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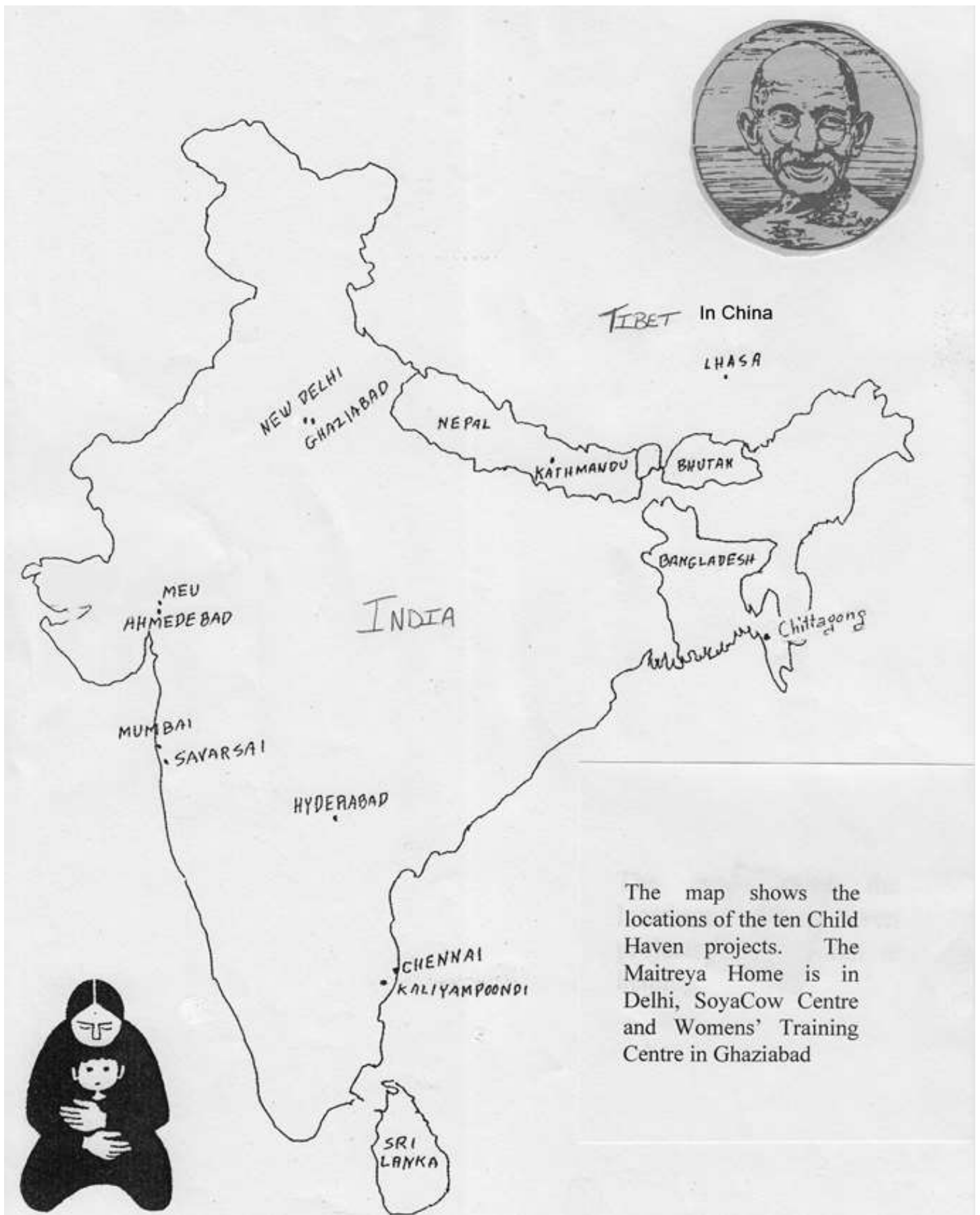


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Bangladesh: Shahin, left, is in Grade 2 at our Child Haven Montessori School. Ayesha, center, has been at the Home for 4 years. She is in Grade 3. Sobeha, right, is also in Grade 3. Her elder sister named Muntaha is also in our home. They came to the Home after their father passed away, and their mother who had been working in a garment factory became ill.

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Kaliyampoondi: Cooks Jothi, (standing) Balamal (seated left) and Niramathi (seated right) work on preparing food for the 1000 meals they serve every day. That's 300 kids plus staff and seniors three times a day.



Child Haven Homes

Meu (Gandhinagar), Gujarat, India 68 children 8 women, Language: Gujarati

Hyderabad, Telangana, India 183 children 14 women, Language: Telugu

Kaliyampoondi, Tamil Nadu, India 325 children 35 women, Language: Tamil

Maitreya Foundation, New Delhi, India 24 children 1 woman, Language: Tibetan & Hindi

Savarsai, Maharashtra, India 48 children 4 women, Language: Marathi

Tribal Home, City of Pen, near Savarsai Home, 55 children, Marathi plus Tribal languages

Kathmandu, Nepal, 203 children 22 women, Language: Nepali

Tibet in China, sponsoring 14 children 4 women, Language: Tibetan

Chittagong, Bangladesh, 70 children 15 women, Language: Bengali

Ghaziabad Women's Centre, Uttar Pradesh, India; education in tailoring for 50 women at a time; inexpensive sanitary napkin production and sale; Beauty and Wellness Course, Language: Hindi

(Many other children are sponsored for education, but are not living in one of our Homes.)

Bangladesh: One of the little girls attending the school in our Home (right) climbed up on the stage at a special school program for Bonniema and invited guests with the help of Master of Ceremonies, Robin, standing next to her. While she shared her beautiful smile, the poem she was planning to recite didn't quite make it out. Of course she received huge applause just the same and smiled all the way back to her seat. There are 89 children in our Montessori school, 71 of them from the surrounding community. They are from low-income families and pay a token \$1.50 per month.



Below, Robin (left) also took part in the program as a drummer. He and Soykot (below right) take tabla lessons from the Home's music teacher who comes once a week. Robin came to the Home in 2011 after his father passed away. He is going into Grade 4. Soykot, is going into Grade 3. His father Nikodim, is the night watchman at the Home.





Bangladesh: The mother of Rojina (left) first heard about Child Haven when she came to the Home while going from house to house asking for food to feed Rojina, herself, and her differently-abled husband. Rojina is now doing well in the 2nd Grade. Ayesha (right) is in Grade 3. She is one of three sisters that her mother, who works as a maid, was unable to support on her own.

Shiuly (left below) has been at Child Haven Bangladesh since 2002, our very first girl. She has recently taken her High School Leaving Exam and is enrolled in a computer course while she awaits her results. Shiuly is also one of the many talented and graceful dancers at the Home. Marium (below right) is studying in Grade 10. She came to the home in 2005. She enjoys drawing.





Bangladesh: Everybody helps clean! Here Shetu, Sweety and Jindinpar clean the grounds, while below the older boys do the same.



Bonnie Lore

by Fred Cappuccino, her long-suffering husband.

Everywhere you go in India you see cows; in the road, at shopping malls, and lying on the sidewalk. When our new Girl's Dorm was opened in Kaliyampoondi, a cow was brought in to take part in the blessing. I think that's part of why Bonnie is so happy there.

We moved from Pointe Claire, Quebec in May, 1974, to our farm in Maxville, Ontario. I had always wanted to live on a farm. One of the reasons I married Bonnie was that she was a farm girl. As a child in her 4H Club in Illinois, she raised a heifer calf, groomed and trained her – and presented her at the Kane County Fair, winning First Prize and a trophy. (Later she made a dress on a foot-treadle sewing machine, and won First Prize at the Illinois State Fair.)



One of the first things we did when we moved here was to buy a cow. Bonnie taught the kids and me how to milk her. Later we were milking three or four cows morning and evening. With all those kids we made good use of the milk.

Bonnie still had one trophy from 4H – a polished wood base with a metal angel on top. Years later when Robin drove a truck-full of supplies to a sister co-op in Nicaragua, he mounted the angel on the hood of the truck. He left the truck, adorned with Bonnie's trophy angel in Nicaragua.

The photo below shows Bonnie, left, with daughters Tibiki, Mei-Lin, and KimChi on manure detail in front of our log barn. Cow manure actually has a kind of sweet smell. On the advice of locals, I used to trowel manure into the cracks between the logs of the barn to keep out the drafts.



Now we have 5 cows at our Home in Kaliyampoondi. When she visits Bonnie is almost as happy to see the cows and calves as she is our children and staff.

Fred Cappuccino

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Meu: Nirmala (left) is 8 years old and in the 2nd Grade. She has no father and her mother lives in a home for mentally challenged adults. The local Child Welfare Department has decided to move her to a different Home to be with her two brothers who are age 9 and 10. We will miss her.

Sonal (left below) is 13 years old, and in the 6th Grade. She and her 2 brothers Katara Rahul and Bhadu have been at the Home for the past 3 years. Hemangini (below right) is 12 years old and also in 6th Grade. She spends most of her time reading.



Meu: Ansh (right) is 12 years old and in the 6th Grade. His mother had passed away, and his father works at a factory in Ahmedabad. His favorite pastime is to play cricket.



Kajal (far left) and Komal are both in 7th Grade. They are displaying two small rugs they created in the weekly tailoring class held at the Home. Kajal has been at the home for 8 years. Her favorite subject is science. She also loves to read story books. Kajal and her sister Tajal (not shown), came to the Home after the previous home they were staying in was closed. Komal is 14 years old. She has been at Child Haven for four years. She has two sisters, also at the Home. She, like her friend Kajal, also loves to read books.



Mew: Students Dhevraj, Jignesh and Mehul (left to right) are learning to sew with the Home's sewing teacher Alkaben. Alkaben comes on weekends during the school year, and almost every day during vacation time. She teaches hand sewing as well as machine work and crafts. Her classes are popular with both the boys and girls.

Child Haven Support Groups and our Fundraising Dinners

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Savarsai: Sudesh, above, holds his rendition of the Child Haven logo. He is one of the Home's many talented artists. Some children feel that Child Haven is a kind of heaven (most of the time).

Trupti, above right, is helping to prepare food for lunch while watching a weekend film on the Home's TV. If you look carefully you may detect a glimpse of Trupti's mehndi skills on her left arm!

Below right, Home Manager Prakash helps serve lunch to Hemant (left) and Bhimrao (center). These two helpful and clever lads who study in an English medium school are sometimes referred to as the home's translators.





Kaliyampoondi: Sakthikumar, above left, is in the 8th Grade. He is holding an art piece he created for Pongol celebrations in January. A friend behind him is suspending their yellow plastic toy in the photo. Sanjay, right, also in the 8th Grade is shown with his view of a Kaliyampoondi home cricket game. They both spent time on their art-work with volunteer Jackie Rush-Morgan from Kingston who took these photos.

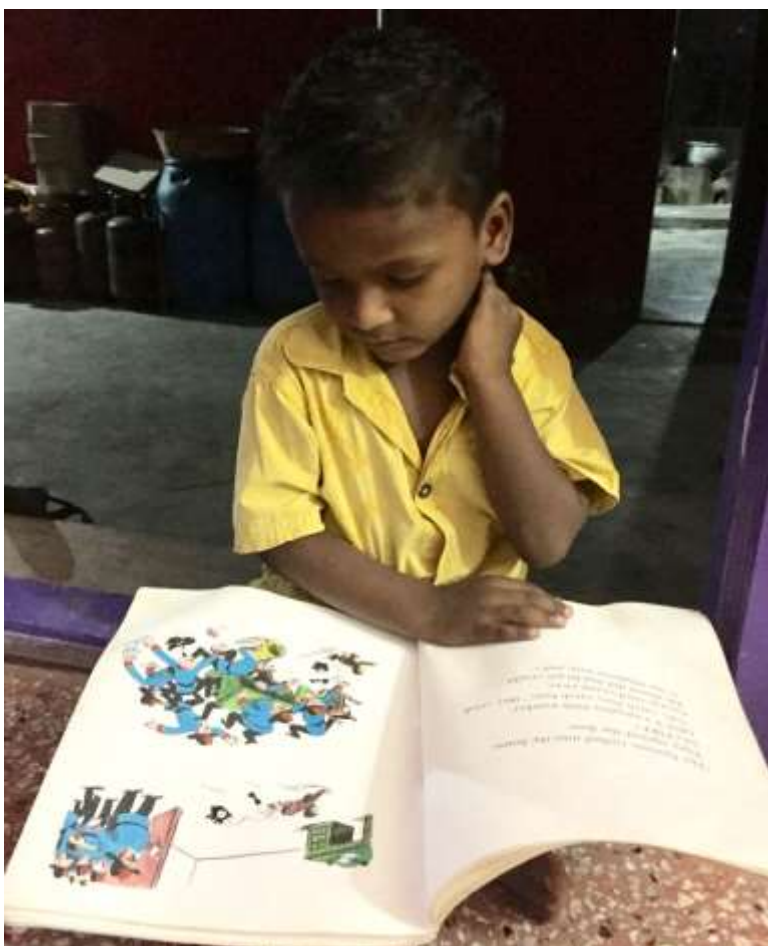
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Kaliyampoondi: Home children who had been practicing singing as a choir with intern Andy Rush (left) spent a day working with the Chennai Children's Choir under the wonderful leadership team of Vedanth (centre) and Manjula (right) both professional Carnatic and pop musicians. The children got to wade in the Bay of Bengal at Marina Beach in Chennai, many for the first time. It was a banner day.

Jackie Rush-Morgan photos





Kaliyampoondi: Bharat (left) is very curious about the exploits of *Curious George*. He is the son of one of our boy's care-givers, Sasikala. Allison Calvern photo

Below, Johnson and his wife Nirmala with the most beautiful baby in the world, their son Jefrison. Johnson, who has been a boy's care-giver for many years at the Home has many other duties at the Home, including making the soy milk once a day.





Tribal Home: Harshali (left) is in 4th Grade and is from a mountainous village about 8 kms from the Home. She belongs to a nomadic tribe. Her parents own four buffaloes. Her father brings milk everyday to sell in neighboring villages. When there is no milk he works as a wage labourer. Buffalo milk has 7% butterfat compared to 3% for Holstein cow's milk.

Harshali has an infectious smile and is a dedicated scholar.

Rakesh (right) is from Shedashi, a village 18 kms away from the Home. Rakesh is in the 10th Grade and is a hard working boy.

His parents are wage labourers and do whatever work is available. At present they work at a brick kiln, and Rakesh helps them there on his summer holidays.



Ranjana (left) is in the 6th Grade. She is very responsible and reliable and has a reputation as being very direct and unafraid to let everyone, including the staff know what she thinks about everything.

She also belongs to a Nomadic Tribe and does well in school. Her father makes a living by selling milk.





Tribal Home: Usha (above left) is in the 8th Grade. She is now doing well in school although in past years she ran away from the Home three times, as at first she didn't like to study. Each time her mother patiently brought her back. Her foster father makes a living by selling books and repairing electric mixers at the side of the road.

Aditya (above right) is in his second year at the Tribal Home. His mother studied up to 10th Grade at the Tribal Home 10 years ago. His father is employed as a watchman for the Home.

Below, the boys at the Tribal Home are avid drummers and are eager to perform at community gatherings when called upon to do so.





The Doctors Chitania - Child Haven Heroine and Hero

The Drs. Krishnanand and Suvina Chitania moved to Gandhinagar in 1982, and soon after that received a call from our Home about a health issue. To our good fortune, they have remained involved ever since. They both serve on the advisory board of our Gujarat Home, now located in Meu. Krishnanand Chitania is also a check signer for the Home and a member of our All India Child Haven Board.

Child Haven is not the only focus of their generous natures. Krishnanand, who is trained as a general surgeon, has performed 175,000 piles (hemorrhoids) operations at 1,271 camps across India, which he has played a major role in organizing. The camps began in 1984 utilizing a procedure he invented (the ring hammer balanced bands procedure) which takes only 5 minutes to perform. He has also worked free of charge at a leprosy hospital twice a week since 1989.

He and his wife were married in London where they were both medical students. He told her that if she married him she would have to finish her gynecologist degree, which she did. From London they went to Zambia for 6 years.

Dr. Mrs. Chitania wrote a textbook on obstetrics and gynecology which Dr. Mr. Chitania illustrated. She is also a yoga instructor.

Whenever there is a need, the good doctors can be counted on to assist.



Nepal: Ramita Shahi (left), and Akariti are both 12 and studying in Grade 5. Ramita came to the Home when she was four years old and her father passed away. Akariti is a daughter of our Night Watchman, Bobby Sapkota. Her father has been working at the Home for the past 4 years.

Ramita Yadav (left) is 10-years-old and in Grade 4. She is from the Terai region of Nepal. Her younger sister and older brother are also at the Home. Her father died and her mother is unable to support her children.

Sandip Khanal, is age 10 and in Grade 3. He is from the Sindhupalchowk District. He was admitted to the Home when he was four year old. His single mother also struggles economically.





Nepal: Showing the results of their weekly traditional Nepali dance instruction class, these children at the Home perform as part of a recent function in the Home courtyard. Behind are the foothills of the Himalayan mountains. The Home is on top of a high hill. The extra high screening is to prevent the volley-ball from ending up down in the valley.





Nepal: Tilganga Chhantyal (left) with volunteer intern Sharon Fialco. Tilgana is relatively new to the Home. She is from the far western district of Nepal - Humla. She is four years old, and studying in the Montessori Program at Child Haven's Green Tara School. Her mother died during the time of her delivery and father is physically challenged.

John Gurung, (left below) is four years old, and also in our Montessori Program. His mother, Sushila is a caregiver at the Home.

Prabesh Rai (below right) in Grade 3 at the Green Tara School, has the distinction of coming in first in the school with 98% on his final exam.





Hyderabad: We are not sure what surprise Shirsha (left above) is about to share with her sister Nakshatra. They are in Grade 5 and 4. Manisha (above right) is working on a prize-winning rangoli design she made as part of a competition at her school. She is in Grade 10. Others are making designs behind her.

Below Karthik Reddy, Kalyan, Sandeep and Vamshi, are conducting experiments involving principles of centrifugal force as it applies to rotation, gravity and propulsion. They are currently enrolled in Grades 3 and 4.





Hyderabad: Some of the older girls work on their studies in the “*Hall of Learning*”. With a door at both ends of this hallway on the ground floor of the Girl’s Dorm, a cooling breeze can be felt or imagined on even the most sultry Hyderabad days. Girl’s Care-giver Sultana stands ready to counsel the young scholars. Pam Hellstrom photo

*Let me light my lamp, says the star,
And never debate if it will dispel the dark
Rabindranath Tagore*



Maitreya Home: Here is a photo of the children, staff and friends on a recent trip to Bodh Gaya, in Bihar State. It is said to be the place that Buddha received enlightenment, a most sacred site to Buddhists.

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