

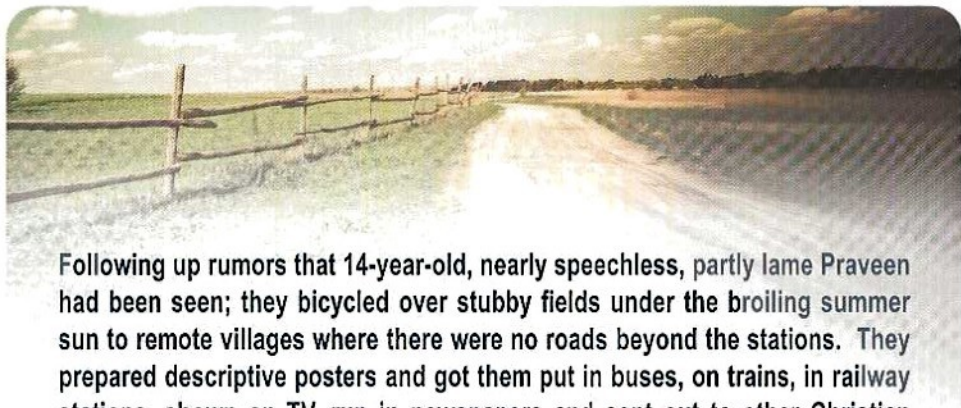


I Believe in children

written by Dolly Chitwood - 198.

There is faith in their eyes, love in their touch, hope in their attitude. I thrill with them at life's joys, bow with them in worship, and hold them close in sorrows. I believe in children - the fragile dream of yesterday, life's radiant reality today, and the vibrant stuff of tomorrow. Yes, I believe in children, for wherever I go, to mountain village, industrial center, or open country. I find yesterday's children who were nurtured in the things of Christ at work in the building of the Kingdom of God"

The author of those lines, whoever he was, would find kindred spirits at Kulpahar. And, this belief can remain no ivory tower abstraction; it calls for concerned action in the events of daily life. It sent a dozen young men (our "yesterday's children") out to search the railway stations from Jabalpur to Delhi for the whereabouts of a little "hostel brother" who had strayed away from the escort bringing him home from a school for mentally and physically handicapped children in Jabalpur. Swallowed up in the dense crowd of travelers leaving the station at night, he hadn't been found.



Following up rumors that 14-year-old, nearly speechless, partly lame Praveen had been seen; they bicycled over stubby fields under the broiling summer sun to remote villages where there were no roads beyond the stations. They prepared descriptive posters and got them put in buses, on trains, in railway stations, shown on TV, run in newspapers and sent out to other Christian institutions and congregations in north India. Every prayer uttered for weeks in school chapel and church meetings, in hostel and individual devotions, included the petition that Praveen might be found. Until then, that he might be spared any cruelty or abuse by callous people, and saved from kidnapping gangs which maim children and use them for begging or worse.

When a month had passed, hope that he would soon be found began to wane. Then early one evening, word reached us that a Muslim bus driver who lives in Banda, about 60 miles away, had seen Praveen on the road some ten days earlier, picked him up and taken him home. He said that he would bring him to us as soon as he had a day off; meanwhile his mother was taking care of the boy. Rather than wait for the bus driver's day off, four of the men set off in the van immediately. By 11 p.m. they were back, honking the horn as they neared the compounds to signal that the lost boy had been found! In a few minutes they were ringing the church bell to send the glad tidings across the countryside. Several non-Christians had helped in the search, too, and rejoiced with us over the wonderful way God had answered our prayers for the boy's safe return.

Not only had our loving Father kept Praveen safe, but, as always, had done abundantly more. He put him in the hands of a kind mother whose son of about the same age had died some years before. Indeed, she shed tears as he left, saying that she would be glad to keep him as her own. She had bathed him, cut his hair that had gotten long and tangled, and then sent him home clean and tidy in her dead son's clothes.

All of this is what believing in children can make you do, even when the spirit of one of them is housed in a body that will not do what it should. God has his use of the world's Praveens, they are to make the rest of us compassionate!

Praveen is now 53 years old and being nicely cared for in another institution.

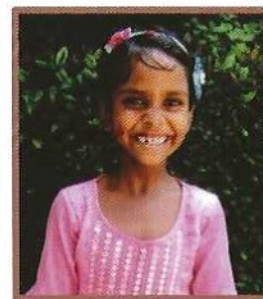
“ And we still believe in children, this year ten of our hostel girls and five boys will leave us. We will miss them. They have received a good basic education and the future is open to them. If God wills in twelve years the six new little girls admitted this year will, also, be launched into life because of Kulpahar Kids' Home and Christian School. ”

If you believe in children then think about sponsoring one of these little girls. Their families are poor and some of them, especially the mothers, did not get a chance to learn to read or write. You can give them the chance. They will also hear about Jesus at least three times a day if not more.

It costs us approximately \$100 a month to board and educate these children. We ask at least \$60-65 a month and more if possible for a child. Please have compassion on one of these “little ones”.



Avina Khalkho
BD: DEC. 31, 2018
Class 1
Family farms 400 hectare of land and have two goats.



Ohama Bara
BD: DEC. 7, 2018
Class 1
Family has a very very small piece of land.



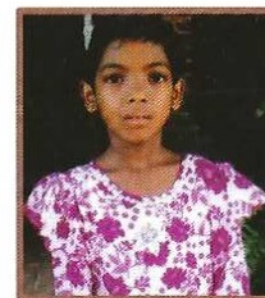
Astha Khalkho
BD: March 22, 2019 - Class 1
Family has 200 acres of land that they farm with an annual income of only \$580. They have two other children.



Pragya Lakra
BD: MAY 19, 2020
Class Upper KG
Father owns a small bit of land. They earn only approximately \$47 a year from it. He and mother work on hourly wages as they can get it.

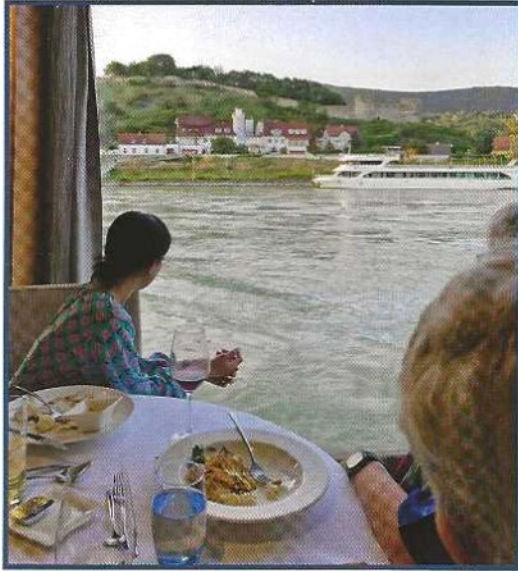


Akansha Ekka
BD: MAY 9, 2018
Class 2 | Parents farm 3 acres of land which may feed a family but does not leave much to send them to school.



Supriya Tirkey
BD: Oct. 10, 2016
Class 1
Father owns a small bit of land. They earn only approximately \$890 a year from it. He and mother work on hourly wages as they can get it.

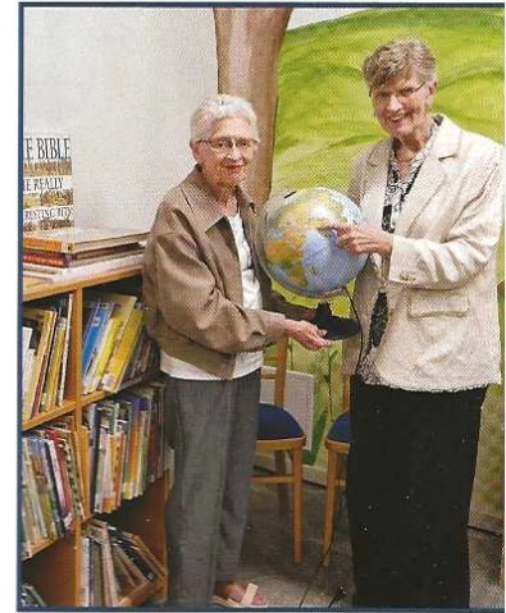
EVENTS, VISITORS *and* SUMMER



Looking from our ship to a sister one. It was a good day as the Danube was blue. It is usually brown or gray.



Floating down the Danube. Note our jackets which we had to buy in Prague as it was colder than we had expected.



They have a library minister with thousands of books available to everyone. The kid's corner is the library. Linda and Sharon pointing to India.



Linda and Sharon with granddaughter Ritika. We had not seen her since her mother died 11 years ago. An unmarried aunt is taking very good care of her.



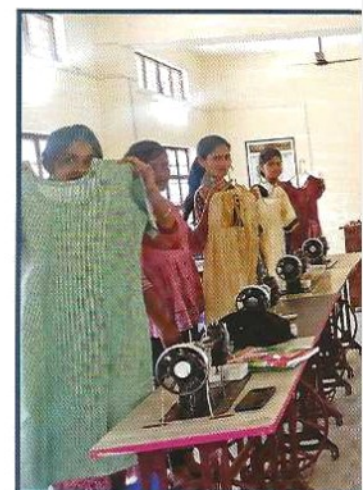
Village fair being enjoyed by Salvation, Daud and Daniel.



After 10 years Sanjeeka and Sakshi, former hostel girls returned for a visit. They brought beautiful saris from Chhattisgarh for both of us.

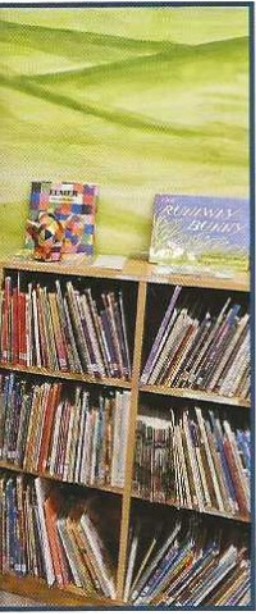


Samuel George, former hostel boy. He is a nurse.



Sewing classes during the month of May and

R FUN *in* PICTURES.



Linda and Sharon having lunch with new friends Jim and Laurie Barnes in Prague, Czech Republic.



Raen, Yakub and Abraham eating ice cream made in the refrigerator in the auntie's bungalow.



An overflowing river that has been dry for years.



continue to benefit many young women. June they make school uniforms for hostel children.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

If you believe in children then help 94 of them have a good Christmas this year. They do not get to go home. We provide them a new set of clothes, special treats and a gift. Christmas here is Christ filled with songs, worship and multiple programs, and the much awaited for cricket match.

Send your love in a gift now!

Memorials IN MEMORY OF...

*Rose
Hendrickson*
BY HUSBAND, DAVID
TO HELP SPONSOR KIDS.

IN HONOR OF

*Dr. Robert &
Mrs. Peggy
Kuest*

HAPPY 60th WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY
BY JB AND
LARETTA SHRADER



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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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