

Dear Friends,

New Admission...

We have admitted a new boy, Golu (centre of photo below), who is 7 years old and illiterate. After his Father abandoned him he has been passed around relatives who were reluctant to care for him, until his mother eventually brought him to us. He is the brother of Bagita and Vijay and has settled in really well. He has perforations in both ears so will need surgery quite soon. A good friend, at a local Christian hospital, has received significant funding for operations on children to be provided free of charge, so hopefully we can admit Golu and others in need under this scheme. Good health care is expensive in India, but thank God that He is touching people's hearts to donate funds for this purpose. Sadly we have witnessed children in the surrounding communities die through lack of funds for professional health care. Pray with us that standards of accessible health care, hygiene and education would continue to rise.



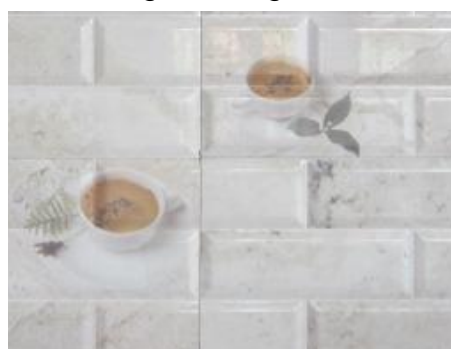
August was a difficult month as a viral infection swept through the school and church afflicting most of the children and staff with high fever, coughs and colds. Paramjeet, our medical worker, therefore has been especially busy and was delighted to receive a new scooter bought with money donated by a friend in the U.K. so he can take patients to and from hospital for checkups on a reliable vehicle. Praise God that our local charitable hospital provides excellent basic healthcare to all our children free of charge. Most of the children are now fully fit again.

The rice crop will be harvested mid October greatly reducing the number of mosquitoes and therefore the risk of malaria, please keep praying for protection for the children's health during this season.

All our children will be taking mid-term exams this month, then in October the weather will cool down and be pleasant until the cold weather arrives at Christmas.

BUILDING UPDATE...

The new school building is now 80% complete and should be ready by Christmas. Contractors are now working on the ground floor, the kitchen has been tiled



and ready to be fitted out and all the rooms just need to be painted and have fans fitted.



At the front entrance mosaic tiling and marble steps are now complete.



The two-storey Laundry complex, including staff accommodation, sewing centre and outdoor kitchen is currently being plastered and the next step is to fit the marble floors. These take time to polish which means work won't be complete until early in the New Year. The same applies to the security gatehouse (photo below).

The new academic year commences next March, so once the playground has been fitted, grounds landscaped and interior furnishings put in place we think that will be an ideal time to move in. We already have a waiting list of new candidates for admission. Please pray that the Lord will provide the staff and volunteers needed to cater for an increased capacity of up to 80 children!



Thank you for your fantastic faithful support.

Blessings to you all in Jesus' name,

Everyone at Morning Star

