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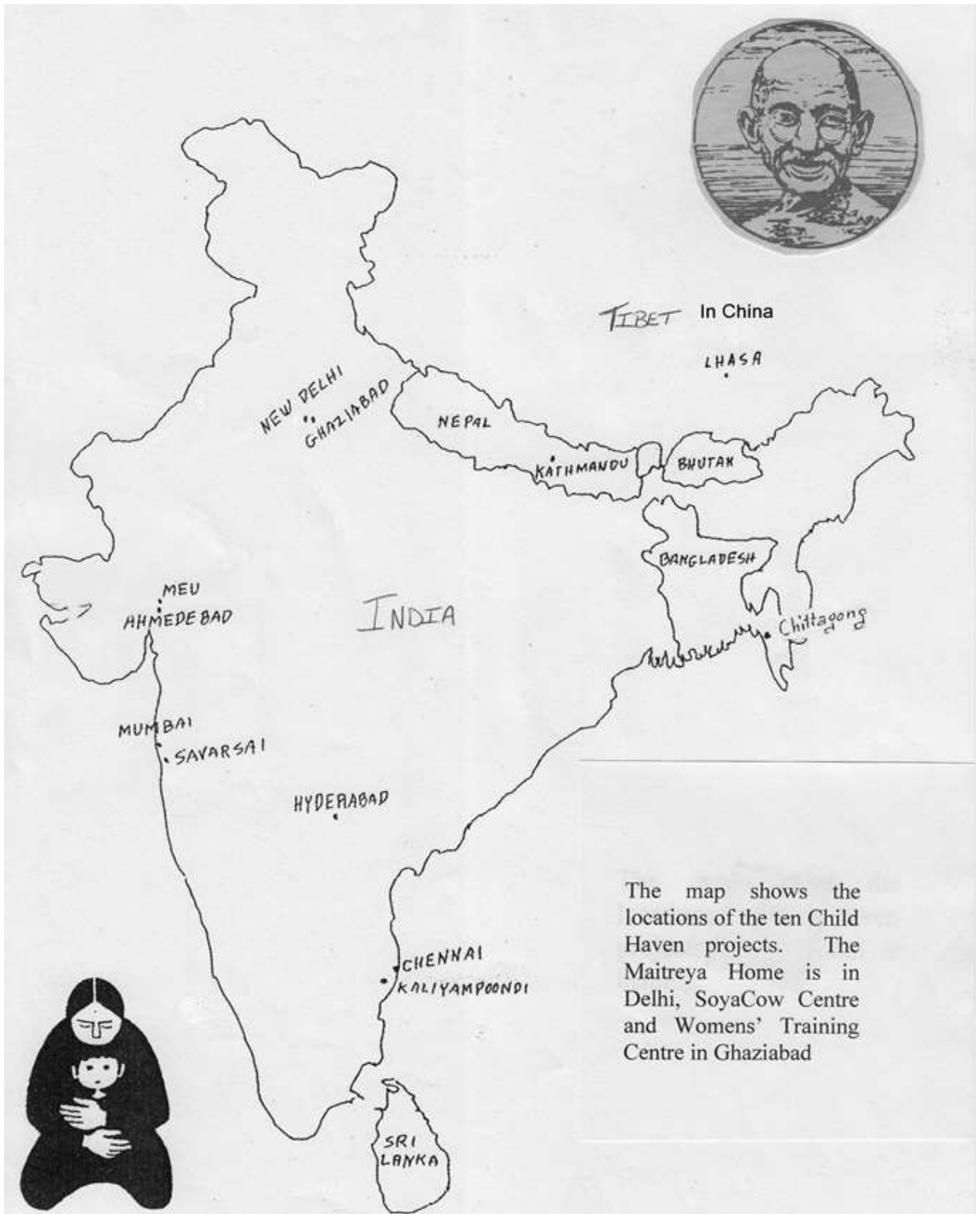
Green Tara - Protector of Children,
Women, and the Environment

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Chittagong Young people everywhere are concerned about climate change including Nokia and Papri shown here with their Science Fair Project. The girls are understandably apprehensive. If current trends continue, projections place huge parts of Bangladesh and millions of people under water.

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Meu Komal and Nirmala, above, are extraordinarily pleased with the pakoras they are creating out of the best of locally sourced, all natural ingredients!

Child Haven Homes

Meu, 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

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

Child Haven Sponsored Women's Programs

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

Rahon, Punjab, education in tailoring for 50 women at a time. Language: Punjabi

Pen Village, Maharashtra, inexpensive sanitary napkin production and sale. Language: Marathi

Kathmandu, Nepal, education in tailoring for women. Language: Nepali

Meu Sometimes it's not easy being the most beautiful baby in the world! Shakhshi has to pose over and over again for photos with just about everybody!

These are just a few of those photos from Bonniema's most recent visit. She is the daughter of staff members Ilesh and Nitaben. Shakhshi's feet never touch the ground as she is whisked from lap to lap of her many admirers.



The boys (left) studying in technical and university came to visit the Home during Bonniema's most recent trip. Clockwise from upper left are Govind who is in a two year motor mechanics course; Shohan is working on a BA with a political science major; Vishal, is studying pipe-fitting; Aswin, who is in a three-year Bachelor of Arts program, and who would like to become a counselor; Jignesh (kneeling) is working on a Bachelor of Psychology; and Naresh (also kneeling) is in a two year electrician training course; Good luck to all of them!



Nepal Manish and Arush are tight with one of the two snow lions welcoming people to our Kathmandu Home. Both boys are relatively new to the Home. Arush's mother died of kidney failure and his father left him with his grandparents. When his grandmother died an aunt brought him to the Home. The boys and lions take good care of each other.



These boys are testing their fine motor abilities, patience and group cooperation skills with this game of "pick up sticks" in the warm afternoon sun on the verandah in front of the Home



Kathmandu Pawan, age 8, above, came this winter to the Home. His parents are homeless and struggle with mental illness leaving them unable to provide for Pawan. His Grandmother brought him to the Home. Dechen, above right, is also 8 years old. Her parents died when she was very young. She was being cared for by her older sister who was doing manual labour to support both of them. This proved to be difficult for Dechen's sister who brought her to the Home after some time. She will come visit Dechen when she can.

Child Haven sometimes provides support for children to stay with their families if it is a safe and secure environment. One such example is Shivkumari, the woman pictured below with Bonniema and Kanya (right), our Project Coordinator in Nepal. Her husband left her with his parents to care for along with their three children nine years ago. Ever since then, Child Haven provides some family support and help with medical and education fees making it possible for the family to stay together.





Kathmandu Above, breakfast time with some of our teenage boys, sitting on mats in the Dining Hall. They will be off to school shortly.

To the right, long-time Kitchen Supervisor, Badri Dhakal, is distributing papadams as a special treat for one of the many Nepali festivals celebrated at the Home.

Below, young children meditate in the Dining Hall on mats at the close of their early morning songs and exercises.



Hyderabad After morning exercise, soy milk and breakfast, the children have one last chance to complete homework and prepare for any quizzes or tests. To the right Girl's Supervisor Rajitha helps out. Below our Matron Sultana does the same.



Then it's time to gather up school bags, adjust uniforms, and wait for the school bus which arrives with a toot of its horn to alert stragglers. (below).





Hyderabad During free time, it's been bubbles, bubbles, and more bubbles since some new straws and soap showed up at the Home. Gandhi, above right, has discovered he can grow bubbles on the wall using his blower. Immediately above and below, if you are patiently watching someone take their turn blowing bubbles, it helps if you practice puckering-up and blowing in solidarity and support.

To the right, excitement abounds as the bubbles float effortlessly just a little too high for would-be poppers.





Bonnie Lore,
An Occasional Column
by Fred Cappuccino,
her long-suffering husband.

When Bonnie is travelling she insists on washing her own laundry, including her saris which can be 6 meters long, and of course that is all by hand - there are no washing machines in our overseas Homes. Staff members there often ask her to let them do her laundry but she is very stubborn.

I suggested to her that to save time she wear skirts like she did back in the 60's, because that would be a lot less to wash but she likes her saris. She wears them every day in Canada as well.

Actually, I was thinking of fetching some of those helpful staff members to come to Canada to help me with my laundry while Bonnie is away visiting the Homes. I am not nearly so stubborn! Bonnie tells me that is strictly not allowed.

Bonnie had 13 sons (11 of them adopted) and 8 daughters (all adopted). In the next generation, so far, she has 11 grandsons and 19 granddaughters, and these numbers will likely increase.

She has put up with me (surprisingly) for 66 years. We both have low blood pressure. I recently asked my doctor if it's true that people with low blood pressure tend not to suffer dementia. He said, "It's true - you will never get Alzheimer's!" Now, there's something to celebrate!



Bonnie in an easy to wash skirt with our children at the time, William Tell, Annie Laurie, Robin Hood, Machiko and Pierre Ceresole (left to right).



*Manas Vikas
Parishad
Women's Center*

Some of the staff and women at our tailoring training program in Ghaziabad with Bonniema on a recent visit. In the center in white is Rajni, the Project Co-ordinator, and to the right, Srivastav, the Project Secretary.

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Hyderabad Thanks to hard work on her studies and subsequent good marks, Syed Samreen Begum, was able to get a “government seat” to study General Nursing and Midwifery at a low cost. She is enjoying her three year course tremendously. Here she is on a recent visit with Bonniema and the Home.

Child Haven Support Groups and our

Fundraising Dinners

Please check our web site for updated information

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Sat May 9	Kingston, ON	Andrew Rush 613-542-6992 or 343-333-1974
Tue May 12	Lennoxville, QC	Keith Baxter 819-346-8273
Sat May 23	Cornwall, ON	Elaine MacDonald 613-939-7763
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Sat Oct 10	Hardwick, VT, USA	Robin Cappuccino & Sharon Fialco 802-533-2296, Deborah Hart 802-472-5284
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Volunteer Interns Maja and Nadja, two Volunteer-Interns from Germany, (center above) walk the children home from school in Kaliyampoondi along with staff members as they do most days. To the right, Maja gives a ride to her good friend, Rick Matthew. Below, Colleen McShea, from Alberta, oversees the Grade 8 tuition class at our Home in Kathmandu

We have space for more volunteer-interns who pay their own travel and commit three to six months to interning in India, Nepal, or Bangladesh. Please contact our office in Maxville at 613-527-2829. A \$50 fee covers processing costs and your attendance at a two-day Orientation in Maxville. An additional \$200 donation to partially cover overseas room and board is also asked of Interns. You can find our Intern Brochure at childhaven.ca.





Tribal Home The boys above manage some tricky choreography during their dance performance for a recent visit of Bonniema.

Preeti, Pratiksha and Archana made some spectacular leaf halos for the occasion. They also helped create a fabulous floral collage to welcome their guests. The children are especially adept at using leaves and flowers in their creations.





Gardens Padmamma and Sita harvest “lady fingers” (okra) in the **Hyderabad** Home vegetable garden (above left). In **Kaliyampoondi** our gardener Mutal, (center above) gets help from Balimal (right) harvesting “brinjal” (eggplant). Below is a view of our garden and the Home’s two dormitories in **Meu** from the water tower. On the right is a glory of sweet potatoes. Onions, chilis and greens are coming up in the other beds. The children are sometimes allowed to help out.

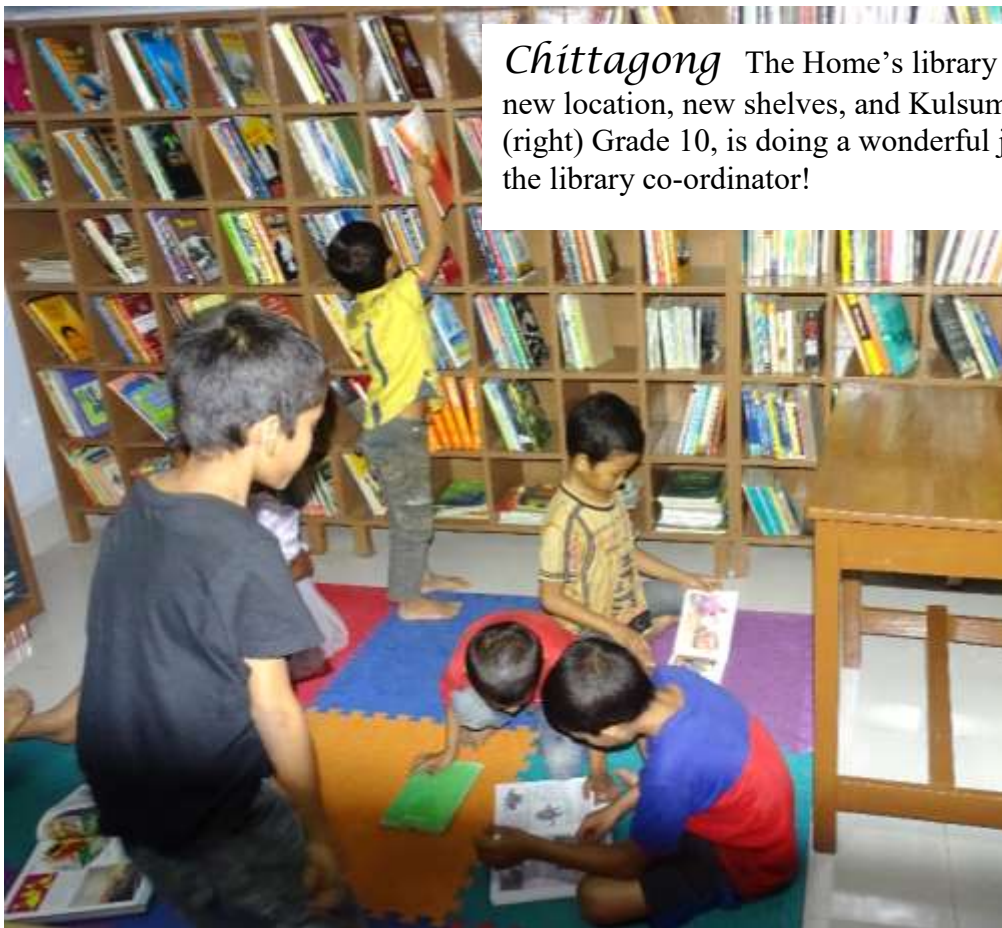




Chittagong Ridowan (left) is taking his turn exercising one of the Homes' computers under the watchful supervision of little Jawing who is ready to help out at any time!



Meanwhile, Rozina, is practicing her graphic design abilities.



Chittagong The Home's library has a new location, new shelves, and Kulsum (right) Grade 10, is doing a wonderful job as the library co-ordinator!



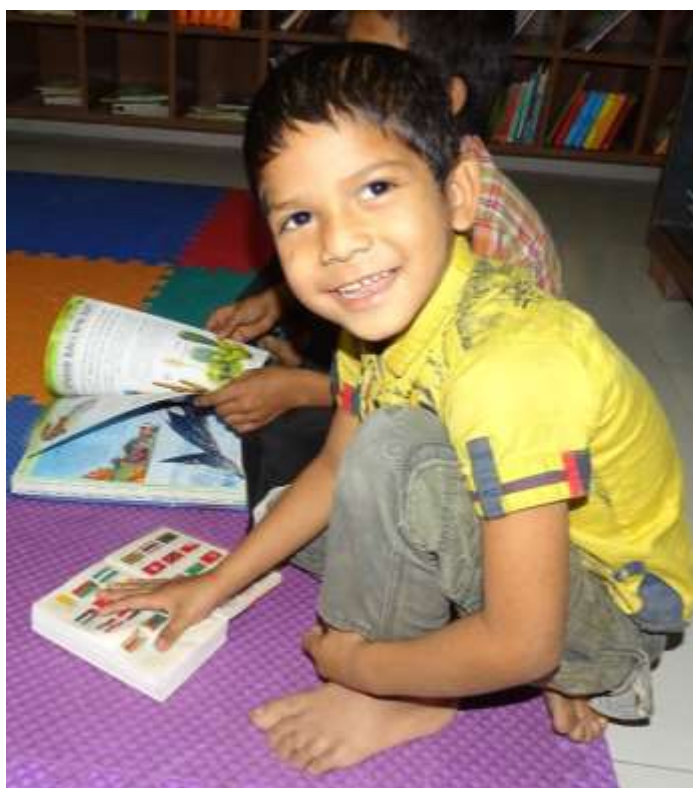
Food for the mind and soul (above photo) and food for the body (below) - both plentiful at this Home.





Chittagong Tanju Begum (above left) is a new student in our community educational support program. Her father was a truck driver, had an accident, and is now unable to work. Tanju is in Grade 12 and wants to be a nurse. She lives at home with her family and Child Haven pays her school expenses. Fariaj (above right) is in grade 5. She came after her father left her family. Her mother now works as a maid in two houses and is not able to be at home to care for her daughter. She also does not earn enough to support their expenses.

Seven-year-old Azazul (below left) also has a father who had an accident. He had been a day labourer moving bags of sand. Now he has a back problem and cannot care for Azazul and his 3 siblings. Tasim (below right) is 5. His father died of a heart attack. His mother is unable to work and relies on neighbors and family for food. She lives in a tiny house in a poor area not far from our Home.





Kaliyampoondi Maoj, above left, demonstrates his best Bollywood moves during a recent cultural program. Another highlight was Assistant Manager, Selvam, above right, making a surprise performance as a Hindu deity Amman. Below, a comedy about school life was well received as was a traditional dance by the Grade 6 girls.



Below left, the boys, who have been taking weekly tabla lessons, performed several times during the program. Sudharson, below right, was so inspired by their rhythms that he sat in for some impromptu performances of his own. He is the son of staff members Chitra and Shanmugam.





Kaliyampoondi The young women above grew up at our Home and are now living in college and university hostels. They are back at the Home on holiday. They are studying everything from Nursing to Agriculture. While here they lend a hand. Below, Hemalatha, Vanita and Rosi are making a Rangoli in front of the entrance to the Dining Hall where a cultural program will happen later in the day. Several of them have also been coaching the younger girls for roles as dancers and actors in the production.





Kaliyampoondi As the older girls move on to college and careers, a lively energetic troupe of younger ones take their place. Above is a circle game involving clapping and spinning on cue.

Below, a gentle version of the sometimes more raucous game, Kabaddi. During free-time, there are always ample playmates ready for enjoyment in the courtyard





Savarsai Divya (above) is new to the Home. She came after her father, who was a driver, passed away in an accident. To the right above, Divya is helped with some new dance moves by Supriya, the daughter of our Home's Manger Prakash.

Below left, even on a slide there can be the occasional traffic jam and pile up. Luckily it seems that there were no serious injuries this time. To the right below is Indrika, one of our star athletes. She is adept at cricket, running, and any other sport involving quick thinking and motion.





Chittagong Shijuly, Jing Nun Par, and Vaggomoni explain their Science Fair Project demonstrating the need for greater environmental protections for the fragile and vulnerable Sundarbans Region of Bangladesh

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



Hyderabad Abhishek in Grade 5, and Jagadish in Grade 6, wash their school uniforms on a warm weekend afternoon. The older children do their own laundry at the Homes. A dobi, or clothes washer is hired to wash the clothes of the little children. The staff, volunteer-interns, and Bonniema when she visits, all do their own laundry by hand as well.

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