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Green Tara of Nepal,
goddess of compassion and
the environment.

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Kaliyampoondi,

Older girls saying prayers before
supper in the dining hall.



TIBET In China

LHASA

NEW DELHI
GHAZIABAD

NEPAL

KATHMANDU

BHUTAN

BANGLADESH

Chittagong

INDIA

GANDHINAGAR
AHMEDABAD

MUMBAI
SAVARSAI

HYDERABAD

CHENNAI
KALIYAMPOONDI

SRI
LANKA

The map shows the locations of the 11 Child Haven projects. The Maitreya Home is in Delhi, SoyaCow Centre and Women's Training Centre in Ghaziabad and the Tribal Home is in Pen, near Savarsai.



Chittagong



Jinunpar points to her name on the weekly chore chart at our Chittagong home. Each of the older children is assigned a chore on a rotating basis, such as sweeping the yard, polishing shoes or helping chop vegetables.

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Chittagong – Farzhana raises the flag

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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Nepal, Niru, Kalpana and friends performing a dance for the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the building of our Kathmandu Home. A highlight of the celebration was the awarding of Appreciation Plaques and scarves to the 19 staff members who have worked for our home for 10 years or longer. Among them was Ganga Dhakal shown below holding up her plaque to the thunderous applause and cheering of our kids, other staff, community members and special guests.



Nepal – It's a Hoola-hoop frenzy at our Kathmandu home, under the watchful eyes of the snow-lions.



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



It's amazing what these kids can do with a hoola-hoop!





Savarsai Many pans of stone and sand later, a new boy's dorm begins to take shape. In India the “weaker sex” do the hard work , probably for less money as in Canada & USa



Savarsai

Astute readers of this elegant and erudite journal will remember the photo of Suraj and the model of a super-light styrofoam auto-rickshaw which he helped construct. Years later, Suraj is in technical college, and just received a high grade for this fine metal joinery. India's technological future is in good hands.



Hyderabad - Chitra grew up at our Hyderabad home. After studying tailoring, she accepted a position as the seamstress for the home, and helps with mending, making new clothes, and whatever else needs to be done.



Above she is filling up the lunch boxes for the school-children, and below, passing out watermelon on a hot afternoon.



Hyderabad, The Grand Finale of the Independence Day Celebration Dance



Volunteer Intern Antoinette Guillou helping Vanaja with her studies.

MORE OVERSEAS INTERNS NEEDED. We have space for more people who will pay their own travel and commit a minimum of three to six months interning at our projects in India, Nepal or Bangladesh. To obtain an application please contact our office in Maxville 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.



Above, a game of catch in Hyderabad

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, 45 elderly
 Language: Tamil
Maitreya Foundation, New Delhi, India 24 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, 30 children 4 women
 Mahrathi plus tribal languages



Ghaziabad, One of our tailoring students sits on the floor learning to use a hand-crank sewing machine. These along with the foot-treadle machines are helpful in communities struggling with many hours daily of power outages.



Gujarat – A camel caravan passes our new home-site in Meu, their soft feet making hardly a sound were it not for the tinkling anklet bells. On the site, workers prepare the steel framework for the cement beams that will support the new Boy's Dorm, (above right) which is then placed in the foundation holes built by the mighty working women below. A back-hoe dug the preliminary hole, then the women sized and shaped it according to the string measurements above the hole. It will then have a cement footing poured for the steel reinforced cement pillars.





Child Haven International Canada Director, Dr. Nat Shah (center) discussing Meu construction plans with our architect Mr. Oza. With him from left to right are Kulwant Shah, senior advisor Mr. Ruparel and Bonniema.

Our new home in Meu is in a rich agricultural zone. At right is cotton grown on a neighboring farm. We look forward to having room for a large garden, both for the vegetables it will produce and the learning opportunities for our children.



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Fred Lore - by guest editor Robin Cappuccino

As the first born and third eldest, in a family of 21 children, I have often been asked “how did your parents manage with so many kids?” A similar and equally persistent question has been “how can your parents be brave enough to take on the responsibility for 1300 kids (including hundreds of teen-agers) on the other side of the planet?” Of course the answer to the second question rests to a large extent on the generosity of thousands of kind friends like you dear reader, and also on my mother’s uncanny ability to find some truly gifted staff people for our children’s homes.

Perhaps another fundamental foundation for their efforts can be summed up by a philosophy I first remember my father articulating in a sermon to our Unitarian Universalist congregation in Pointe Claire, QC back in 1968. Here are a few brief excerpts from that service.

Expect Greatness of Our Children - Fred Cappuccino

“The first and foremost ingredient in raising children, we might all agree, is tender loving care: to see that the physical needs are satisfied in an atmosphere of love and affection.

“Along with this largely emotional attitude on the part of the parents, I submit that the second most important factor in child rearing is the intellectual as well as the emotional factor of expecting the child to have the qualities of good character.

“An individual usually becomes what he\ she is expected to be.

“If children know that we expect them to be honest, they tend to be honest. On the other hand, where a child is told repeatedly and with great force that he/she is a liar, that’s the role they tend to assume.

“Gandhi’s policy was to have faith that the opponent would be honorable, and the basic feature of his strategy was the appeal – to appeal to the highest altruistic element of one’s opponent, always expecting that the opponent would do the right thing. While he knew that there was a possibility that he might be deceived, indeed many times over, he let it be known that in each case he expected his opponent to do the honorable thing.

“It seems to me that in the family, and in a group of young people at a meeting or in a class, the atmosphere of the meeting can determine the behavior of the children to a large measure. If it is felt that there will be misbehavior, then that is what will happen. If on the other hand, it is expected that there will be quiet and orderliness, it is more likely that the latter will prevail.

“So it’s not only by our words, but by our true feelings, by the expectations we have, that our children are guided.”



Tibet in China – “Horsing around” at our children’s home

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Direct bank withdrawal, \$9211/month from 225 donors.

Canada Helps \$1530/month from 31 donors.

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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 at 613-527-2829. Fred Cappuccino



Gandhi's personal secretary and Child Haven Patron, V Kalyanan, (center) meeting with, from left to right, William Cappuccino, Sharon Fialco, Robin Cappuccino and Bonniema in his Chennai garden. Pictured below is a much younger Kalyanan with Mahatma Gandhi. He says with a laugh that Gandhi stole him from his work as a gardener at Gandhi's ashram when all his secretaries were jailed for nonviolent civil disobedience. Now a spry 90 years old, Kalyanan remains very active, speaking at schools and other gatherings, including several at our Child Haven home.





Kaliyampoondi

It's kite-flying time in Kaliyampoondi. Some recycled plastic, string, sticks, a good breeze and some fast feet and my, how those kites can climb – straight into the kite-eating tree!





Kaliyampoondi flyers getting the most out of a skipping rope. With 286 children and a finite number of ropes, sharing can be a good idea.

Kaliyampoondi, Cleaning soybeans for soy milk and tofu under the supervision of the most beautiful baby in the world, Santosh.



SUPPORT GROUPS

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Germany: Rev Dr Eckhart Pilick, 49-721-405762, Pilick@t-online.de

Burlington, Vermont, (embryonic stage)

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



Volunteer interns Lino Hilson and Ramune Luminaire, from Ontario at work on a mural they created on the outside wall of the dining hall in Kaliyampoondi. They traced the kids in a variety of chosen poses as the basis for their work. Below, Vignesh demonstrates the pose he used for his image.





Tribal Home – Some of the older girls performing a traditional tribal dance about the seasons of life for some of their relatives, the other students and Bonniema.

LET ME LIGHT MY LAMP, SAYS THE STAR,
AND NEVER DEBATE IF IT WILL DISPEL THE DARK

Rabindranath Tagore



Maitreya Lama Tenzin, Dakpa Rimpoche (center left) and the children visiting with Bonniema in their Losar, Tibetan New Year, finery.

Some imaginative friends make donations to Child Haven, a suggested wedding, birthday or shower gift for their special day. You can call the office at 613-527-2829 for more ideas.

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