

A Trip to Kulpahar

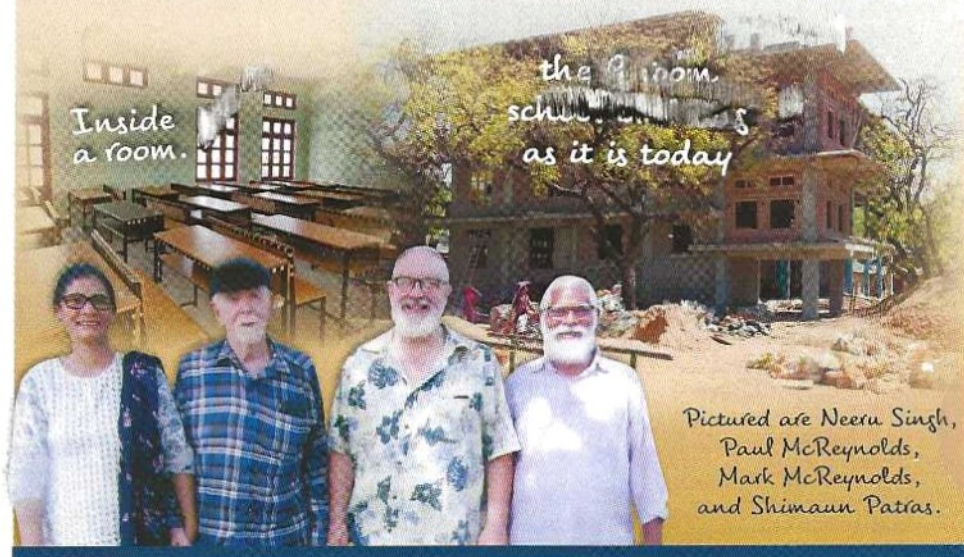
By Dr. Paul McReynolds

Mark, my son and I visited with Shimaun Patras, our sponsored kid from 66 years ago. When I have visited him and his family, Dulari who has passed, Shobana, their daughter and my "granddaughter" as well as her twin baby girls I have always gone on to visit Kulpahar.

I have been greatly impressed with the current work there. There are new buildings, a growing school for both the hostel kids as well as the community. I was especially pleased to learn that the general manager for the campus is full time and has a Christian vision for the entire mission. This includes an outreach to the local community.

I also learned that because of new laws the missionaries are not the executives on the board. They have recruited Christians whose vision is their own for growth and expansion and this assures a continuation of the outreach that Kulpahar has always had. I met with Neeru Singh the business manager but was unable to meet the CEO Amarjeet Singh who was unavailable while I was there.

We are so happy that our \$15.00 a month back in 1959 has produced a marvelous faithful Christian family that will continue to spread light wherever they live. Sharon and Linda are tirelessly working with the kids who are a joyful and happy bunch of children.



Kulpahar Kids' Home and Christian School

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You can view our video on Youtube, "Kulpahar 2018 and Beyond..."
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVhc5TwrFR8>

INTRODUCING LEADERSHIP OF KULPAHAR CHURCH OF CHRIST MISSION



Left to right: Neeru Singh, Business Manager; Linda, Hostel Director;
Sharon, School Manager; Amarjeet Singh, CEO;
N. K. Bardhan, General Manager



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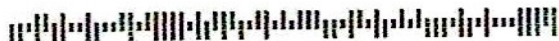
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"Vincit omnia Veritas"

Latin for... **"Truth is Victorious"**

John 8:32

The late Dolly Chitwood started Kulpahar Christian School back in 1948 on the veranda of a mud building with clay tile roofing. That same building today is our Chemistry Lab, made of cement bricks and sheet tile roofing. Yes we are so very blessed! In 2024 around the 20th of December (Dolly's birthday) we celebrated our School's 75th Anniversary. Dolly's keen insight and knowing India as she did, knowing that "truth" was usually forgotten – she wanted our school to be 'different' to teach from the 'ground up' that TRUTH is the cornerstone to good education, happiness and life in general! To this very day we stress this among all staff and strongly to our STUDENTS! AND we're still able to teach as a subject for ALL grades, Moral Education using the Bible. We do get a parent's 'permission' signature for all non-Christian children. AND we take a signature on a notice prepared for non-Christian staff asking if they understand we're a Christian School and we do use the Bible in our school along with some other explanation. So we're blessed because TRUTH is still our School's 'cornerstone' with Christ as our foundation!

What began in 1948 as a very small school only for our own orphan children with classes only going to the 8th grade is now a school from LKG – 12th Grades. And our school not only has our own Christian boarding kids but some other Christian kids from the village and many kids of the Hindu and Muslim faiths from our village and surrounding villages as well. This last year our enrollment was 977! Here in India our school year goes from April to March. So we're soon to start our new 2025-26 School year!

After a student completes 10th grade and has passed the Government Exams, given by our Affiliation (Accreditation) Board then he/she chooses which stream they wish to take in the 11th grade. We offer three (3) streams – Arts; Commerce & Science.

Our School Day begins with Morning Assembly. Our entire school including teaching and non-teaching staff all stand together outside in our program area. The students are in lines by their grades with the staff mixed in and around the student body. Our Christian staff take turns leading us in singing a chorus, reading a section of Scripture, together saying a meditation verse, such as "This is the day the Lord has made we will rejoice and be glad". Then together as a School we say in English the Lord's Prayer and close with either the School Song, the National Anthem or the National Pledge.

In closing I'd like to share the words of the Indian National Pledge with you. These words are a terrific moral lesson for the 'world' – and not necessarily intended by the Indian fore-fathers (who were probably Hindu) that it should have Christ's teachings in its foundation:

At Morning Assembly months back I spoke to our "school" taking each phrase of this National Pledge and put it into the basics of 'how we treat each other and all mankind' and the basis of this pledge is TRUTH which is one of CHRIST'S TEACHINGS!



"India is my country and all Indians are my brothers and sisters. I love my country and I am proud of its rich and verified heritage. I shall always strive to be worthy of it. I shall give my parents, teachers and all elders respect and treat everyone with courtesy. I shall be kind to animals. To my country and people I pledge my devotion. In their well-being and prosperity alone lies my happiness."

CAN YOU HELP?

These Children have lost their Sponsors

The children get good nourishing food three times a day, tea and snack. They live in a hostel with other kids of their own age. They go to school where they learn reading, writing and arithmetic as well as discipline and the Bible. They are in worship every Sunday as well as Sunday School. They are very happy and many of the girls cry when they have to leave. The former sponsors were paying \$60 a month but with the rise in cost of everything we need more than that. We would appreciate any thing you can give above \$60 to \$100 as that is our actual cost per child.



ALISHA SINGH

BIRTH DATE: FEB. 2, 2011

Just entered 9th class with very good grades.

Father working in cloth store not his own.

They do not own their house and have to pay half his salary for rent. She was eating only two meals a day.



RIBHA RANI TIRKEY

BIRTH DATE: JULY 7, 2009

Her father is a small farmer.

She just finished her 10th class exams and waiting for results.

SNEHLATA MINJ

(NO PHOTO AVAILABLE)

BIRTH DATE: JULY 29, 2007

She just finished her 10th exams and waiting for results at home. She will return here in July to us. Her father is a pastor in a poor village church.

EVENTS *in* PICTURES

Shakun grew up in the Kulpahar Kids' Home. Became a teacher and has been teaching for several years. She had searched for a good man for many years. In 2023 she was introduced to a man by a mutual friend. Keith came to India in June 2023 and they were engaged. Then started the long process of receiving a fiancé visa for her to marry Keith in the USA. In November Keith and his parents Kelly and Kathy Messamer from Appleton Christian Church in Grand Junction, Colorado arrived to take Shakun to her new home in America.



Kathy, Kelly, Keith, Shakun, Linda, Sharon at the farewell of daughter, Shakun.



Shakun and Keith cutting a cake which read Congratulation and Farewell.



Talent night with Prem's sons and Vivek and Roma's daughter.



Kelly giving out blankets made or collected by folks at Appleton. Receiving is Abikha.



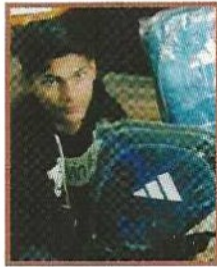
Christmas drama for Sunday School Program



Happy girls with new purses Karisma, Sereng, Sarah, Esha, Sneha, Ruth Lakra, Kajal Prasad, Mariya



Youngest Girls with their Gifts.
left to right Sushama, Abikha, Ananya, Prinsi, Astha.



Suleman with his
shoulder bag



New Year's Day cricket players left to right Ibrahim, Aditya, Nehar, Asheesh, Joshua, Subhan, Ashish Singh, Isaac, Lucky.



Sunday School program with 1-3 classes action song



Last Christmas for Karisma, Stuti, Ruth, Neelam and Anisha as they have finished 12th class.

Memorials

IN MEMORY OF....

William Harrison
BY STEVE AND LISA ALBER

Charee Benaga
BY STEVE & JOAN WINTER

Mary Larsen
BY DAUGHTER,
TIM & DEBRA LEAKEY

Shirley Owen
BY SON, DAVID

Krista Kester
BY DUANE & JULIE BAKER

George Durham
BY TOM & BRENDA GRAY

Velma Held
BY ROD HAWKINS

Bertha Unruh
BY DAUGHTER,
DEBBIE WATSON

IN HONOR OF....

Kirk & Elizabeth Norman
Brandon & Amanda Harden

Jeff & Patsy Thompson
Scott & Kayla Thompson
BY WILLA LAWSON

Linda Stanton
BY DENNIS & BARBARA RICHBURG