



Hope of Glory Foundation

Report of Jan/ Feb/ March 09

Dear Friends
Greetings from Pune.

We have great news to share with you in the beginning of this year; we've seen some break through and God's hand saving two children from the worse situation imaginable.

Here it is the story of 2 of those kids:



Mona (*name changed), grown up in a brothel in Pune city. Her mother was sold to prostitution very young and came to live in a small house with 20 other prostitutes.

When Mona's Mother came to live in the brothel, Ma'am (the older lady in charge of the sex workers) taught her "the business": and introduced her to the clients (various men) daily. Ma'am was making good money out of Mona's Mother, she said to herself, "this girl was worth buying!"

Mona's Mother was young and beautiful. But soon she got pregnant with Mona (but even during pregnancy Ma'am found clients for her).

The problem is that Ma'am gave Mona's Mother too much work and she ended up falling sick and eventually died, leaving Mona, at the age of 2 years, an orphan.

It was a sad thing for the house since the income became really low, because Mona's Mother brought good money to the home.

Ma'am decided to raise Mona to replace her Mother (the little girl is quite pretty) and would become "good at business" by living in the home all her life and being raised by Ma'am and other sex workers.

Part 2

As our team have been visiting the brothels in the city we have got to know Mona's life story and continually we asked "ma'am" to let Mona get out of that place, to live in our project home for children at risk.

Ma'am laughed sarcastically and said that "Mona would guarantee her pension when she got old", and that she was preparing Mona for the business. When she becomes 12 she would be introduced to the clients.

I think one of the hardest things was to leave the house every time we visited the sex workers, and let the little Mona stay among them. In a house where 20 young ladies slept all morning (since the nights were always busy), Mona wasn't kept from seeing what was going on. For her, that's how life is supposed to be. Women being used and unkind men paying to get what they wanted.

It was a childhood lost, no sense of self worth, love or preservation...

We kept visiting the brothels throughout the year and always tried to Convince Ma'am to let Mona go (but we used to hear the same reply over and over again).

Well... this year, 2009, was different. On Christmas day we invited the sex workers and the parents of the project's children for a party.

Mona was there with Ma'am and the other sex workers. After Christmas we went to visit them and we talked again with Ma'am about Mona. So she said that she would let Mona come back to the project home to live with us!!!

Alleluia!!!! Our ears could hardly believe what we were hearing.

Ma'am said: "this is the best thing I ever did in my life, to let someone go out of this place!"

Mona soon went to pack her little bag, wrapped some of her dresses in a cloth and was ready to come with us.

Two month has passed and Mona is enjoying living with other children. She loves to color, sing songs and hear stories. She plays with the children and misses them when they all go to school.



Good news for her is that, we are praying to send her to school along with the other children from our project next June. We found one teacher who can teach her how to read in the house and write, so Mona is going every day for tuition. That way a new door of opportunities will open up for her future.

Keep praying for her... let us see what the Lord has in stored for her life.

Praying for the "Red Light Area" many times may feel overwhelming... but it is encouraging to see children being rescued, one life at a time...

Allan's Rescue



Another child we have rescued from the Red light area Allan (*name changed*), is 4 years old and was born in a brothel, his mother is a prostitute.

Allan's mother grown up in the Red light area. She was sold into prostitution very young and got pregnant of Allan and gave birth to him in that house itself.

Allan's mother knows how painful it is the life style she has and when she asked us to take her son away from the place she said: "I don't want my child to grow up in this place. I want my son to study and become a good man".

Allan is in our project home now where he is the youngest boy in the house.

The week after he came to live at the project home his mother mentioned that she has never seen him so happy.

He runs after the other kids to catch them, laughs out loud and plays with anything he can get his hands on.

In the brothel room, where he used to live with his Mom (and 20 other sex workers), Allan hardly had room to move around. And spend most of his time sleeping (under medication), since his mother would sleep the whole day long to be awake during her "working hours", so he used to give him cough syrup to keep him sleeping as well.

Allan is happy and adjusting well to a normal childhood life, he is very active and loves playing with the other kids.



Pray for those kids

Both kids (Mona and Allan) will be going to school for the first time next June.

Pray for sponsors to help us finance a good education for a new life for each of them.

Meanwhile at the kids home...

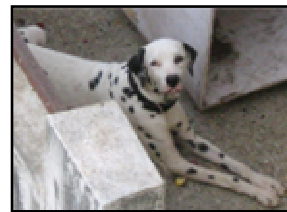
Nobody takes care of my dog properly !!



Title as Anand would say.

Anand is now 12 years old. He came to the project home when he was just 2.

Last month he was playing with one of the boys from the home and he fell down and fractured his leg.



Now he will need to keep a plaster in his legs for quite some time. This is getting him really frustrated, because it keeps him from doing things he was used to. For instance: He was responsible to take care of the Dalmatian dog from the home. Anand found that chore quite fun and bonded really well with the pet.

Now Anand can't help the dog go for a walk or even feed him. So he constantly boss around the other kids who got his chore of taking care of the dog, to care for "Pingo" properly (by the way Pingo, the dog name, means a drop of water of paint (Portuguese meaning) to a white dog with black spots).

Project Reach Out - Aurangabad

Aurangabad is a city 6 hours away from Pune. It is the second largest growing city in Asia.

A great number of people from the nearby villages have flooded to the main town in search of jobs, Creating chaos with over population and un-employment, leading people to set up a hut to live in the streets.

Hope of Glory Foundation (HOGF) has started working there to reach the villagers, instructing them to make their living where they are (in the villages itself) preventing people to end up in the streets. The villagers are from Hindu and also a tribe called “ Lambara Tribe” and also Buddies. In the entrance of their villages have a temple as a landmark.

A family(recently graduated from the Bible College) has shown their desire to be working among those villagers preaching the gospel and instructing people in practical ways. HOGF has started supporting this vision in the beginning of this year. So HOGF has one more family who is working in these villagers. Now they are having the opportunity to share the gospel to 4 different villages with people who have never heard the Good News. Joy will be visiting this new project in Aurangabad next month (during Summer holidays) and we will be running a Vocational Bible School for the children of those villages.



School ending...

From the middle of March till May end, we will be having Summer holidays. The children are very excited about the holidays but not so much the bitter part of it, which is before the holidays they have to go through the final exams. All of them are studying really hard (including the 5 years old child) to pass with go marks in their tests.

One of the teen from the project home is going o appear for his 10th class exam , (it’s a very important school year in India). He is in Joy’s hometown getting some tutoring away from the pressure he was having here in Pune (with peer pressure and all). At Joy’s home town he is being “spoiled” by Joy’s parents who make sure he dedicates himself to his studies only. He needs to get 80% marks to be able to get into a good college next year.

Holidays

We haven’t been able to plan what to do with all the kids from the home for these holidays. Since we are running out of finances, we can’t really think of taking them out of Pune or even what to do not to get them bothered at home. Any suggestion for a low budget holidays?????

Our family

The last two years have been really hard for us as a family. We (Joy & Liliana) have a different budget from the ministry; whatever people donate for the ministry goes to HOGF only, and not to pay us any salary. So as a family we need to find sponsors of our own.

Now at the beginning of this year life got tougher, we got the news that our main sponsor has decided to stop financing.

Our family expenses have grown higher ever since Aline started going to school and also now with our small baby Anna Clara 5 month.

We can’t pay off our bills or keep on living if we don’t find sponsors for our family so we would like to invite you to be part of what we do by sponsoring us in this work.

Please if you like to help us on a monthly basis, please contact us.

This is the first time we really have to write about ourselves personally for the need of finances, we are often looking for the interest of the ministry and how to sponsor more children and the work. But this time we need to see for our family as well. Please share with other our needs and if you want details on how to sponsor us (a budget or anything like that), please contact us.

Thank you for your prayers, your partnership in the work and for your love.

May the Lord bless you,

In His service,

Joy J. Dongardive and
Hope of Glory Foundation.

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