



Introductory Thoughts ~ Greetings All,

We hope you are all safe, well and well engaged in these challenging times. We are happy to report that our children and staff are doing well. One staff member tested positive for the virus, but was able to isolate before others were affected, and is recovering from what were mild symptoms. The children who government officials ordered to leave the Homes are being allowed to come back, isolating as they do. The orders to send children who were able to go to a family or relative's house were meant to reduce the risks of having many children all together in one place. Unfortunately many of those children went to situations that were much less safe than our Homes. Our staff stayed in touch with the children who had to leave to be sure they were doing OK. Word came that one of our little boys had been sent out to beg at a temple, so he was brought back. Others are coming back as understanding increases, and regulations are adapted.

We miss seeing all of you, having had to cancel our in person Fund-Raising Dinners! Your encouragement, ideas, and financial support are what has made our work together possible. We are most grateful that your contributions have continued in spite of the postponing of our Dinners. We are relieved to be able to still feed our children and pay our staff for the amazing work they do. Bonnie and Robin have greatly missed visiting our Homes over the past months. Thanks to Zoom and email, we remain in close contact, but it will be a relief to visit all of our children and all of you in the not too distant future. In the meantime, thanks for keeping our children in your hearts in these challenging times.

Best Wishes to all, Bonnie, Fred and Robin Cappuccino and Dr. Natubhai Shah

Above are children at our Kaliyampoondi, Savarsai and Chittagong Homes. Below Bonniema and Robin visiting our Maitreya Home with Staff member Konchok, and Kelsang age 14. In the center is Assistant Manager Shanti and her daughter welcoming back some children at our Home in Hyderabad, and to the right below is Vishal at our Home in Savarsai





In the midst of this global pandemic we are once again reminded of how fortunate we are to have such dedicated and compassionate staff and Board members. Thanks to them, our children are safe, well fed, cared for and loved.

Along with the others, later in this newsletter, here are a few more. Clockwise from the upper left are; Vidya, our 24-hour nurse in Kaliyampoondi with her most beautiful baby in the world, Mithran. Brigraj, center above, is our Boy's Superintendent in Meu. Muthal, above right, is our gardener in Kaliyampoondi. Nikodin and Monir (right) make the soymilk at our Chittagong Home along with many other duties. Kanya, right, is the Coordinator of our projects in Kathmandu. Indra, below right, is a care-giver in Kaliyampoondi. Mrs. Kainat, center below, is one of the teachers at our Montessori School in Chittagong. Mr. Amin, below left, is a Bangladesh Board Member. Anil, left, is an Assistant Manager in Hyderabad. Ganesh, above left, is our Manager in Kaliyampoondi and a support person for all of our India Home Managers.



We are grateful to all of them for the work they do and to all of you for making their work possible.





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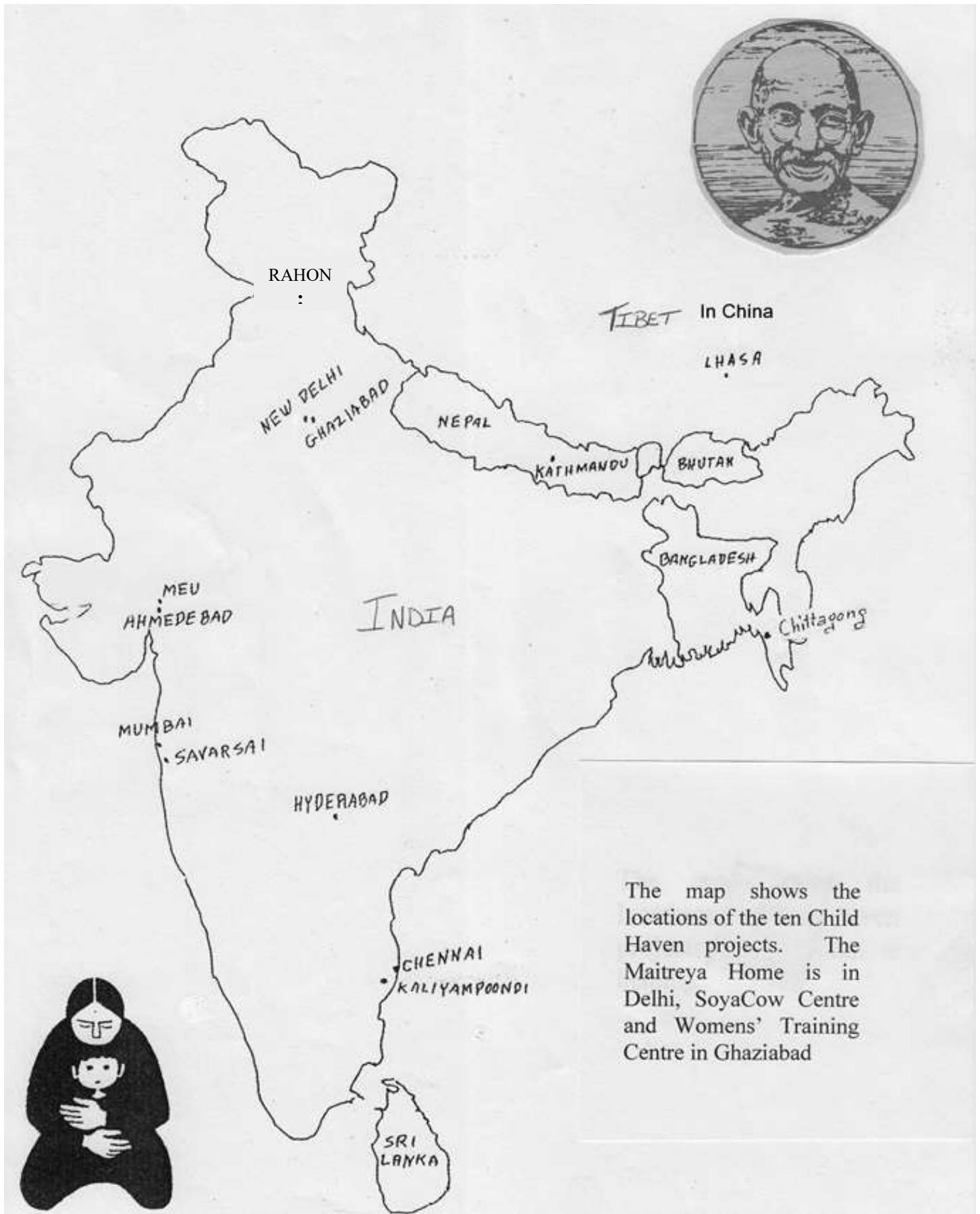
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Kaliyampoondi – Some of our handsome Kaliyampoondi family members! Anbarasu, left, age 11, came after his mother passed away several years ago. Muthuraman, center, also 11, joined the Home after his father passed away, and his mother was at a loss as to how to support herself and her son. Hariprasad, right, is 12. He is from a nearby tribal community where his parents are struggling to survive.

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Chittagong – Here are some of the 34 young people we support through our Educational Support Project for young people living outside our Home, whose families are unable to support their studies. In addition we have 21 children living in the Home whose post Grade 10 studies we are supporting. It is our hope and belief that young women who are able to study, are less likely to be married off at a young age.

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.)

Women's Programs Child Haven Sponsored

MVP Ghaziabad, U. P. education in tailoring for 50 women at a time; low-cost 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, low-cost sanitary napkin production and sale. Language: Marathi;

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



Hyderabad – *Save the Girl Child Day* was celebrated at our Hyderabad Home with a visit by a local NGO dedicated to that issue. Their workshop featured the creation of some beautiful rangoli (powdered chalk drawings) in the courtyard.

This campaign is one of many designed to spread awareness and change mindsets so that families and communities welcome and celebrate daughters. Focuses include education for all girls and an end to domestic violence, core principals of Child Haven.

Below right, Gopi adds some finishing touches to his creation.





Hyderabad – Above, boy's supervisor, Angenelu helps Karthik celebrate a puja in honour of Gandhi's birthday.

Right above, boy's supervisor, Gopal, and some of our older boys help to prepare the garden for a new planting.

Right, boy's supervisor, Yadagiri, gets some help re-installing a fence pole around the garden.

Below right, Shiva Kumari, left, and Soni Bindi, right, with the most beautiful baby in the world, Stephan Raj, son of care-giver Stella.

Below, cook Sharda serves lunch.



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

Well here we are, 8 months locked up with Bonnie at our Loch Haven farm. I can't remember our spending this much uninterrupted time together in 67 years! It's a good thing I'm still enchanted with her. She does boss me around a lot, so that keeps both of us pretty busy.

She spends a lot of time on zoom calls with the Homes. Sometimes she lets me sit in, but only if I don't talk too much. The pictures below show her zooming with our staff in Hyderabad. It's amazing how well that goes – speaking with some wonderful people on the other side of the planet right from our living-room. Of course they know Bonnie and Robin well and vice versa, so that makes it a lot easier.



We are grateful and also not surprised that our overseas staff are doing an excellent job keeping everyone as safe as possible, and our Homes functioning well under such adverse circumstances.

We have also been very heartened by the financial support for our children that continues to come in even though we have had to cancel all our in-person fund-raising dinners. Thank-you!

We are thinking about all of you, and hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and well. Of course we miss seeing everyone, and look forward to the time when we can all get together safely.

By the way, I have been trying to convince Bonnie that even though we don't have wild peahens, like the one outside our Hyderabad Home (left below), we do have wild turkeys like this one in our yard in Maxville (right below). But she still misses visiting our Homes. I guess we do have a lot of cute kids over there.





Manav Vikas Parishad

Our women's vocational training program continues to make face masks to give away to people in their community who could not otherwise afford them. Our women's training project in Rahon, Punjab does as well.

They are also continuing their tailoring training classes. Here is our lead instructor, Rajni, and one of her students showing us some bags they are working on as part of one of their training workshops.

Child Haven Support Groups

While our Dinners are on-hold do to the coronavirus, your donations are still most needed and appreciated to provide loving care for our children. Thanks! Please check our web site for updated information

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Chittagong – Vaggomoni, far left above, and Usanu, far right above, practice their hair-cutting skills on some of the other boys. With trips to the barber not possible during the pandemic, the boys are getting a fair amount of practice! Below, this Home has a number of coconut trees and our boys are expertly chopping off the outer shell in preparation for inner shell to be broken and the sweet flesh extracted for use in the many delicious coconut treats made at this Home.





Chittagong – There has been more time for spoken English lessons at the Home. Above, is a conversation between Sahin and Amee Sing Marma, (standing in center) who recently joined the Home after her father died. Her mother has become a migrant farm-worker and had been struggling to keep her safe and able to go to school.



Above our Assistant Manager, Forhad, and staff member Sujon do a role-play as part of one of the classes. Below, Nokia, left, and Binita do the same.



A proficiency in English helps when applying for certain jobs, and with college classes taught in that language.



Kaliyampoondi – Amala, (left), joined our Home in 1990. She was 33 years old. She had one daughter who was 10. She heard about Child Haven from our Manager at that time, Nathan, who lived in her village. He invited her to come after her husband abandoned her and their daughter. She has stayed for the past 30 years.

For many of those years her primary duty was as the Home's chief soya milk maker. More recently she has been working as a children's caregiver. She says she greatly enjoys being with the children, and keeping them clean, not always an easy task, (she takes care of the little boys).

Asked what her strategy is for managing the boys she says, "When the children make problems, we will talk, and then things will be OK". If the children don't listen, she gives them time, and then after they settle down, she will talk to them again. Sometimes if they still don't listen, she says she will report them to the manager, Ganesh, but they don't believe her, saying she is much too kind to report them to Ganesh.

She says she likes that the Home is giving good accommodation to the children, and also that it is hygienic.

Her daughter, who stayed with Amala's mother when Amala moved to Child Haven, now has a diploma in Civil Engineering and a Bachelor's Degree. Amala paid for her daughter's education out of her salary. After graduating she took a government exam and now works as a village administrative officer.

Amala says would like to spend the rest of her life at the Home. All of us will certainly be most fortunate if she does!

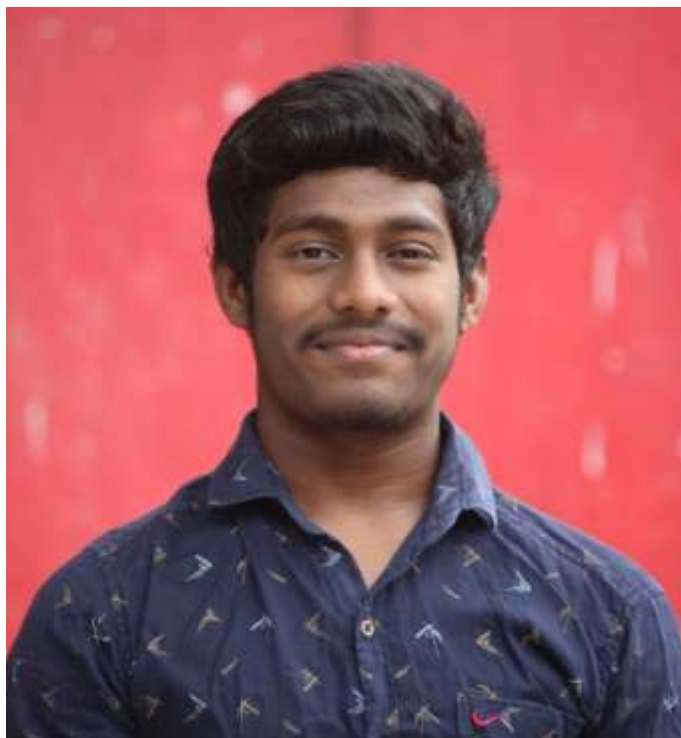
Below, a team of aquatic engineers, who are among Amala's charges, build some critically important irrigation ditches to facilitate the flow of water around some of the coconut trees and bushes in the Home compound.



Kaliyampoondi – To the right is Parthiban, who came in as the top Grade 10 student at the Kaliyampoondi High School this year. This has been a long tradition at the school, with our students regularly scoring as the school toppers! Thanks to Parthiban for keeping up the tradition! Parthiban is going on to a degree course in Mechanical Engineering in Chennai.

He has two sisters who have also passed through Child Haven. Yuvasri is in the second year of a Degree in Nursing, and Bagavathy is in Grade 11. Their single mother cares for a brother who is mentally challenged.

If you are interested in sponsoring one of our post-secondary students, please contact Sheila Laursen at sheila@childhaven.ca. She is the coordinator of our sponsorship program, and always happy to explain how the program works, and how you could help support the higher learning of our young people.



To the left is a workshop led by Mr. Sakthivel of the Child Welfare Committee about social distancing and other covid precautions for our college students. The workshop also focused on child marriage, children's rights and protection and related issues.

Below is a socially distanced and masked celebration of India's Independence Day.



Kaliyampoondi – One way our children are studying and being entertained is by watching classes and workshops on the internet. Here some of our girls are taking a drawing class offered by Bhumi, a youth volunteer non-profit focusing on education, environment, animals and community welfare. The girls take the one and a half hour class one week and the boys the next.



The young women below took a Zoom class on how to make chocolates the results of which they will share with the other children at snack time! They are from left to right, Ramya, studying Accounting in Grade 12, Sathya, studying Agriculture in Grade 12, Kavitha, working on a Bachelor of Commerce, and Sowmiya, in her 2nd year of Teacher Training.



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Kathmandu – On-line classes for our children are the new normal here at the Home. Our Green Tara Child Haven School teachers are teaching classes from their homes and the children follow along for several hours every day.

Every available lap-top, cell phone and table-top computer is put to use for the various classes.

Some of the children even put on the school uniform to make it feel more like school as usual.

We are grateful that the children have this opportunity to safely keep up with their studies!



Kathmandu

A new project during the pandemic has been a garden on the vacant lot to the lower left of the Home in this photo.

Thanks to lots of hard work, the Home is now enjoying mustard, spinach and other greens, (below) from the garden on a regular basis.

Our Green Tara Child Haven School can be seen in the upper right of the photo below.





Kathmandu – One of the things that makes it easier to be cooped up inside the Home during the pandemic is the delicious food prepared by our capable and experienced cooks. Here one of many special meals is being served and enjoyed in the Dining Hall.

To the right seated in the foreground is cook Navraj, behind him is Saila dai, who does everything, and standing behind him is care-giver Meena. The girls to the left are Ishika and Anisha.

The children often help chop vegetables and assist the cooks. A conscious effort is being made to prepare them for the time when they will be cooking for themselves and their families.





Kathmandu – With school closed for in-person classes and on-line classes only lasting for several hours every day, the staff are working hard to find ways to engage the boundless energy of our children.

We are not sure what the rules are in this balloon game, but it does seem to be both high energy and well enjoyed!



Fund-raising in a Pandemic

Gratefully, we have been receiving generous contributions from our supporters from all across Canada and the U.S.

Additionally, several of our valiant Support Groups have come up with creative ways to raise additional funds in these difficult times.

To the left, Walker Hartt attends a Needs Table in Hardwick, Vermont in an outdoor pavilion with a socially distanced Bazaar Table.

Our Support Groups in Calgary and Montreal arranged zoom events with a live link to several of our Homes and a slide show updating happenings at the Homes. Our Support Groups in Carlton Place and Comox organized take-out dinners, In Carlton Place with the help of Salim Uddin and the Shafali Restaurant in Ottawa, and in Comox with the help of Rikhi Datt and his Four Quarters Restaurant in Cumberland B.C. Both the Montreal and Vermont groups organized on-line auctions.

Thanks All!



Meu – Gujarat State health workers have come to the Home several times to test our children and staff for the Coronavirus. Above left, Hitesh gets tested, and to the right, Hermangi has her nose swab taken. Fortunately so far, everyone has tested negative.

The visiting health workers also lead workshops to explain to everyone how to wear a mask and use hand sanitizer (below). The children do not wear masks inside the Home which is considered their “pod” unless a visitor arrives or they need to leave the Home for some reason.





Meu – Keeping the children well-engaged with school being called off and study time only taking place for several hours a day could be a challenge. Having resourceful staff members certainly helps as the group games on this page illustrate.

At the top, the boys play Kho Kho, a popular tag game. One team sits on their knees (chasing team), and 3 extra (defending team) try to avoid being touched by members of the opposing team. Other games are musical chairs, (above) and passing a whisper to see how it comes out at the other end of the line, (right).





Savarsai – Our jackfruit trees produce some huge fruit and these boys really worked up a sweat harvesting them for our cooks.



Fortunately, there's plenty of water for a sudsy wash down at this Home - always a popular activity on a hot day.



Tribal Children's Home

Our older children often take part in educational workshops for the Tribal Community in the area surrounding our Home.

At this particular workshop, Reshma, (above left) and Vishal, (below left) made speeches encouraging the construction and use of toilets as part of a campaign to uplift the health and safety of their community.



Below are the children who took part in the workshop along with our local Board Member, Dr. Vaishali Patil (second from right seated) who also addressed the gathering.

Dr. Vaishali not only gives a good speech, but she also plays a mean cricket game (bottom photo) as she did recently at our Savarsai Home.





Gardening has flourished at all our Homes thanks to the additional time available to dedicate to their care.

In *Meu*, the fertile sunny garden at our Gujarat Home is perfect for growing sweet potatoes, which Harsh (center left) is helping our gardener, Sureshbhai, harvest. Other things that grow well here are pomegranates, eggplant, tomatoes, and peppers.

Below is a suspended garden created by some of our *Chittagong* children planting seeds in recycled and painted water bottles.

In *Savarsai*, below, Sudhir, our watchman, is also a very good gardener. Here he is with Sachin, age 7, watering a garden bed getting it ready for planting.

Sachin came to the Home after his father, who worked as a driver, died in an accident. He is doing well and enjoys helping Sudhir when he can.

To the right below are a few of the papayas that grow well at this Home.





Kaliyampoondi – These girls may be small, but they have big ideas!
They are from left to right, Gayathiri Devi, in fourth grade, Jenma Ragini in fifth and Jersha Josephin in second grade.

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



Chittagong – Twins Rajib and Rana are new to our Home. They are 6 years old. After their mother died, their father re-married and his new wife will not allow the boys into their home. Their distraught father makes a small wage as a cleaner and was relieved to find out that the boys would have a safe and loving Home with us.

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