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goddess of compassion and
the environment.

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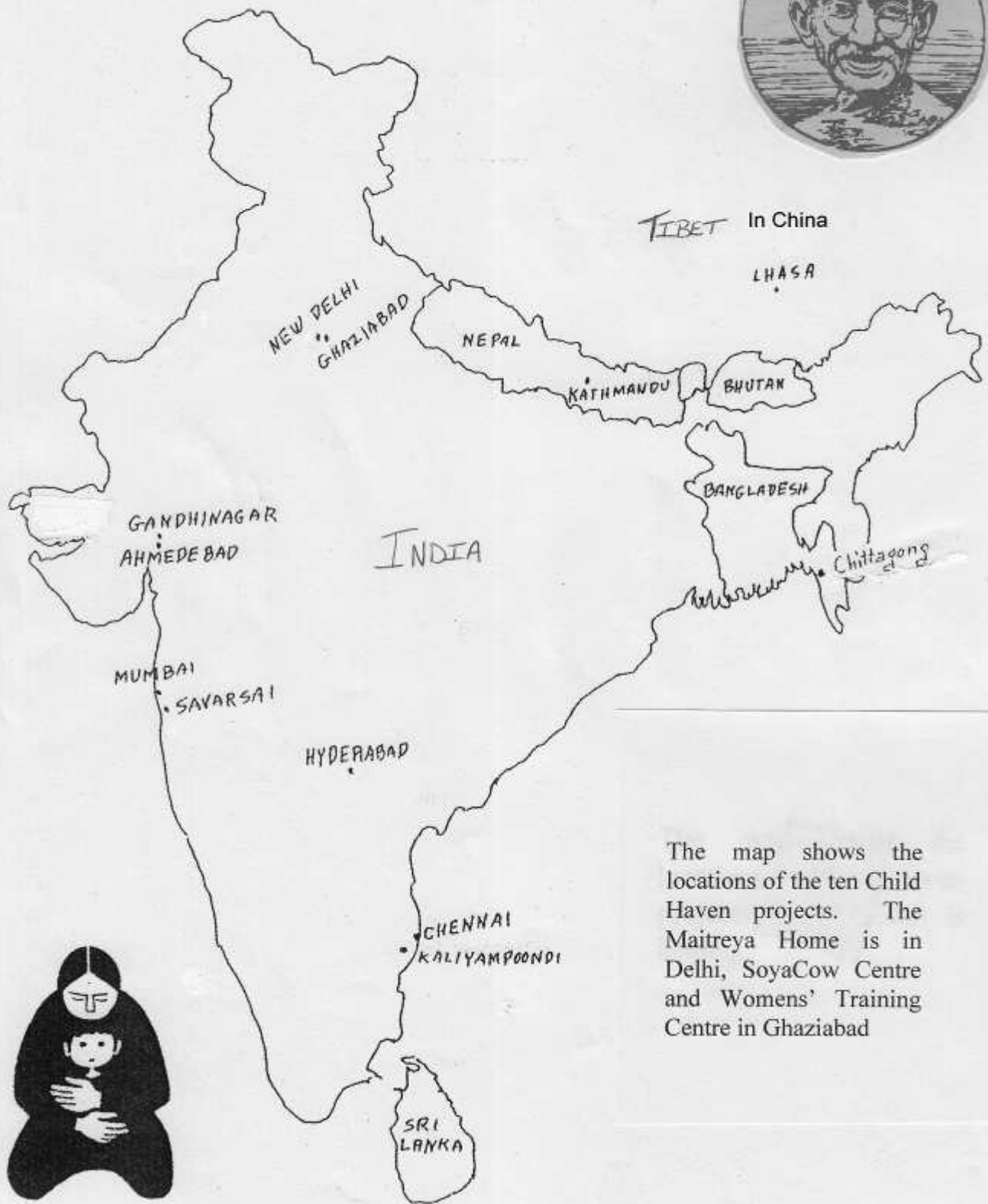
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KALIYAMPOONDI,
dancing for the
guests, children, and
Board dignitaries.

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The map shows the locations of the ten Child Haven projects. The Maitreya Home is in Delhi, SoyaCow Centre and Womens' Training Centre in Ghaziabad

This elegant and erudite newsletter can be seen in colour at www.childhaven.ca. Child Haven is setting up a system whereby friends can receive it by e-mail, saving expenses as well as trees. One problem with this is that the newsletter also contains a return envelope for donation. We are suggesting that people who receive the emailed newsletter – immediately (!) make a sizeable donation through CanadaHelps.org. on www.childhaven.ca/donate.htm

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BONNIE LORE - an occasional column by her long-suffering husband. **Chapter 21 Starting a Home in Hyderabad**

Back in 1985, Bonnie was in India, wanting to help very poor children. A friend told her, “Go down to South India. My friend, Chandramowli, is Secretary to Ms Kumudben Joshi, Governor of Andhra Pradesh. They are in Hyderabad. He will help you find children.”

Bonnie went down and found Chandramowli in Hyderabad. He said, “O, yes, Madam, in my village there are some children who are too poor to go to school. Someone from the Andhra Pradesh Red Cross will take you there.”

So the Red Cross official took Bonnie and a Canadian Intern, Deni Beleque, on an eight-hour train trip (local train, with many stops) from Hyderabad to Cuddappa, and thence to three villages. In the first village some children aged 1½ to 8 were gathered, and paperwork was signed by thumb-prints. Some were orphans, some half-orphans, but all very poor. The second village also produced some children. When they were approaching the third village, an old man threw stones at them to chase them away. When Chandramowli’s name was mentioned, the man welcomed them. He knew the group were friends who could be trusted. Chandramowli had been Collector in Cuddappa, and was well liked.

Bonnie caught the train in Cuddappa for the eight-hour ride back to Hyderabad with 27 children in tow, who had never seen a train before. On the crowded train, some of them ensconced themselves up in the baggage racks. Six village men came as escorts and would return to their villages. Two women cooks would stay. One boy smuggled his little polio-disabled sister onto the train with her crutches. Bonnie was apprised of this dastardly deed as the train pulled out of Cuddappa Station. She went to look, and the two siblings sported the broadest smiles Bonnie had ever seen.



The other Canadian, Deni Belecque, a child care worker by profession, was in a constant panic about losing some kids on the way. He spent much of the time going back and forth in the crowded train, counting kids. At Hyderabad Station they met a big Red Cross van that took all 41 adults and children to “The Balcony.”

The Red Cross had given Child Haven temporary rent-free quarters in the balcony of a former movie theatre. Relatively flat, it had two levels, with a single step up to the higher level. It had a concrete outside stairway. There were makeshift toilets outside and they set up a kitchen outside. The 27 most beautiful children in the world began an exciting adventure, especially since the main floor was a clinic, with the occasional newborn baby wailing at 2 A.M. The photo shows the girl who was smuggled (left) with a friend at Child Haven Hyderabad.

Because of higher costs, we are increasing our General Sponsorship to \$30/month and half sponsorship to \$15/month.

Child Haven Homes

Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India 52 children 8 women, Language: Gujarati
Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India 147 children 15 women, Language: Telegu
Kaliyampoondi, Tamil Nadu, India 286 children 35 women, 48 elderly, Language: Tamil
Maitreya Foundation, New Delhi, India 21 children 1 woman, Language: Tibetan & Hindi
Savarsai, Maharashtra, India 22 children 4 women, Language: Mahrathi
Kathmandu, Nepal, 203 children 22 women, Language: Nepali
Tibet in China, 41 children 4 women, Language: Tibetan
Chittagong, Bangladesh, 64 children 15 women, Language: Bengali
Ghaziabad, India (informal education) 30 children 50 women, Language: Hindi
Tribal Home, City of Pen, near Savarsai Home, 43 children, Mahrathi plus tribal languages



KALIYAMPOONDI, the goddess Durga/Kali, with eight arms. Heidi Nanda photo.

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Waterloo ON: Ida Fisher, 519-884-3466. Next Dinner April 22, 2012

Winnipeg MB: Zobida Ambtman, 204-489-7630. Sept 23, 2012

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Hardwick, Vermont, Robin Cappuccino & Sharon Fialco, 802-533-2296, Next Dinner 20 Oct, 2012



CHITTAGONG, our girls doing a water dance on top of water jugs. Try it sometime!

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Child Haven receives monthly donations in three ways:
Direct bank withdrawal, \$9178/month from 224 donors.
Post-dated cheques, \$1530/month from 31 donors.
Donor credit card, \$1333/month from 29 donors.

*We are also set up to receive **gifts of securities**. (better tax advantages than donating cash.)*

50 years ago, Al Capp's Li'l Abner was asking his Dogpatch friends, "Are you Ready for Freddy?" People would run off in horror! Freddy was the undertaker! Is Child Haven in your will? Do you have a will?

If you'd like to talk with Freddy about your will, call me: 613-527-2829. Fred Cappuccino

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CHILD HAVEN **BICYCLE FUND-RAISER** ACROSS CANADA!

Sean Collins, a 62-year-old grandfather from Calgary, is a high school teacher (not yet retired). An avid cyclist for 30 years, it has been on his bucket-list for a long time to cycle across Canada. “I have never attempted a trip of this distance before, but with a bit of luck I think I can pull it off. I am familiar with Child Haven and the great work that you do.”



He will take the most direct and safest route as he has to be back in Calgary for the end of August to start the new school year. He will leave from Vancouver and hopes to arrive in Halifax.

Unfortunately he will not have support of a vehicle unless friends of Child Haven can help. It would save him from carrying all of his gear. It would also, even for part of the trip, raise the profile of Child Haven. A GPS would be a great idea to follow his progress. He doesn't belong to the Rotary or Lions clubs. He is not adverse about talking to the media on the way as long as it gives the fundraising more profile.

Tentative itinerary: Vancouver, New Westminster, Langley, Chilliwack, Hope, Princeton, Penticton, Kelowna, Vernon, Revelstoke, Golden, Field, Lake Louise, Banff, Canmore, Calgary, Strathmore, Basano, Brooks, Medicine Hat, Swift Current, Moose Jaw, Regina, Portage, La Prairie, Winnipeg, Kenora, Dryden, Thunder bay, Wawa, Sault Ste Marie, Sudbury, North Bay, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City, Montmagny, Riviere-do-Loup, Edmonston, Grand Falls, Fredericton, Saint John, Moncton, Truro, Halifax.

Friends can support Sean's fundraising efforts through PAY PAL on our Child Haven website, as well as follow Sean's trip on his blog, (found through our website www.childhaven.ca.)

Any other imaginative ideas to support Sean would be welcome, e.g. warm bed for the night. If he is passing through your city, please try to welcome him and cheer him on!

Child Haven was grateful to receive a sizeable bequest from the late John and Helen Hodgson.



KALIYAMPOONDI: New Board of Child Haven International/India:

Front, Archana Balasubramaniam, Bonnie, Nirmalaben Naik, Sarojben Vaishnav. Rear, Raj Anthony (Secretary), K Ilangovan (President), Robin Cappuccino, J Naik, Bhalchandra Vaishnav. Mr Naik and Mrs Vaishnav are spouses of board members. Not present, Raju Gupta, Ramchandra, D. Jayachandiran, Dr Mapuskar, Dr. Deepika, Dr Chitania.

Right, Sowthirya, left, and Mumtaj, the two most beautiful dancers in the world. They attend the Child Haven Kindergarten. Heidi photos.





KALIYAMPOONDI Above, through the dismantled wall, the crane is setting crossbars to cover the well so that pollutants from the nearby steel plant do not get into our water supply.

Left, framework is finished.

Below, the completed well-top. Heidi Nanda photos





KALIYAMPOONDI, Intern Heidi Nanda with future Prime Ministers and Nobel Prize winners. Heidi photo



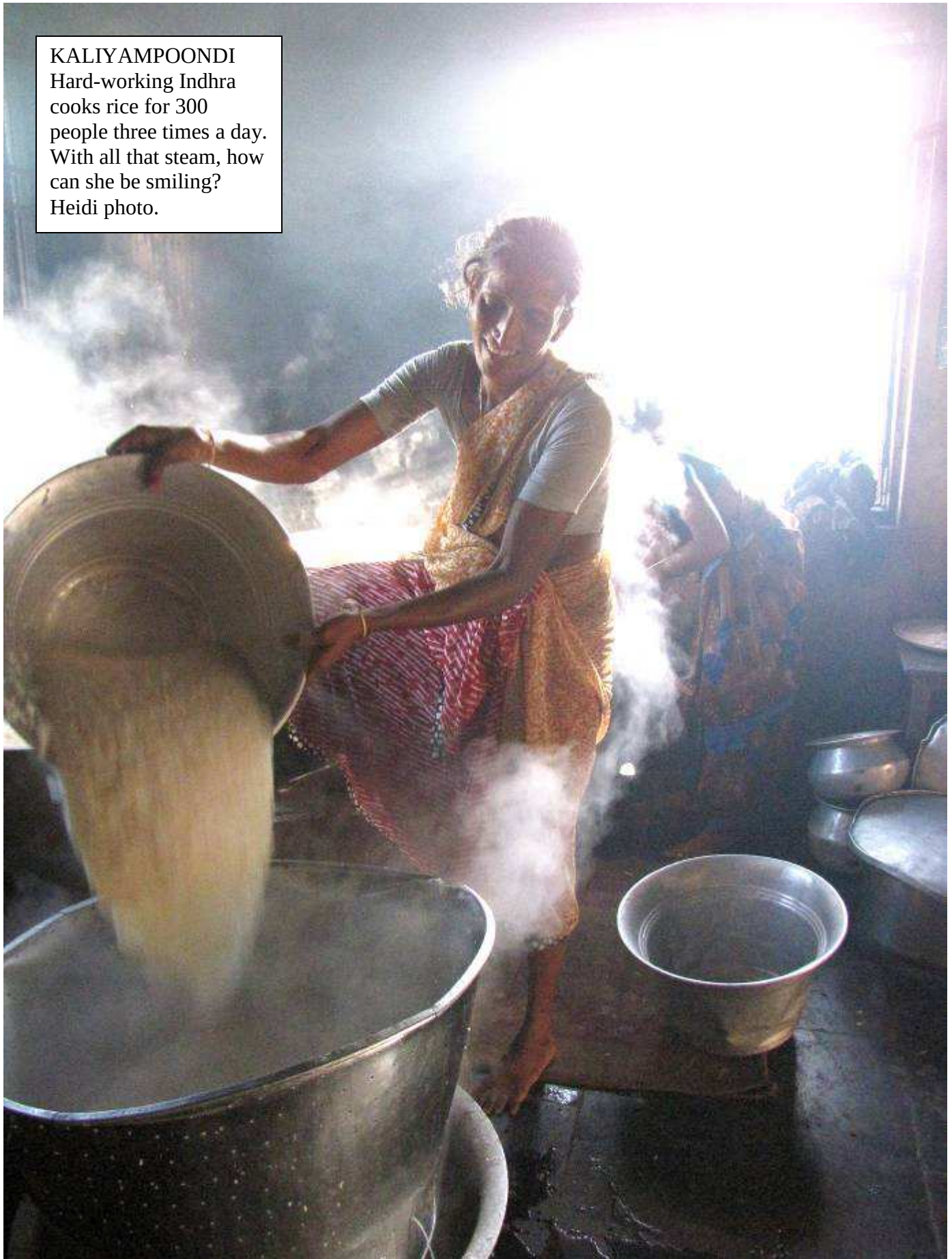
KALIYAMPOONDI, Heidi and Atul Nanda in the back row, and their sons first and last in the front row, increasing their status by being shown with Child Haven's distinguished 10th grade students.

CHITTAGONG, Intern Lee Joyce with Morium, the most beautiful baby in the world.



KALIYAMPOONDI

Hard-working Indhra
cooks rice for 300
people three times a day.
With all that steam, how
can she be smiling?
Heidi photo.





CHITTAGONG, Intern William Cappuccino, left, is matching skills with Saiful (not manager Saiful) and children. It is William's first trip to India. He is Bonnie & Fred's oldest son, adopted from Japan at age seven.

Below, Morium is washing her face with cold water, with help of two older cousin-sisters. The pump is chained because some time ago thieves stole the last pump.





CHITTAGONG, morning calisthenics. Below, Manager Saiful and his Indonesian wife, Enny, with their son, Althaf Zafran Aziz, the most beautiful little boy in the world.





CHITTAGONG, Bonnie, Manager Saiful, Intern Lee Joyce, and Robin Cappuccino, waiting at a Bangladesh airport. Below, Debbie Burke with staff at the new Montessori School at Child Haven.





GUJARAT, Man-to-man philosophical discussion. Maggie photo

Left below, Manager Kalaben with future Prime ministers and Nobel Prize winners.



KALIYAMPOONDI, Eight of our fifteen students who are attending Vandavasi Womens College.



NEPAL, Above, Caregiver Geeta getting blood pressure tested prior to giving blood at a donor clinic at our Nepal Home. Giving support from behind is Matron Rita. Left, Intern Susan Bowers with Romiya.

MORE OVERSEAS INTERNS NEEDED. We have space for more people who will pay their own travel and commit a minimum of 3 to 6 months interning at our projects in India, Nepal or Bangladesh. To apply, please contact our office by email fred@childhaven.ca. A \$50 fee will cover administrative costs of processing your application and your attendance at a 2-day Orientation in Maxville. Once accepted as an Intern, an additional \$200 donation to cover overseas costs of room and board is also asked of first-time Interns unless they or their families are regular contributors.



HYDERABAD, An historic day! This is the first fire produced by the newly built bio-gas plant utilizing toilet waste. It is expected to produce about a third of the needed fuel for cooking. Attending the flame is Rajesh (from Nepal) who is our watchman, and also operates the SoyaCow. Looking on is William, Asst. Manager of Hyderabad Child Haven.

Below, the new open air Study Hall, 34'x 20' between the new building, left, and the old building, a shady refuge from the hot sun.



TRIBAL HOME, Vrushali, Savita, Vishali, Sarita, and friend, doing a ceremony before the new SoyaCow is utilized. It will make three gallons of soy milk in 30 minutes.





TRIBAL HOME,
Intern Maggie
MacLaren being
welcomed by nurse
Shoba to the Home
in the city of Pen,
near Savarsai.

Below, children
practicing yoga
breathing exercises.
Maggie photos





TIBET IN CHINA, Children admiring the photos of the exquisitely beautiful, elegant, and erudite Child Haven newsletter. Robin photo



TIBET IN CHINA, Above, keeping warm inside, next to the new dried yak dung and wood stove. Right, Tenzin Chokey's mother died some years ago in Lhasa. Tenzin and her sister are now living at the Home. Robin phot



SAVARSAI, the new building is coming along. Above, working on the foundation.
Below, starting the wall atop the foundation.





MAITREYA, Dakpa Rimpoche and his mother with Bonnie. Dakpa Rimpoche is the head of the Maitreya Home for Tibetan refugee children in India. He is still hoping to be granted a visa from China so he can visit the 18 or so monasteries in China of which he is the hereditary Head.

Below, staff and children, all Tibetan, at the Maitreya Home. Tanya Pinto of Baal Dan Charities is the long-haired woman in front of Bonnie.





GHAZIABAD, One purpose of this project is Family Planning Awareness. There is also tailoring training.

Child Haven tries, very imperfectly, to follow six Gandhian principles: **Non-violence, vegetarianism, simple living, gender equality, no recognition of caste, all religions equal (no proselytizing)**

(Bonnie and I are vegetarian. At the very beginning in Child Haven's history, there was a Jain leader, the late Kantibhai Shah, older brother in Gujarat of Dr Nat Shah in Cornwall, Ontario. Bonnie wanted him to be on the India Board of Child Haven. When she asked him, he responded: "Oh, I am very honoured to be invited – but I cannot become associated with any organization that is not officially and thoroughly vegetarian." Bonnie said, "Henceforth Child Haven will be vegetarian, and my husband Fred and I also." So that's how I became vegetarian. She didn't consult with me at all, just decided. Woe is me!) FC

LET ME LIGHT MY LAMP, SAYS THE STAR, AND NEVER

DEBATE IF IT WILL DISPEL THE DARK

Rabindranath Tagore



NEPAL, Staff and visitors.

Right, Intern Leah tutoring special needs child, Tulsi. Maggie photos



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