

Transformation

When supporters visit our homes at Bapatla and Nidamaruru, they tell us that they are much impressed to see such happy, alert and lively boys and girls.



To see such poor children grow into well-mannered adults, often able and eager to go to college or nursing training is heart-warming. Having them mature into responsible members of society completes a remarkable transformation.

What is the secret of such success? It must be the dedicated staff. Most are Christians and all are motivated by a strong sense of service. They are led by a recently strengthened management team.

Rani Director Welfare

Samson Director Admin



Small is Beautiful!

A small charity, like CHIT, can keep things personal, keep in touch with its supporters, and keep expenses low. 95% of the money we are given goes to India. We send out three newsletters a year, most by email. The office is run by volunteers. Three trustees visit India every year, staying in the Bapatla home and working closely with the local Indian management to ensure good governance.

We happily take benefactors with us to Bapatla and would welcome anyone seeking to develop a closer relationship with the project with a view to helping us by giving illustrated talks. The school would like a TEFL teacher to visit.

Bapatla .

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This charity, based at Bapatla in Andhra Pradesh, South India, lovingly nurtures 270 boys and girls from desperate situations. Founded in 1982, the two homes were threatened with early closure, but rescued by CHIT in 2005. All the children are from very poor families unable to cope. Forty of them are “complete orphans” and have been left to fend for themselves on the streets, or cruelly dumped at the railway station; others have only one parent alive, often in ill health, and struggling to bring up their family on their own. Increasingly, children are likely to have lost a parent to HIV/Aids.





Morning assembly is usually outside.

Loving care, a well-balanced diet and clean water are the first essentials provided.

Education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty. Thanks to a generous donor, and a grant from Rotary International, a new school was built and equipped in 1995. Although recognised as efficient by the Government it is not yet grant-aided.

Most of the children from the Home attend this High School, together with other poor children from the locality. When they are 16 the best pupils are encouraged to go on to further education and 87 of them are doing so. This is wonderful, but costly. We have just hired three new teachers, and increased salaries to an average of £520 p.a.



Our teachers are happier than they were but need George to make them smile!

Henna's Story

Henna was three years old when she was found crawling on the beach with severe burns on her body. Her mother had simply disappeared, and her father, an itinerant fisherman, had sold her for 200 rupees (c.£3) to a man with three sons. His wife took offence, and starved her, burning poor Henna's legs and arms, and her fingers, to prevent her picking up scraps of food.

The hospital doubted she would survive and refused to accept her. For 3 months she was lovingly nursed in the Home. Today she is a happy teenager at an English-medium college, with a bright future.

Great satisfaction is obtained from helping children who grasp their opportunities without becoming greedy or selfish.



*"In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love."
Mother Theresa of Calcutta*

Health & Safety



Bhanu Prakash was brought to our Bapatla home by his grandmother after losing both of his parents. He was anaemic, weak and sad. He needed to have one of his kidneys removed in Guntur Hospital. Now 14, he has plenty of

friends, and is doing well at school.

Poor health is not a bar to admission in this Christian-run home, although children who are infectious may be sent for treatment before being admitted.

We have just completed an essential programme of building, involving the construction of a new boy's toilet block, with a large septic tank. Then we built living quarters for our new full-time resident nurse Madhavi (23), a dispensary, and two sickbays with toilets.

We aim to look after the health of all our children and reduce time lost at school. We now need help to purchase some basic equipment, **and take in 30 more children.**

