



Srinivas, in the arms Jesus

"I would like to tell you from the bottom of my heart thank you soo much for all your support physically and spiritually, love you in Jesus Christ."

These words were hand-written in a letter from a young boy in India named Srinivas, shortly before his death just over a month ago. Orphaned after both his parents passed away from HIV/AIDS, he walked with a limp and his left hand was twisted from the effects of Polio. He did not have a sponsor of his own, but he was provided for through the Urgent Needs / General Fund of Send Hope Now, and he faithfully wrote letters of thanks for the loving care he received. He also wrote,

"I went on a holiday... I enjoyed my friends... I attended vacation Bible class and learned about the love of God and learned many songs."

The children and caretakers at Homes of Hope are all too acquainted with death, but Srinivas's words and the songs he sang remind us that Christ has victory over death. Without the hope of eternity, this ministry would be very bleak, as over two-thirds of the children are HIV positive. Remembering Srinivas, and the millions of other HIV affected children in India, it's difficult not to wrestle with these realities.

In Luke 12:31-32, Jesus juxtaposes sorrow with a picture of the lilies of the field. "...seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. Fear not, little flock, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Srinivas, and the many children lost to HIV/AIDS, have inherited the Kingdom. God is compassionate, and He is unwaveringly good. Srinivas was given something that no thief can steal and no moth can destroy; the joy of

knowing His Savior, and the reality of spending eternity in His presence.

Although the children and caretakers at the Homes of Hope are well acquainted with death, they are more familiar with the difference that the HOPE of Jesus makes—for today *and* for eternity.



In loving memory of young Srinivas, (pictured above) beloved brother at a Home of Hope, now home with his Father for eternity in Heaven.

The General's Fund

"No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him." 2 Timothy 2:4

There is much comfort in knowing the work being done through Send HOPE Now is being directed by a perfect, sovereign leader. With more children receiving care than ever before, a growing community outreach, and the unexpected costs that rear their head when roofs leak, caretakers get sick, and vehicles break down, the Urgent Needs / General Fund has been a spring in the desert.

India is huge, and as the Gospel stretches out across the vast landscape, the team in India needs the auxiliary support to push forward. Outreaches are opening in new

communities, nutrition kits are being passed out to the sick and hungry, and children are being brought into a loving home with the invitation to be adopted into the kingdom of heaven; the General's pursuits are miraculous. Isn't it exciting to be under the command of such a compassionate and bold God?

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:12

We know the war has already been won, let's press forward together in 2019. **Please consider donating to the Urgent Needs/General Fund.**



Clever sewing project provides for lepers

For those suffering with leprosy in India, simple tasks like eating can be a challenge. When a group of creative and compassionate people heard of this struggle, they came up with a clever and practical solution. For over eight years, the Sewing Klatch have been crafting hand bands that hold utensils, toothbrushes, etc. for the leprosy outreach in India. This passionate group faithfully uses their gifts to be a blessing to people they have never met. We'd like to give a big thank you to the Sewing Klatch for their compassion and creativity!

We know there are many advocates for India, and we want to say thank you! Any time you share stories of the children in the homes of hope, of the need for HIV Nutrition Kits, community development, and leprosy outreach it is a blessing to the work being done through Send HOPE Now in India. Whether it's sewing, making and selling jewelry, running four half-marathons to raise funds for a new Home of Hope, or encouraging a friend toward sponsorship, these are all precious gifts. **Thank you for the creative ways you bless the people of India.**

We're blessed to enter into 2019 together with you!



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