

"Voice of HOPE"

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HOPE House children displaying their new clothes they had received as a surprise gift from a well wisher in Pennsylvania, USA.

Sign the "Adoption Tax Credit" petition.

Thank you for your interest to learn about the "Adoption Tax Credit" petition. It is a tax credit to help families financially to adopt a child. Anyone that believes in a 'home' as the best environment for the overall development of a child can sign it. We are convinced about the argument of the petition and we are also sure that you will too.



We hope to collect at least 100,000 signatures by end of October of 2007. In the month of November (Adoption awareness month), if necessary, this petition will be scientifically validated before it is submitted to the government of India.

You can find the link to this petition below. When you sign it, please don't forget it to tell others about it.



Dear Friend,
I am almost three months behind in releasing this newsletter. Our family and the HOPE House had been through few changes that required some adjustments. I apologize for this delay but we hope that you understand our limitations.

Since the month of May, we have taken up the advocacy role to promote the message of adoption in India in a big way. We created a blog site to share lot of information regarding adoption. We have five other people along with me contributing content to the blog to empower the adoptive families.

I would like to mention here that our advocacy work on the blog also helps us to raise money towards the HOPE House. We are pleased to announce that our advocacy has earned about 1500 rupees (37 dollars) so far from Google. Blog averages 500 people every month.

The Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) of India has recognized our efforts and they had extended an invitation for me to attend the International adoption conference to be held from October 8th to 10th in New Delhi. I am making a presentation on a topic "Promoting domestic adoptions".

HOPE House work also been recognized by the state of Tamilnadu and they have appointed me as a member to Child Welfare Committee for Vellore and the adjacent district along with four other individuals. This enables the HOPE House to reach out to the needy children in a wider scale.

God has been so merciful that in the month of June He enabled us to purchase a piece of land adjacent to Karigiri Hospital. This is a huge development for the HOPE House. We want to start the construction as early as possible and move in to our own building by June of 2009. Please keep us in your prayers that God bring generous and kind people to come forward to support this work.

Last but not the least, I want to take a line to recognize all those people who make our work easier on a day to day basis. There are individuals that brought food, spent their time to entertain the kids, visited us, sent gifts, donated clothes & stationary, helped us during hospital visits, and supported us with their financial resources. Let me say from the bottom of my heart that without you, this work wouldn't go on and on behalf of the HOPE House children & staff and my family I want to say THANK YOU.

God Bless

Ruby Nakka.

Adoption Tax Credit link: <http://www.petitiononline.com/atc26047/petition.html>

NEWS:

- Four of our girls have joined sixth grade and that means they had to join a bigger school. I.
- Recently a doctor couple (Banerjee and Mary Jesudason) from our church had lost their daughter - Renu. They brought her clothes to donate to the HOPE House. When tried, most of the clothes fitted like they were meant for our kids. On that day, the couple spent a long time with us. I am sure Renu is looking down from heaven to get a chuckle to see her clothes been used for a good cause.
- On August 1st, HOPE House received nine volunteers from Lubbock, TX – USA representing Southcrest Baptist Church and Westminister Baptist Church. The group consisted of 8 ladies and one gentleman. They stayed with us for two weeks. Needless to say that the HOPE House kids enjoyed their time. If you like to read the entire story, refer back to my email to find a link below my signature.
- As you may know that some of our children have sponsors. Most of them write letters and try to stay in touch with the kids. One family had gone beyond the call of their duty. They decided to visit the child in India. Tami and Cliff came all the way from Denver, CO – USA on August 5th to see their supporting child Gayathri. If you like to read the entire story, refer back to my email to find a link below my signature.
- In September, we received a surprise gift box from the United States. Filled with clothes for the HOPE House kids. Each child received at least two pairs of clothes. Most of the clothes were very appropriate to Indian culture and weather. Our kids did get a kick out of some clothes with Spaghetti string tops and overalls. If you like to read the entire story, refer back to my email to find a link below my signature.
- Southcrest Baptist Church has agreed to our request to subscribe to two scientific journals namely "Journal of Adoption Quarterly" and "Journal of Child Sexual Abuse" to help us understand the intricacies of the issue from a scientific perspective. Cost of the journals is 207 dollars per year. We express our sincere thanks to Southcrest Baptist Church, Lubbock, TX.
- November is observed as an "Adoption Awareness Month". We want to make use of this month to promote the message of adoption in a big way in India. We plan to conduct competitions for adoptive families with exciting prizes. If you know of someone or a family that's touched by adoption, kindly encourage them to visit our blog (<http://www.indiadoption.blogspot.com>) to participate in the competitions.
- We are always looking for ways to improve the experience of our sponsors. So far they have been communicating with our kids through a secure and an exclusive web site. Now we have taken that to a new level. For our sponsors, we have installed a webcam at the HOPE House to see their sponsoring children. Sponsors can give a day's notice to arrange for this facility.

Link to our blog: <http://www.indiadoption.blogspot.com>

Supporting the HOPE House

HOPE House spends approximately 5000 rupees (125 dollars) on monthly groceries (including food for 14 children + 2 staff, cosmetics such as soaps, shampoos, toothpaste and disinfectants.

HOPE House welcomes generous hearted individuals to underwrite our expenses for a month/ fortnight or a week.

If you're interested, write to us at indiahopehouse@gmail.com

HOPE House construction

HOPE House intends to have 20 cluster homes where each house accommodates 5 kids and an adult.

Except for common facilities such as a library, and a playground, each cluster home will be self-contained.

If you like to know more about how to become a partner in this construction work, write to us at indiahopehouse@gmail.com

If you're touched by our message, and inspired to support us, Kindly follow the details below

- If you're living in the US: Address your payments to "HOPE House International and mail them to:

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

(HOPE House International is a non-profit organization in the US (501c3) and your contributions are tax deductible maximum allowed by the US law.)

- If you're living in India: Address your payments to HOPE House" and mail them to:

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

(HOPE House is a non profit organization in India (80G) and your contributions are tax deductible maximum allowed by the Indian law)