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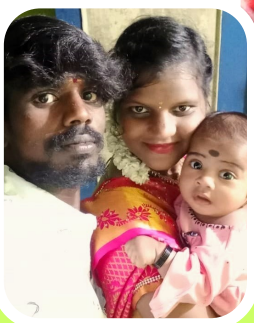
Increasing costs in India

You will not be surprised to hear that inflation in India has been rising considerably in recent years and this is affecting all projects. Shalem has recently contacted us to explain how the rising cost of living in India is impacting the Children's Homes. "From one year it became hard to maintain our Children's Homes with your monthly support because cost of living went too high so, there has been much change in the purchase of food items in these five years and also on some fancy items like toiletries, some eatable things have raised excessively."
The list he enclosed with monthly expenditure of children's food and other expenses in the Children's Homes shows clearly the increases they are struggling with. Other projects are similarly impacted. If anyone can increase their giving to help with this, it would be appreciated.

New Baby Girl

On a more cheerful note, twenty one year old Rachel who joined the Children's Home in January 2010 as a 6 year old, has recently had her first child. Glady Angel was born in May in Chennai, where her parents now live. Congratulations to both her and husband Mani.





New TV

The television in the boys home stopped working two years ago, but we didn't have spare funds to replace it, especially as building works were required to secure it to the wall. Shalem appealed to local donors for help and Ajay Clinton son of Suvarna and Leelavathi, SalGOERCO members, came forward and generously donated ten thousand rupees from his first salary. Some of this was used to build a shelving unit, seen here, so that the new flat screen TV would be safe, essential in a room full of boys! This was a cheaper option than the original idea of bricking in the window and adding a wall bracket. There was a little left over but not enough to complete the purchase of the TV too, so we are still looking for R40,000 (approx. £380). I know the boys will be ecstatic when they finally receive it! Are there any generous people who might like to help us fundraise for this?



Please help us with Education Fees

Every year we help as many students as we can to continue with their education. There are many students from very poor families in the Bapatla area, including those in the Family Support Project and HIV/AIDS families who need educational support to access education. Considering the poverty in which they've grown up, frequently with no electric light by which to do homework, these students show a determination and ability to study which makes us want to respond. They have the potential to transform not only their own lives but those of their families and community. This year we are being asked to support 20 students. Average fees for the year for one child for a degree or intermediate course are approx. £150, considerably cheaper than a similar course here, but out of reach for these youngsters without our help. If you feel you could support a student or contribute to their costs or know any groups that might help, please let us know. It does make a difference!

Fundraising



Cake Sale



Imogen age 7 and Sebastian, age 6, spent the May bank holiday fundraising for SalGO Assist selling produce they had helped to make. They sold delicious homemade scones, flapjacks and chocolate crispies as well as plant seedlings. Friends, family and neighbours were notified of the event with Imogen's hand made posters. They raised an amazing £81.35! Well done both of you. If anyone else fancies putting on fundraising events for us we would be very grateful for the support.

Winnersh Fete

We were unlucky with the weather this year, with the wind and rain making it difficult to put and keep our gazebos up, but still managed to raise £290. Many thanks to everyone who helped at this and the Fayre. We would have struggled to do it without you all.





Spring fayre

We had a successful day at the Spring Fayre, with books, DVD's, puzzles and games for sale as well as some more unusual items, raising £154.00. If anyone knows of another event we could try fundraising at please let us know.

Wedding Congratulations



Congratulations to Dayana and Paul Rufus who were married this month. Both are graduates working in private companies. Dayana is the daughter of Suvarna and Leelavathi who both worked with the Family Support project (FSP) families from 2006 until recently. Suvarna is now working as an executive member of SalGOERCO and is also a local Pastor. We wish the couple a very happy life together.

Mosquito Net Windows

We have so far been able, with help from supporters, to send money for seven window screens to protect the children from mosquitos. If anyone feels that they can help purchase or help us to fundraise for another one, the cost per window is R12000 (£115). Only another 23 windows to go…….

Gift Aid

We would be very grateful if any of our supporters who haven't yet completed a gift aid form could do so. This is worth an extra 25% to us, at no cost to yourselves and makes a big difference to our fundraising efforts. Please contact us at: enquiries@salgoassist.org and we will email or post a form to you.

Contact us via the website
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