

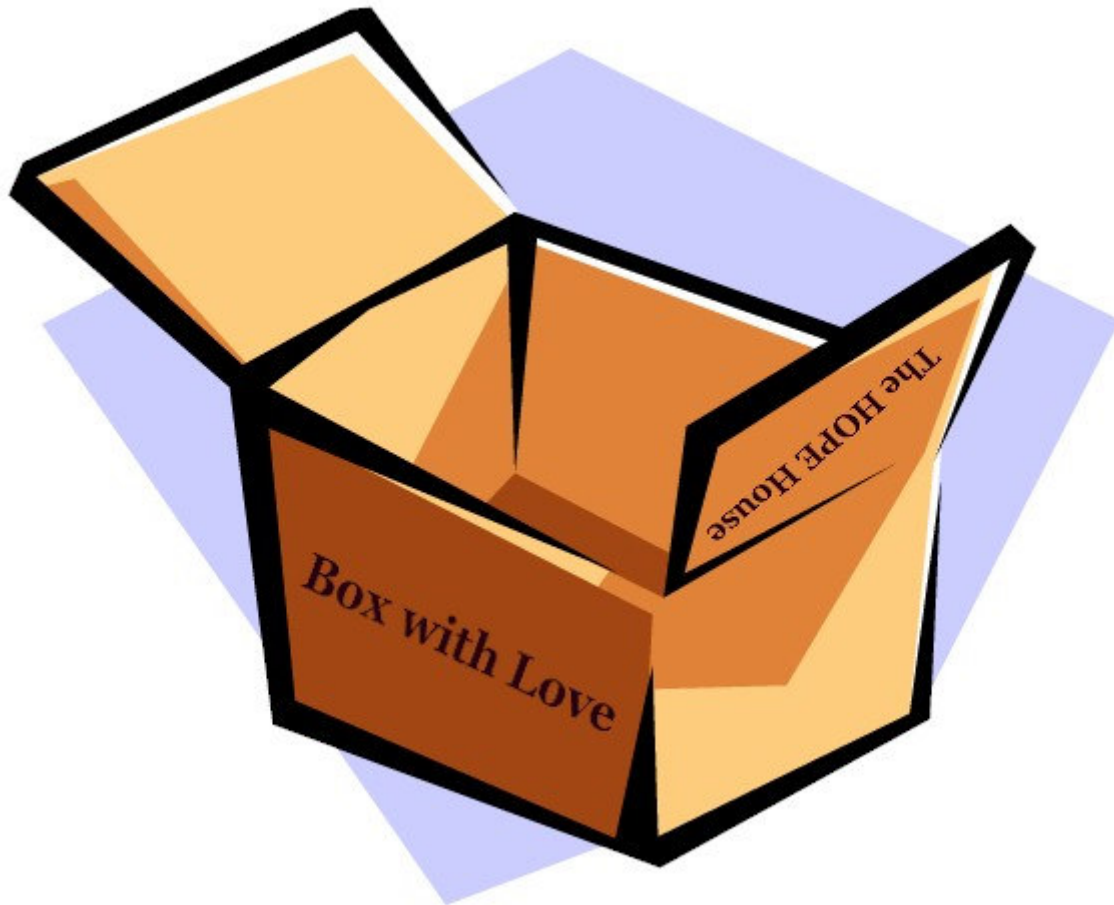
"Voice of HOPE"

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Box with love

Christmas is just around the corner. We want to spread the message of love to our fellow citizens in and around Vellore and we need your help.

Simply fill any box in your house with the following items to cater to a family a meal and monthly cosmetic supplies.

Items to be filled:

1 kg of good rice, 1kg of dhal, a small packet of dry spices to cook one meal, 1 kg of cooking oil packet, bathing soap(s), washing soap(s), Shampoo sachets (about five), Talcum powder, Tooth Paste, Coconut oil and any other items of your choice to serve an entire family.

When you're ready, call 9629471920 (Mr. Ruby Nakka) for a pick up and they'll be delivered on the 23rd of December.

“Moral excellence comes about as a result of habit. We become just by doing just acts, temperate by doing temperate acts, brave by doing brave acts.”

- Aristotle



Dear Friend,

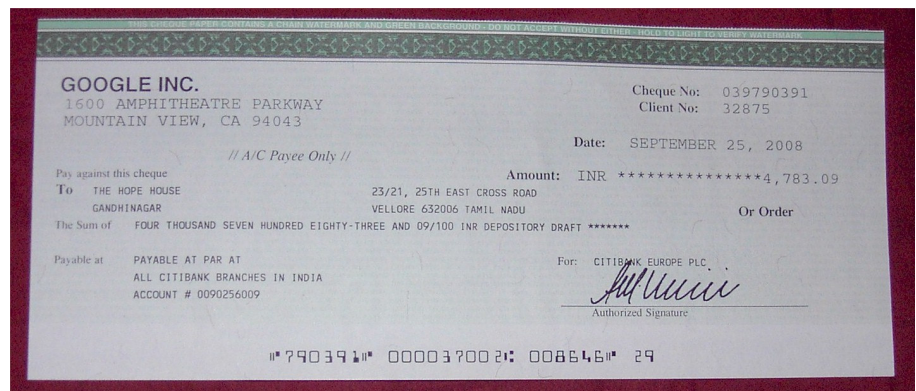
On December 1st, we have completed three years and I couldn't be more thankful to God and to you for your faithfulness to support this work. In this season of Christmas, let me be the first one to wish a very happy Christmas and joyful New Year.

In this newsletter, I want to introduce you to our newest program called “Community Outreach Program” or COP. Objective of this brand new program is to assist HIV families with children to stay united and to have resources to sustain themselves.

After a referral and an evaluation, their needs are identified and counseled of their obligations. If they need assistance for nutrition for example, they are asked to buy all the food supplies that they can get on the ration card (public subsidy) and come to the HH office on the 5th of the following month for reimbursement. They are required to be in compliance with HIV treatment and ensure that their children are attending school regularly. Kids receive school supplies twice a year.

During reimbursement, we spend time with the families to understand their circumstances to customize the assistance. We encourage them to work and if they cannot find jobs, we help them get jobs. We are also hoping to connect the families with the exclusive government social schemes to help them to maximize their resources.

So far, we've enrolled five families and two waiting to be evaluated. Our goal for the coming year is 25 families. If you're inspired to support a family in need, write to us. God Bless. **Ruby Nakka.**



(Screen shot of a cheque for Rs. 4,783.09 from Google is credited to the HH account)

Above cheque is the money that the HOPE House had earned from Google for promoting the message of adoption through a blog.

NEWS:

- ❑ Mr. James Jayakumar and Anbu of Vellore had donated 20 stainless steel plates and tumblers to the HOPE House on September 9th.
- ❑ Mr. Jayashankar & family of Vellore celebrated their family function at the HOPE House and that means kids ate special meals, which Jayashankar’s family paid.
- ❑ A family of four (Cheema’s) of Florida of the US visited the HOPE House on October 17th.
- ❑ Shanthi & Samson of UK visited the HOPE House along with their two kids (Angeline and Allen) on October 29th. Samson presented an autographed audio album, which they recently released in India.
- ❑ Ms. Edwina youth scudder and her daughter of Erie, PA of the United States sent a box of clothes to the HOPE House to be given for little girls and boys in need.
- ❑ Dr. Nylla of CMC, Vellore visited the HOPE House on November 14th (Children’s Day in India) to give a talk to the older girls about adolescent changes. She also gave a special dinner for the kids that day.
- ❑ Mr. Jayashankar & family of Vellore celebrated their wedding anniversary on November 15th with the HOPE House kids and that means kids ate special meals, which Jayashankar’s family paid.
- ❑ Mr. Ruby Nakka’s (Program Director of the HOPE House) article titled “Teaching child rights to children” appeared in the prestigious section (Open Page) of a national daily called “The Hindu” on November 16th. If you like to read the article, visit this link:
<http://www.hindu.com/op/2008/11/16/stories/2008111650011400.htm>
- ❑ Dr. Nylla of CMC, Vellore visited the HOPE House on November 26th to donate a globe, full fledged English-Tamil dictionary, a grammar book, and many educational VCD’s.
- ❑ There has been a concerted effort now to introduce computers to the HOPE House children for the past few months. We have an exclusive computer for the girls at the HOPE House. Initial strategy was to help them get over their fear of computers and to have good mouse control. Hence we started off with Microsoft Paint and then on to playing games such as spider solitaire. We are very proud to announce that all our children have become very proficient in using the computers and have gotten very good mouse control. Gradually older girls are introduced to few applications such as Microsoft word and excel. With minimum guidance they have created their own Math table using excel application.

You can help us by

1. A Kids bicycle for the age group of 10 years old to learn to ride a bicycle.
2. Donating used or new child friendly Tamil DVD's (movies, cartoons, and educational material etc)
3. Paying for one year subscription to any children's Tamil magazine

FACTOID

Number of years that the HOPE House has been in operation: 3

Number of children that are covered under the community outreach program (COP): 9

Frequency at which the HOPE House children's height and weight is measured: Monthly

If you're touched by our message and inspired to support us, you can do the following:

**If you live in the USA,
address your payments to
"HOPE House International"
and mail it to this address:**

**HOPE House International
P.O. Box: 7438
Chico, CA – 95927-7438**

(HHI is a 501c3 organization – (non profit) and your contributions are tax deductible allowed by the U.S. law)

**If you live in India,
Address your payments to
"The HOPE House"
and mail it to this address:**

**The HOPE House
16/28, 25th East Cross Road
Gandhinagar, Vellore – 632006**

(HH is 80 G organization (non-profit) and your contributions are tax deductible allowed by the Indian law)