

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 on to college or nursing training, is heart-warming. Having them mature into responsible members of society completes this 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:

Rachel Rani,
Director/Warden

Manika Rao,
Deputy Warden



Small is Beautiful

A small charity, like CHIT, can keep things personal, keep in touch with all its supporters, and still keep expenses low. ALL THE MONEY YOU GIVE TO US goes to India. Two newsletters a year are sent out, most by email. The office is run by devoted volunteers.

Three trustees visit India each year, staying in the Bapatla home and working closely with the local Indian management to ensure good governance. They often take benefactors along and welcome anyone seeking to develop a closer relationship with the project with a view to giving talks. The school loves TEFL-trained teachers.

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. Fifty 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 one or both parents to HIV/Aids.





There are daily prayers and a special slot for prayer on Saturdays at 6 pm (12.30 pm in UK)

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 in 1995 they built and equipped a school. There are no Government grants.

Most of the children from the Home attend this High School, together with other poor children from the locality. At 16 the best pupils are encouraged to go on to further education - 78 do that. This is wonderful, but costly. We have just hired three new teachers, and increased salaries c.£650 p.a.



Our teachers are challenged by the need for new skills as the school converts to English-Medium. Help from the UK is much desired.

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 1000 rupees (c.£14) 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 home at Bapatla by his grandmother after he had lost both of his parents. He arrived weak, anaemic, and sad, and needed to have one of his kidneys removed in Guntur Hospital.

Now aged 17, he is remarkably fit, has many good friends, and is doing very well with his studies at college.

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



In the last five years we have greatly improved the facilities at both our homes. We have upgraded the healthcare: toilets, basins, showers, a sick bay, a dispensary and a resident nurse/housemother. Here, Nurse Mary, is happily checking the new purchases with visiting Trustee, Dr Kal Rai.