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goddess of compassion and
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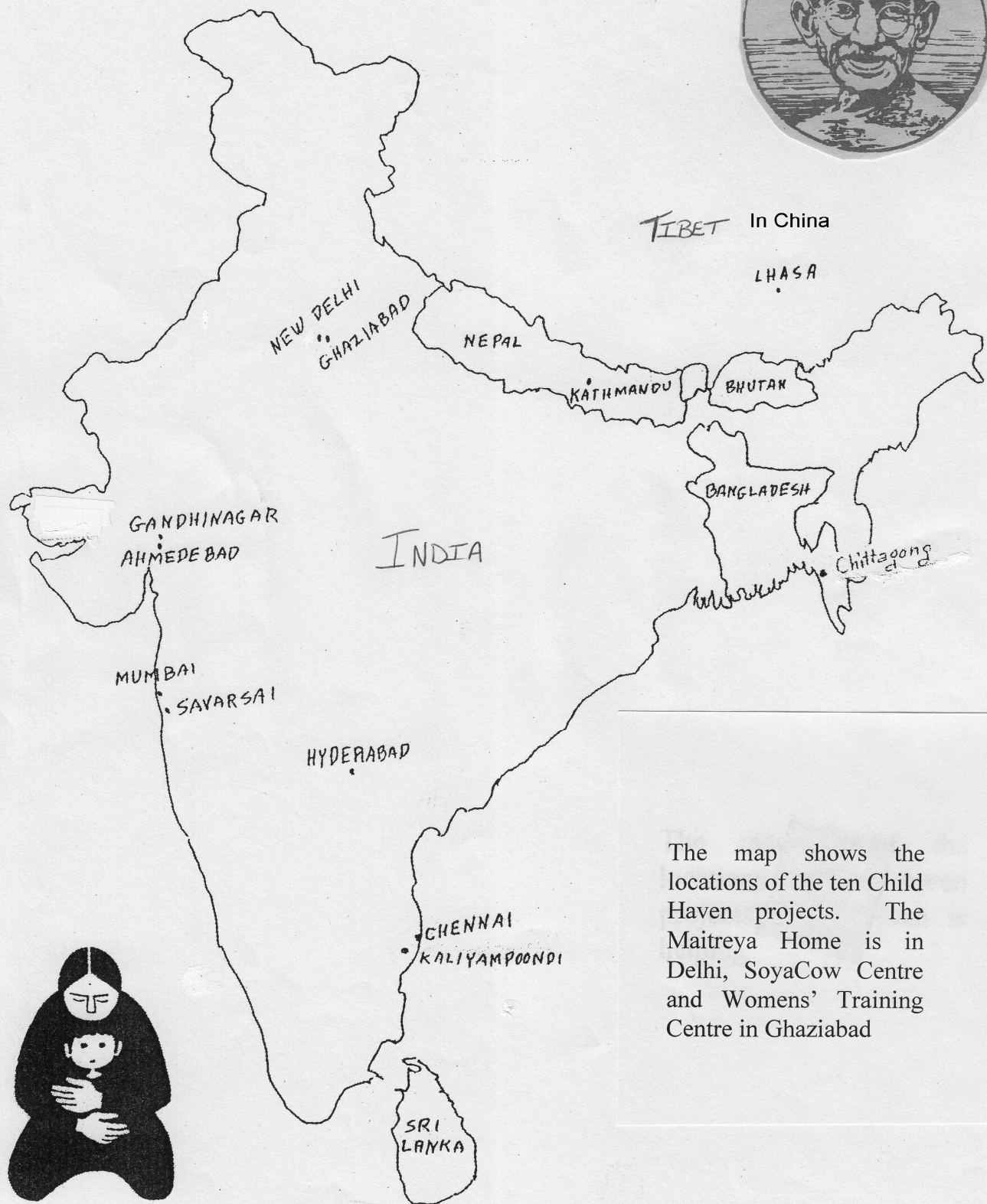
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TIBET in China – Bonniema with many of the Tibet children, Manager Norbula at rear. Hellstrom photo.

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The map shows the locations of the ten Child Haven projects. The Maitreya Home is in Delhi, SoyaCow Centre and Womens' Training Centre in Ghaziabad

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BONNIE LORE - an occasional column by her long-suffering husband Chapter 19 “**Maxwelton’s Braes**”

Annie Laurie was our fifth child, adopted at 22 months of age from Korea. Family solidarity and morale were enhanced by singing after meals at the table. One song was:

Maxwelton’s braes are bonnie, where early fa’s the dew
And ‘twas there that Annie Laurie ga’ me her promise true...
Ga’ me her promise true, which ne’er forgot would be,
And for bonnie Annie Laurie, I’d lay me doon and dee.

Her brow is like the snow-drift; her throat is like the swan,
Her face it is the fairest that e’er the sun shone on.
That e’er the sun shone on, and dark blue is her e’e
And for bonnie Annie Laurie, I’d lay me doon and dee.

Like dew on the gowans lying, is the fa’ o her fairy feet,
And like winds in summer sighing, her voice is low and sweet.
Her voice is low and sweet, and she’s a’ the world to me,
And for bonnie Annie Laurie, I’d lay me doon and dee.

We sang a lot of songs, but this one we sang almost daily. It did not take long before our new two-year-old recognized something special about this song! We’ll never forget the day she

realized the song had HER NAME in it! Her eyes grew larger! Then a roar of laughter as we all entered the exquisite joy of that moment! The next day we were singing it again. When we came to the “and for Bonnie Annie Laurie” part, she hollered out, “And Pierre – and William – and Machi – and Robin,” all on the same note. Henceforth we had to mention all five names every time we sang it.

Another time we were going around the table discussing where everyone came from. William said, “I came from Japan.” Robin: “I was born from Mommy.” When we got to Annie Laurie, she responded, “We adopted me!”

Once she and Pierre were talking about origins, and Bonnie heard Pierre say to her, “Annie Laurie, - I came out of Mommy, and you came out of Korea.”

Annie Laurie had beautiful round cheeks. She also had her own way of thinking. Once she said: “Mommy, I have a headache.”

“Where?” After some hesitation, she placed her little forefinger on the middle of her cheek.

(She is now a Director of Admission at Brown University)

BONNIE LORE – Chapter 20 “Pierre Comes of Age”

We’ve always been relatively open in dealing with any questions our children might ask. Once when Bonnie was explaining to the children that a certain couple wanted to adopt because they couldn’t have children by natural means, six-year-old Pierre asked, “Daddy, what’s the matter with that Mommy? Is she allergic to sperms?”

When Pierre was just learning to read, he carried a book with him around the house, trying to find people to sit down and listen to him read. In our household this was important because when the children learned to read they got their own individual bed lamp so they could stay up a bit later reading library books.

Pierre came home from school one day and announced with a great sense of accomplishment, “I finally found out what F – U – C – K” spells.”

Bonnie said, “Hmm,” planning in her mind how she would go about sex education for a six-year-old.

Then Pierre said, confidently, “It spells “fart.”

(Pierre is now a successful grandfather living near Seattle)

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Burlington, Vermont, First Dinner: 24 March, 2012

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CHITTAGONG, a mother brought her young son to see two older siblings, Mithu, left, and Halal. There are 63 children in this Home. Families of children at Child Haven are encouraged to visit.

Pam Hellstrom
photo



CHITTAGONG, Above, Marium and Sonipru giving our new Matron Sokina a new hair-do. Below, Rahman, our new In & Out Man with Intern Lee Joyce , Shuman and Sakiv. Robin Cappuccino photo.





CHITTAGONG, Lal Limpar working with string. Robin photo
TIHAR IN NEPAL, A Report by Intern Susan Bowers

The five day holiday of Tihar is second only to Dashain. We honour crows (usually feared as messengers of death), dogs, cows, bullocks, and brothers...



Dog Brownie wearing garland. Bowers photo

...I learned how to thread marigolds onto a long string – to decorate animals, people, doorways, even bicycle rickshaws. On the second day of Tihar, dogs are honoured for their role in guiding deceased persons over the river of the dead...

Below, Intern Leah Shoemaker with teenagers Dolma and Shreejana stringing garlands of marigold blossoms. Bowers photo



...Homes and businesses were decorated with garlands and colourful strings of Christmas-like lights, with flags strung across narrow streets. The third day of Tihar, most important of all, is Diwali. Cows are garlanded, and households paint an intricate mandala to guide Lakshmi, goddess of wealth, into the home...



Rita-Mommy and staff create a colourful mandala near the entrance. Bowers photo

...Candles were set on stairs and window ledges, and doors hung with garlands. The didis (literally “older sisters” – actually, Caregivers) took the young children out to sing in the neighbourhood. They received small amounts of money (like Halloween). Older girls went out in ethnic costume with elaborate singing and dancing. The final day of Tihar is Bhai Tikka, or brother’s Day. Sisters honour brothers. We spent all morning getting ready; children were bathed and dressed in best clothes.

Older girls used dry powder to create traditional designs in the courtyard. Head cook, Badri, brought offerings of fruit, rice, doughnuts, and flowers. Phoolmaya-didi had prepared garlands with the help of older girls. She also brought oil, incense and flower petals...



Interns Emily Dubois and Susan Bowers with girls dressed in ethnic costume for traditional dancing in the neighbourhood. Bowers photo



Phoolmaya didi with basket of oil, flower petals, and incense for the Tikka Ceremony. Bowers photo

...The boys sat on mats in the courtyard, while the girls, holding hands in a long line, circled the boys three times. The girl at the head of the line sprinkled water and oil around the boys as a protective barrier. According to myth, the brother of a goddess once died, but the goddess made a bargain with the god of death that he could not take her brother's soul until the water she sprinkled around her brother dried. But she cleverly mixed oil in with it so the droplets stayed visible on the ground.

One girl sprinkled oil on each boy's head using a whisk of fresh green sprouts. Other girls hastily combed the hair and gave a cursory massage. Then seven of the older girls applied seven colorful tikka spots in a vertical line on each boy's forehead. Finally the boys were given a garland of marigolds or chrysanthemums. The event closed with tons of nuts, candies, bananas, and doughnuts.



Garlanded boys, Frijan, Tsering, Shuba, and Asiq. (Bonnie Cappuccino said that we are trying to work out a ceremony in which boys honour their sisters.) Bowers photo

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Shilpi Somaya Gowda, author of the best seller, SECRET DAUGHTER, was a volunteer Intern at Hyderabad Child Haven 20 years ago. She recently agreed to be a Patron of Child Haven.

Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India 52 children 8 women, Language: Gujarati
Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India 147 children 15 women, Language: Telegu
Kaliyampoondi, Tamil Nadu, India 250 children 35 women, Language: Tamil
Maitreya Foundation, New Delhi, India 21 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, Mahrathi plus tribal languages

CHILD HAVEN INTERNATIONAL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended December 31, 2010

	2010	2009
REVENUE		
Donations	\$ 1,102,379	\$ 1,085,223
Canadian charities	69,967	50,513
Goods and services tax rebates	-	8,762
Net fundraising activities (Schedule 1)	96,372	133,223
Gain on sale of investments	2,152	-
Interest	660	2,073
Proceeds on sale of land	-	40,000
Loss of disposal of assets	-	(2,507)
Foreign exchange loss	(423)	(1,286)
	1,271,107	1,316,001
EXPENDITURES		
Amortization	8,562	11,809
Automotive	9,861	15,109
Bank charges	8,656	6,332
Canadian programs	12,000	459
Employee benefits	7,595	10,262
Insurance	2,736	2,160
Newsletters	21,659	15,982
Office	62,770	44,257
Professional fees	2,030	3,865
Projects	206,102	166,184
Telephone	4,102	4,467
Training	877	1,056
Travel	122,059	172,242
Wages and contract services	133,200	152,541
	602,209	606,725
SURPLUS BEFORE TRANSFERS	668,898	709,276
TRANSFERS TO FOREIGN ORGANIZATIONS (Note 5)	823,167	741,522
NET DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	\$ (154,269)	\$ (32,246)

Above statement is from auditors, Craig, Keen, Despatie, and Markell, Cornwall, Ontario.
 Fred's notes: **Travel, \$122,059** is largely the amount paid by volunteers for their own travel.
Transfers to foreign organizations refers to Child Haven counterparts overseas.



NEPAL - Bowling in the small courtyard, under the watchful eye of Matron Rita Mommy, and Intern Carole Champaign, right. Champaign photo



NEPAL - Levitation of older boys, with invisible ethereal jump rope. Champaign photo



GANDHINAGAR, above, Shivani Gandesha, left, and her brother, Tejas, right, have made it to the **Child Haven Book of World Records**. They both have attended our Vancouver Dinner every single year of their lives. They are shown here with their parents visiting our Gujarat Home.



GANDHINAGAR – Five kids doing a puzzle, Hellstrom photo



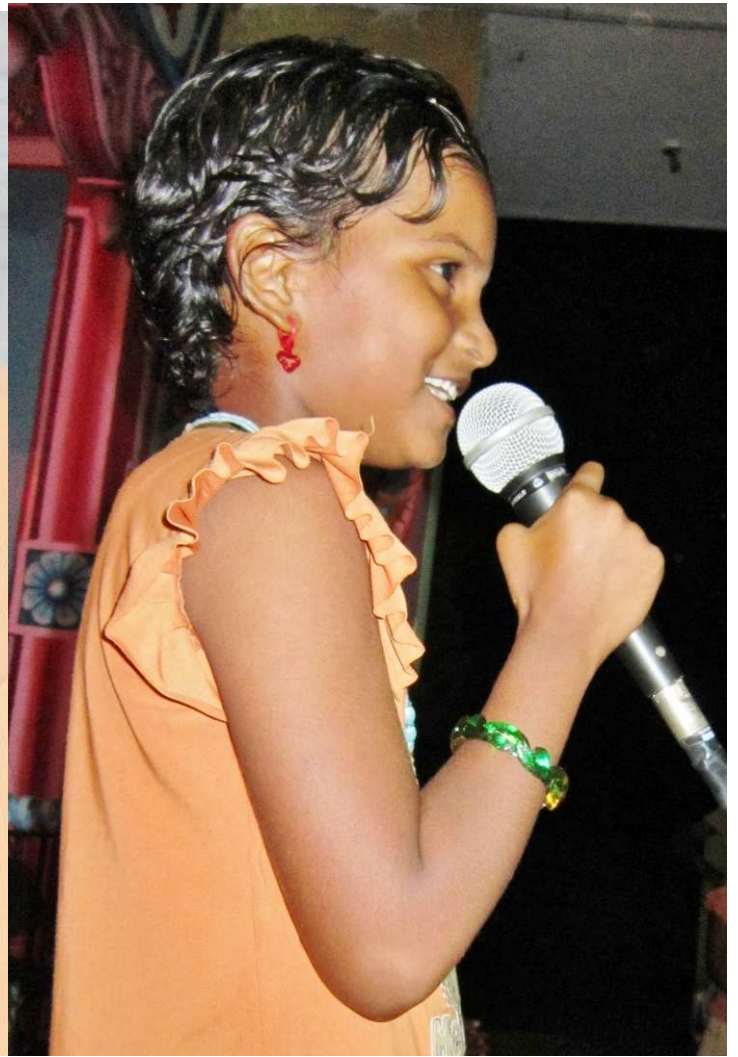
KALIYAMPOONDI - Nurse Lakshmi and 6-month-old Shamsaran, the most beautiful baby in the world. Robin photo



KALIYAMPOONDI - Poppi, Murugan, with baby Robin, the most beautiful baby in the world. Robin C. photo



Kaliyampoondi - An employee at our bank came to tell Bonniema about this family. The father, who was working as a truck driver, was in an accident, and the part of his brain that controls respiration was damaged. A hole was made in his throat which needs to be cleaned every 3 or 4 hours in order for him to breathe. He is barely able to walk anymore and unable to speak or work to support his family, and his wife spends much of her time caring for him. Their children, Vikram, 8years old on the left, and Swetha, 10 years old on the right will be coming to Child Haven until their parents are able to care for them again. Robin photo



A new part of the program at our Kaliyampoondi home involves the kids taking turns sharing songs, poems, sayings, news items and jokes every evening except Sunday after prayers and before the evening meal. In a kind of open mike set-up, the kids take turns speaking or singing into the microphone to recite their offerings. Monday is song night, Tuesday joke night etc. . Shankar, left, is reciting a poem he wrote about Child Haven - part of his poem, translated from the original Tamil, goes like this -

We are all born in different places,
But grown together like brothers and sisters,
We all share our feelings like friends,
This is our home, Child Haven.

On right Uma Mageshwari is singing. Robin photos



Kaliyampoondi - Mr K. Ilangovan getting a lift from caregiver, Shanmugan. A retired accountant, he is the new chair of the India board of Child Haven. Upper left is the Dining/Assembly Hall with kitchen. The white posts are for fencing to keep out strangers and stray animals. Hellstrom photo



KALIYAMPOONDI – Getting ready for the frog race. Perhaps the girl who is praying and smiling has an edge. Hellstrom photo



KALIYAMPOONDI – Recent university graduate Vinodh holding the most beautiful babies in the world, Dinesh and Santosh, sons of Pashupathi and his wife Sundari.

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HYDERABAD – Completed new building, with boys Dorm, office space, Assembly/Dining Hall.

Below, Umeera holding Vaneela, the most beautiful baby in the world. Hellstrom photo





TIBET in China – Sandring was one of the first five children when our Tibet in China Home was set up in 1996. Her parents had both died and she was brought to the Home at age 9 by her grandfather. She completed a degree in Human Resource Management. Now 24, she is working at a reception desk in a Lhasa hotel, hoping for a government job. Robin photo

LET ME LIGHT MY LAMP, SAYS THE STAR, AND NEVER

DEBATE IF IT WILL DISPEL THE DARK

Tagore



SAVARSAI – Intern Selamawit “Sela” Zinabou with four friends. Sela photo

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