

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