



INDIA ORPHANAGE UPDATE

Summer 2021



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WELCOME

Firstly, we'd like to thank you so much for your ongoing support.

COVID-19 has made it a challenging year for our operations, both in the UK & India. There may have been setbacks, but God is faithful, and it is continuing to be a fruitful year for us!

Secondly, please continue to pray for the children and the widows, but also for the spread of the Gospel throughout the ever-expanding church network. God has been so good, so please to share this update with your friends and family.

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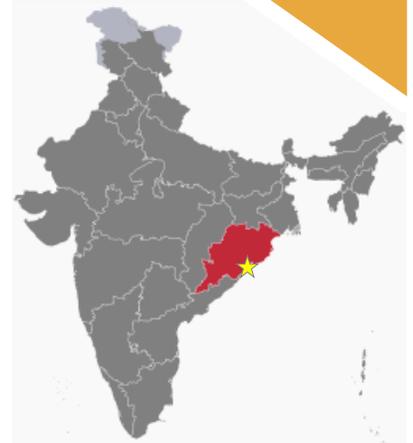
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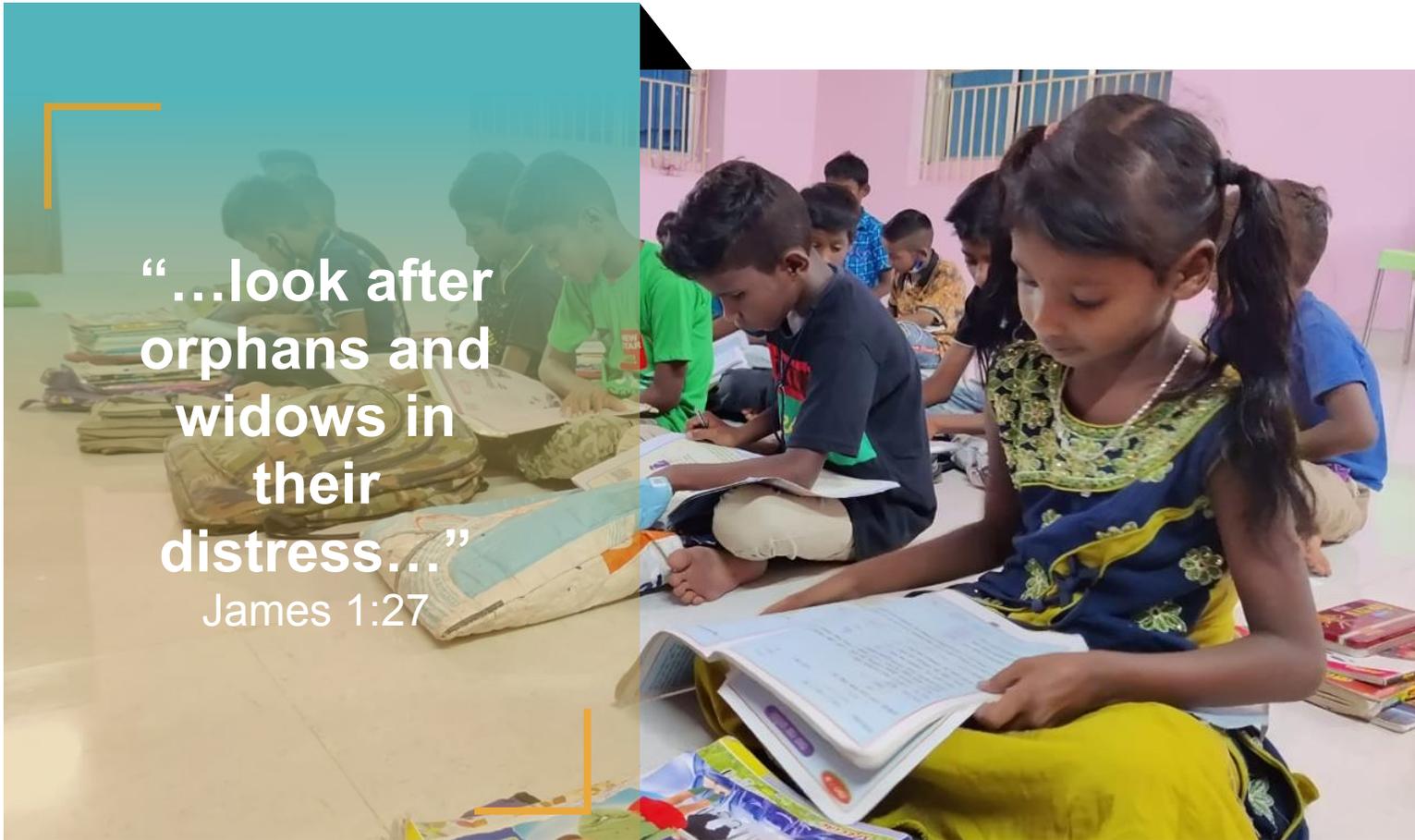
LIFE AT THE ORPHANAGE

Over the many years of faithful support, we have seen more than 200 children come through the doors of the Orphanage, with approximately six intakes. Most of the children have gone on to secure good jobs and some have started their own families. Matthew is one such boy, who was taken in back in 2000 when he was just 9 years old (see photo). Like some of the older boys, he left the orphanage at the age of 15, and by the age of 23 he found a job in Dubai.

After managing to save enough money, he returned to Deegipur, where he found Anita, the young Christian woman who he chose to marry. Many years ago, Solomon baptised Matthew, and is now privileged to marry him to Anita (see photo).

Solomon and Sweta are in touch with most of the children that have grown up and left the orphanage, continuing to be a positive and godly influence in their lives. The children are passionate in their pursuit of God and look for opportunities to bless the surrounding communities. Every so often, the children from the orphanage take an auto rickshaw to the local villages to share the gospel; the children sing, and Solomon preaches the gospel to the community. It's a powerful testimony that the children want to express the love of Jesus into the communities where they have found such hardship.





“...look after
orphans and
widows in
their
distress...”

James 1:27

Schools: Schooling is free in India, but unfortunately the level of education is poor, so any opportunity of private education will lead to a far better future. Usually, the Orphanage pays for tutors to supplement the education of the local school, but this has temporarily stopped due to COVID-19. Two tutors would cost around £300 per month and are able to teach 50 children. Solomon and his apostolic team have a dream to open Educational Centres in the communities where they have planted a Destiny Church, so 50 children can come for further education.

Health: The children are all well, but have had more medical attention this month with additional hygiene supplies and increased visits from the local doctor to ensure their daily dietary requirements are met, and immune systems are resilient. Your regular giving helps to cover these costs, which we are truly thankful for. With the second wave of COVID-19 and viral fever affecting the region, special attention is being given to ensure the children are safe.

Solomon & Sweta: It's been a challenging time for Solomon and his family. At the beginning of May, Solomon's son, Christian contracted COVID-19, followed by Sweta who had been looking after him. A viral fever also swept through the region, affecting many families - including Solomon. But we are grateful to God that the family have now recovered and are regaining their strength. As the community are now looking on, Solomon's family are testifying of God's goodness and faithfulness to all they meet. They really are a remarkable couple, continuing to support and encourage hundreds of pastors.



LUDIYAA

In India, boys are viewed as an asset; a future breadwinner and one who will look after his parents when they are old. A girl on the other hand is a liability whose parents are pressured to pay dowries when they marry.

As a toddler, Ludiya was neglected by her father simply because she was born a girl. When Solomon and Sweta had their first child, Hannah, they met Ludiya who was about 3 or 4 years old. Sweta was so touched when she saw Ludiya, that they approached her mother and asked if she could live with them in the Orphanage.

She has been with them ever since, and now at the age of 17, she has proved to be a godly young woman, who is fully committed to the cause of the orphanage. She is gentle, faithful and very responsible. On one of their visits Pastors Andrew & Sue Owen and Orphanage Founder Ivan Squillino gave her a Bible, which she still reads every day and treasures dearly. Ludiya sees Solomon and Sweta as her parents and is guided by them; she learns a lot particularly from Sweta, who she looks to. In turn, they feel totally supported by her. While many other girls reach their teenage years and want to marry and start their own families - which is often the case - Ludiya says that Jesus is the love of her life and is content in God's love.

Being the eldest, the other children in the Orphanage look up to her and observe how she is studying to better herself and get good marks in her studies. She is close to taking her final examinations for her college education and is confident she is securing good grades. She is a huge blessing to the team in the Orphanage, often investing her time into the children, teaching them songs, playing with them and helping them with their hygiene. She watches them and gives them instructions in the playground, and they respect her leadership. She enjoys caring for the children and spreading the gospel. She is a passionate evangelist and a true role model to the children.

