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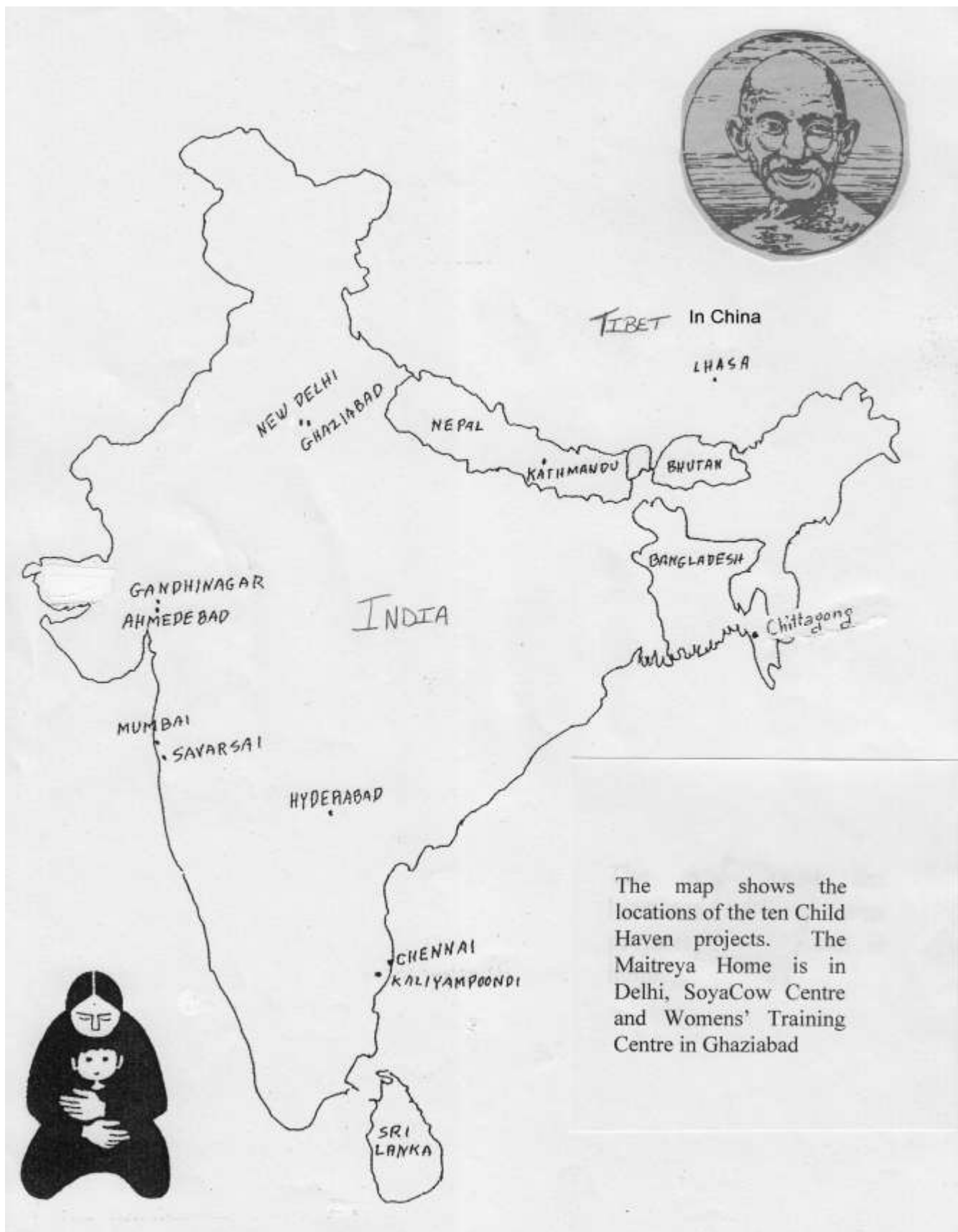
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Kaliyampoondi, Sabra Priya, in Grade 2, twins Varsha and Varshani, age 5 in Lower KG, and Lakshmi, age 6, in 1st Grade, pick up their laundry after lunch. Varsha and Varshani might change clothes to see who will notice which is which!

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Child Haven Homes

Meu (Gandhinagar), Gujarat, India 52 children 8 women, Language: Gujarati

Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India 192 children 15 women, Language: Telegu

Kaliyampoondi, Tamil Nadu, India 297 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: Mahrathi

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

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

Chittagong, Bangladesh, 72 children 15 women, Language: Bengali

Ghaziabad, India, informal education in tailoring for 50 women, inexpensive sanitary napkin production and sale, Language: Hindi

Tribal Home, City of Pen, near Savarsai Home, 55 children, Mahrathi plus tribal languages
(Many other children are sponsored for education, but are not living in one of our Homes.)



Kaliyampoondi - Monisha (left) and her friend Ashwini are both nine years old. Monisha's mother died some years ago, and Ashwini's father died in the conflict in Sri Lanka. They are very good friends.



Bangladesh – Alexander above left, and Bijoy stretch to keep the birdie in the air while playing badminton in the courtyard above.

Pinki, Milli and Hamoti seem to be having at least as much fun doing their laundry in the warm afternoon sun. The boys also do their own laundry.



Bangladesh

Nokia (above left) is one of the gardeners taking care of the container-grown vegetables on the roof.

Meetu (above right) does some mending on the doorstep designed to keep the rain from pouring in during the rainy season.

The boys are intrigued with UNO, a colour, shape, and number matching game brought by one of the Volunteer Interns.



Overseas Interns Needed:

Erin Roberts helps with study time in Hyderabad above, while Kathryn Goodwin (left) helps to clean the soybeans for the day's soymilk in Bangladesh.

We have space for many more volunteers who will pay their own travel and commit three to six months interning in India, Nepal, or Bangladesh. Please contact our office in Maxville: fred@childhaven.ca or 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 also check out our new Intern Brochure on our web-site www.childhaven.ca





Kaliyampoondi - Some practices in this village setting remain as they have for hundreds of years. Jothi and Mary, two of our care-givers (above) make brooms from the spines of coconut leaves they have cut from trees in the garden. A farmer neighbor (below) has come with his team of oxen to plough part of the garden. He charges 250 rupees, about \$5, for the service. There are repeated plowings and plantings here. A teeming crop of eggplant and chilies is being harvested from half of the garden, and the oxen prepare the other for baby corn and greens.





Kaliyampoondi - Hemalatha (above) can often be seen carrying her best friend, Kavitha, on her back from place to place. Kavitha has had polio, and uses a wheel-chair with hand pedals to get to school. Around the Home, she often gets a ride from Hemalatha. Kavitha has visited the Vellore Hospital several times, world-famous for treating polio and orthopedic disorders. Identical twins Varsha and Varshani, (above right) newly arrived about six months ago, have had the cataracts removed from their brightened eyes. They no longer only play with each other but with the other children as well. Prashanth, (below) in his second year of Mechanical Engineering studies, tutors a class of 5th graders, as the older kids often do.



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updates*

Hyderabad

S. Mahesh (center) being
congratulated by Assistant
Manager S.K. Ahmed, and
Bonniema for being the top
student in his Grade 10
Class, receiving an 88%
average in Math, Physics
and Science!





Ghaziabad – Many of the trainees in the tailoring program which Child Haven sponsors in this low-income community have their children join them after school, making for an active classroom. Perhaps this is good practice for what mothers may experience when they apply their new skills at home.

Below is a display of some of the different types of clothing the women learn to make.





Maitreya Home- The new Maitreya Home was inaugurated in November with special guests including Sally Patrick, (between Bonniema and Dhakpa Rinpoche above) whose generous donation helped make the building possible. The festivities were held on the breezy covered rooftop. Guests were made to feel most welcome by the older students' welcoming committee below. This new building will be a true haven for Tibetan refugee children for many years to come.





Tibet in China – Sonam

Dolgar, above left, holds the most beautiful baby in the world, the grand-daughter of Norbula the co-ordinator of our Tibet Project. Child Haven supports the education of 14 children, including Tsetan Dolkar above and her sister Shilok. Their mother was hit by a car when Tsetan was 3 and her sister was 2. Their aunt took them in at that time. Child Haven began supporting their schooling and medical expenses when she was 8. She is now 19 and in Grade 11.

To the left, a mother and son among the hundreds if not thousands of Tibetans circumnambulating the Jokhang Temple in Lhasa on any given day.

Bonnie Lore –Two More Children,

Ashok and Kailash

(excerpt from Chapter 18 of the book, **BONNIE AND HER 21 CHILDREN**, written by her long-suffering husband, and to be published within the next decade, hopefully)



In 1978 we had been in India for about a year and a half, and Bonnie was ready to stay there another year and a half. But some of our own seven children who came with us from Canada wanted to go home. Bonnie didn't take them seriously until one evening ten-year-old Tran collared her and upbraided her: "I'm not getting my education over here! I want to go back to the school in Maxville with Mrs. Ferguson [the principal] and continue my education!" For well over an hour he remonstrated with various arguments, and finally she capitulated. I was impressed. She doesn't capitulate – perhaps only once in every seven years. It wasn't Tran's arguments (our children were being very well-educated) – it was his passion. We made plans to go back to Canada.

Bonnie didn't want to leave India empty-handed, so from the 45 children in the Centre*, she picked out two boys to add to her own family. In a weak moment I put my name to the required papers, on condition that these would be the absolute last and final children in our family.

The older boy was a nine-year-old with flashing smile and easy temperament, named Vijayakumar after a famous Tamil film star. Bonnie kept that name and added *Ashok*, after a king of ancient India who was at first a military conqueror. Converted to Buddhism, he became a compassionate and peace-loving monarch.

The younger boy, Sonny, was six years old. We were told that he was found as an infant nursing from his dead mother. He became the darling of the staff because he was one of the youngest. We changed his name to *Kailash*, the sacred mountain where the Ganges River originates. Bonnie added middle names, *Shantidas* (the name given by Gandhi to Lanza del Vasto) and *Tagore* (the revered national poet of Bengal who bestowed the title *Mahatma* on Gandhi).

The two boys had to have papers processed before they could leave India. It was heart-breaking to leave them behind when we returned to Canada. It would be many months before they would rejoin our family. Ashok was the first to do so. Then when Bonnie and Sandra Simpson went to India in June, 1979, they brought our 15th child, six-year-old Kailash back to Canada, along

with eight other children for other Canadian families. We all went to Montreal airport to meet them. Our children knew Kailash from India a year earlier.

A few months later, winter arrived. Our old log house was *COLD*. For 24 years, four wood stoves heated the house. The boys used chainsaws to cut the wood from our own hundred acres. Some years later when all our 13 sons had grown up and gone, Bonnie abjectly refused to go out and cut the wood! Abjectly! I had to invest in oil heat. Fred Cappuccino, JBS**

*Bonnie had set up this Home for *FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN* which brought many hundreds of children to adoptive families in Canada and elsewhere. Child Haven does not do adoptions.

** Just Barely Surviving



Clockwise from left: Tibiki, Mohan, Fred, Kailash with Bonnie, Vodinh with Mahleka (our 16th child who came later) Tran, Lakshmi, Kahlil, Ashok, Shikha shortly after Ashok and Kailash arrived at our farm in Canada.



Hyderabad – Everyone was most excited about the marriage of Shanthi, our Home’s Matron, to Siddhu, who also grew up in the Home. Shanthi came to Child Haven as a young girl, having lost her parents. After deciding she’d like to become employed at the Home she has worked her way up to Matron over the past six and a half years. Child Haven does not believe in or practice the giving of a dowry, but does usually provide a few household items to help the new couple on their way. This happens when the bride has no family and we help arrange the marriage.

The girls helped each other prepare for the ceremony with henna decorations on their hands (left).



Hyderabad - Having breakfast, playing in the courtyard, lining up before lunch-time, little girls in their orange and beige school uniforms being little girls.





Savarsai – Aditya (above right) is one of the better chess players at the Home. He takes on Bhimrao above while Hemant reflects on the profound issues of the day. Then it's Saraswati's turn below to play Aditya. The results of the contests were unavailable at press time.





Savarsai – Karishma supervises her mother, Reema, watering the greens in the garden above. Below left, Bhimrao tells a story about Mahatma Gandhi at a Home Talent Show. Sahin (below right) was recently brought to the Home by his grandmother after his father died. His mother works part-time in a beauty shop and is unable to provide care for him. She visits when she can.





Nepal Binam and Bishal, (above) ages 7 and 8, are utilizing their engineering ingenuity to construct spinning toys out of string and flattened bottle caps with 2 holes pierced through their centers. They flatten the caps with a stone and use a nail to make the holes. Below, cook Bhimsen Dangal whips up some noodles with help from Dipendra in the bright and shiny new kitchen.





Nepal Volunteer Intern Mari Wellman, (above) from Ottawa, tutors ten-year-old Amrita. Monique Violette (left) spends time holding and caring for the most beautiful baby in the world, Sushant, infant son of Meena, one of the children's care-givers. The Interns get to know many of the children well. Mari tells us how mature some of them are becoming. In particular she relates how she went on a picnic with the children, and cautioned one of the older girls about getting her clothes dirty while playing with the little ones. "O don't worry" the girl replied, "a little dust on your clothes is no problem at all, but if you get dust on your heart, that's a real problem".



Tribal Home – Above a chorus of girls regaling Bonniema and other guests on a visit to the Home this summer. Below left, Sarita Sanjay Waghmare is in 6th grade and her brother Ganesh to the right is in 11th grade. Standing in between is their mother Soni who lost her husband a few months back. Soni has a small patch of land and we are thinking about supporting them through a rotating loan fund to help her cultivate the land.





Nepal – New to the Home is Nikky Shrestha, six years old shown here washing her dishes. Her mother is in prison and her father passed away.

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

Rabindranath Tagore



Meu, Gujarat - Boys and girls walking into the compound after getting off the school-bus; another day older, another day wiser.

A Volunteer Intern recently asked one of the little girls if she had any brothers or sisters in this Home as several of the children do. The girl looked flustered for a minute and then one of the little boys listening said "I am her brother" and the girl smiled and said "we are all brothers and sisters here"

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