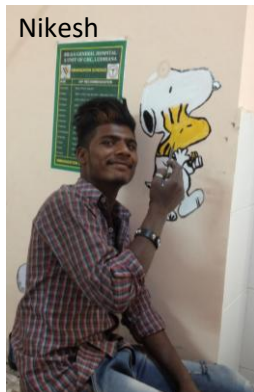


Morning Star Ministries Update May 2017

Dear Friends,

In March/April we had another new volunteer, who is a Christian artist. The local charitable Hospital asked us to bring a sense of hope and peace to patients with worried minds by brightening up the outpatients department with murals that might also make it more user friendly, especially for children. So our new volunteer and some of our older boys had great fun painting animal cartoon characters all over the walls to transform the environment. What do you think?



Nikesh has completed his GCSE'S (results next month) and has a real artistic talent. So, we are currently trying to arrange for an apprenticeship for him with a local artist.



Education



Roopa passed the first year of her 'A' levels at boarding school and is now embarking on her final year. Please keep her in your prayers as she misses home despite making new friends at school.



Sanjay is also embarking on his second year of 'A' Levels



Sonny is working with a local carpenter while awaiting 2 GCSE retakes in June



Atesh is beginning the first year of his 'A' levels

Thank you for your prayers during this exam season. All of our children who took local end of year exams passed and have moved on to the new academic year which runs from April to March 2018.

Monu has begun a one year beautician's course, which will give her a certificate enabling her to seek employment /work as a beautician anywhere in India. She is greatly enjoying the course so far.



Congratulations to all our 'A' level students who passed their final exams as follows.....



Kaloo, who now hopes to do a degree in Physical Education as he would like to be a P.E Teacher. He is a very talented sportsman and has shown an ability to lead others so we believe he will make an excellent sports teacher. Please pray for the right course at the right place.



Ajay, who has enrolled on a two year car mechanic course which will enable him to earn a good living, whilst he continues to lead worship at church and develop in his musical gifting.



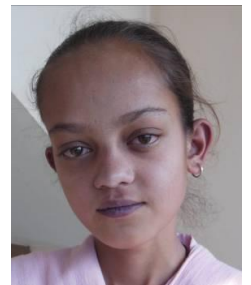
Navjot, who attained the most marks in her exams and would like to train as a nurse, please pray for the right course at the right institution.

Kirandeep.....



This is a bittersweet testimony. Kirandeep was born with major heart and lung defects which made it difficult for her to breathe and doctors didn't think she would make it into teenage years. Her parents brought her to us six years ago when she was 13. We prayed and consulted the best cardio-thoracic specialists but all of them told us there was nothing that could be done for her medically or surgically. One top specialist told us privately that he thought she wouldn't live for longer than six months. So, we carried on praying and Kirandeep and her Mother became committed Christians. Kirandeep was very intelligent and continued her education passing her GCSEs with good marks. As there is no school or college in our village where she could study for 'A' levels her Mother asked us if we might help. We agreed to employ an extra teacher so that Kirandeep could study for 'A' levels with us at Morning Star School. Sadly Kirandeep's condition gradually deteriorated and on April 9th, just a few days after taking her final 'A' level paper, she went to be with Jesus forever. April 9th was Palm Sunday and we feel it's as if the Lord himself held out a palm branch to his precious daughter Kirandeep on that day and ushered her into His presence where there is no more pain, suffering or tears. Truly, she fought a good fight, she lived

a courageous life, never giving in to the despairing medical opinions or her failing health, and of course she passed her 'A' levels but more than that, she passed life's great test and now she is at rest. Her Mum told me that her daughter taught her how to live bravely and to make the most of every day. We shall never forget Kirandeep and the wonderful example she gave of suffering adversity bravely and with great dignity.



Medical



Baljit is now walking again after suffering a badly fractured lower leg in February. He is back at work doing light duties and hopefully will be fully fit, able to ride his motorbike and resume all duties again in another month or so. He is very grateful for all the support and prayers.



Kulvir Ram's chemotherapy is continuing. The tumour is resisting so do keep praying for him

Manjit Kaur is a housewife and mother of two who attends our church. She sustained a badly broken ankle after falling down the stairs a few weeks ago and required orthopaedic surgery which we helped to facilitate. Please pray for her complete healing.

Thank you for praying for these precious people and do please pray for the continued good health of all at Morning Star during the hot summer where germs seem to spread so easily and the mosquito and other disease carrying insect population increases!

New Shool Staff and Infrastructure.



We have employed new security and cleaning staff for the safety and maintenance of the new school building and have had water softening, filtering and cooling systems installed.



Before moving the children into the new building we want to have adequate competent staff in place to give the children the care and attention they need. We have been praying for dedicated helpers to join us as residential workers and currently we have two young Christian families living and working with us for a trial period and things are looking positive.



Mattay and Savita are from Marharastra (where Mumbai is) so their mother tongue is Maharati, the same as the majority of our children (this is spoken in their family homes but they are educated in Punjabi, Hindi and English) and they have experience in pastoral and teaching work, leading worship and many practical skills. They have two small children of their own (Arav and Sophia) and have quickly developed a loving connection with our children.



Mark and Vydia are from central India and they also have two children (Rachel and Ruben). Mark was orphaned at 7 days old, he was brought up in a children's home and has since worked in a children's home as well as other ministry settings. He is a good Bible teacher and has a quiet gentleness about him. He and his wife are hard workers and have many practical skills. Please pray that we and these two families will know definitely, from the Lord, if it His will for them to work with us on a long term basis.

Please also pray that, with the Lord's help, we would find a suitable cook/catering manager to run our large kitchen. Someone who understands budgeting, stock control, personnel management and nutrition. Good nutrition is so vital if our children are to reach their potential, especially when so many have suffered from malnutrition in early life.

in June we are hopeful all things should be ready to move the school, the girls, and our younger boys into the new building, while the older boys will continue to live in the church.

Devon

If any of you feel you know of groups or churches where we can share the latest news and testimonies from Morning Star do get in touch.

Once again we can testify to God's rich provision and blessing in our lives over the past two months and we extend a huge **thank you** to all of our faithful friends, volunteers and supporters. Bless you. ☺

With Love in Jesus' name,

All at Morning Star