

Morning Star Ministries Update January - February 2018

Dear Friends,

After hosting 500 visitors to our church over Christmas, January got off to a sad start following the sudden death of a beloved sister in our church. Mrs. Palwinder Sharma, wife of Mr Vijay and mother of Mani our science/English teacher, passed over into glory on December 30th after a battle with double pneumonia and heart failure. Please pray for Mani and her family at this difficult time.



Since losing her Mum, Mani has not felt able to return to teaching but God provided an excellent temporary replacement in Raksha, a nurse who came to spend Jan/Feb with us while on furlough from a mission hospital. She taught Mani's classes, administered healthcare to our children, took assemblies, taught bible stories and shared her life with us. Before she left Raksha told us that she had received much more than she has given. That she could see clearly that our children had "tasted that the Lord is good" and that they all know God's love deep in their hearts. In her spiritual life she said that during her time with us she learned many things, chiefly that it is more blessed to give than to receive. ☺



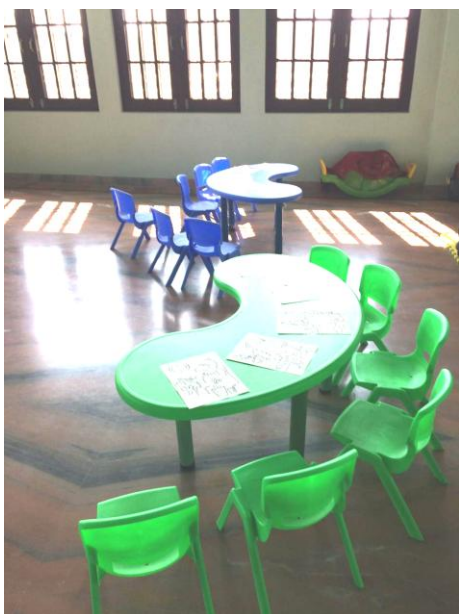
Thank you Raksha.



We also had volunteers from Canada...David and Linnea who taught Music (all the children played ukuleles ☺), helped to equip our nursery classroom, trained our infants' teacher Sandeep and much more...Like Raksha they also told us that they had received more than they gave, mainly from the open hearted love of our children.



Thank you Linnea and David. ☺



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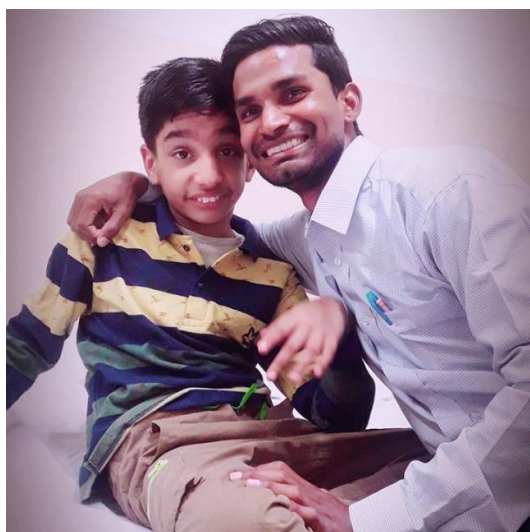
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In January we participated in a Unity Football cup with other teams from around the world. We were encouraged to do this by yet another volunteer, from the U.K, Jonah. He did some coaching with our first, and

possibly last, Morning Star football team...it wasn't enough to prevent us from being beaten 6-0 in the knockout stage but we had great fun ☺. Jonah also helped us to organize our first basketball tournament. Thanks Jonah.



At the end of January Raj received the news that he had passed his Rehab Therapy course in the first division and he is now working in the Rehab department of a large Christian hospital. Here he is pictured with a young man who had both legs amputated and went to the hospital for rehabilitation to learn how to use new prosthetic legs, Raj is helping him. We are proud of you son....

At the same hospital we are also facilitating physiotherapy and occupational therapy for Abishek, a 2 year old boy with cerebral palsy... he is making good progress.



We also had another volunteer from England, Jono, who became "fully immersed" in the children's lives in February. He taught Maths, English, played sports (Morning Star family volleyball matches are a riotous affair!), led worship and encouraged all of our children in their faith. Before he left he told the children...."you are all really smart, some of you know more about English than me.... I can see that you love God...I will be back soon."

We are humbled and delighted that all our volunteers saw a deep love for Jesus in our children....a small reflection of His wonderful love for us. The love that continues to inspire and sustain us all here at Morning Star and I am sure continues to inspire your support.

God bless you

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