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Newsletter July 2026 ~ Orissa Hostel

Dear Friends,

Greeting from India, where the weather is cooling down since the rains have started. Here are a few photos of what is happening on our side of the world. As a recap, the children are enrolled in some of the best schools. Last year we had 58 children. This year we had an increase of 15 new children. Our 19 older boys moved up to the hostels of High Schools; one received a scholarship for specialized Government school, while others chose different skill development training to boost their careers.

This brings our hostel total up to 54 children: 30 girls and 24 boys.

Let us first introduce the Orissa Hostel staff: wonderful, dedicated, local people: They fill different roles as: House-Parents, Tutors, Cooks, Handymen, Shopping, Nursing, Driver, Public Relation, Gardening, Security, etc. But, most of all they love and enjoy being with the children!



Sumanto and his wife Swagatika



Paresh and his wife Jasmina



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The children are off to school –
They are escorted and collected by Sumanto and Paresh.



After play and exercise,
it is homework in the study hall.



Instead of individual Birthdays, we decided to celebrate them one month at the time. This month of July, the celebration was for (L to R) Swagatika, myself, Richob, Zekiel and Eden. As a team we cut the fantastic home-baked cakes, before the music, fun and dancing.



During Andrea's visit in March, we were able to introduce ourselves to new companies as well as reestablishing former contacts. One paint company was happy to donate sufficient to repaint our building, before the rains started.

Visitors from the Big City



Saturday morning, on the fourth of July, a team of seven people from a large hotel visited us with schoolbags and math-aids for all the children. It was a fun visit with games, and a special paneer, chicken lunch sponsored by the Hotel CSR (Company Social Responsibility). The visitors told us that it was one of the very best visits they had ever done for their CSR projects.



Due to the rains the Orissa government declared a free-day. The children were eager to help in the garden, pulling weeds and planting new young trees.



Between Andrea and I, stands the much-loved sister Jayanty, from the school where our children study.

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Thank you for making this possible with your well-wishes, your prayers and support. May you be rewarded with good health and the happiness of knowing that these children have a solid springboard for a good start in life. *John & Andrea*