



Independent Church in India

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

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FINDING LOST SOULS

ALMOST THERE! ORPHANAGE BUILDING PROJECT NEARER TO COMPLETION

Your help will allow us to finish this urgent project!

This is our first special edition of *Finding Lost Souls* and it is dedicated to the orphanage building project. First, we want to deeply thank everyone who has been supporting the orphanage project both financially and by prayer. In March of 2005, Independent Church in India (ICII) got all the approvals that they needed to start building the orphanage. This has been a vision of ICII for years. The pastors and their team members have been praying diligently for the Lord to enable them to build a loving home for orphans. The vision began as the pastors and their team members saw many orphans of all ages in the

"It is well worth sacrificing our own comfortable lifestyle to help these children. Now we are praying that the Lord will send more people who have the same burden in their hearts. Even though a person may not physically go to India as a missionary, the Lord can use them in a mighty way right here, to pray for and support the orphanage, because without this kind of help, it would be impossible to reach out to these desperate children".

...US Missionary Kathy Smith

remote villages as they would go to preach the Gospel. It was very heart-rending to see the hopelessness and misery on these children's faces. Each time they would see an orphan, the burden grew in their hearts to start an orphanage. The Lord provided enough funds in March to lay the foundation, and ICII has been going forward by faith since then. At the writing of this newsletter, the project has now been finished up to the lintels, which is right above the windows. In the upcoming weeks, by faith, ICII will be building the walls up to the ceiling. Lowell and Kathy Smith and their children returned home to the United States right after the foundation was

laid to raise funds for the rest of the project, and are planning to return to India again in the fall. The Smiths are looking for helpers in the US to get personally

involved spreading the word about the work in India and to help find sponsors for the the children who will live at the orphanage. Many of the orphanages in India are called

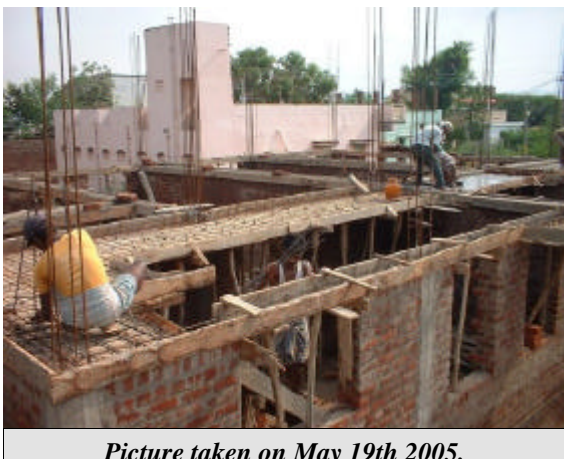
government hostels, which unfortunately are not always a very pleasant place for the children to live. They are fed mostly cheap white rice diets, and they must work hard, and hostel workers will often beat the children for very small reasons. Many of these children get sick often because of lack of care and not enough nutrition in their diets. If an orphan child does not live at a hostel, then many will live on the streets begging for someone to have mercy on them to give them food. Sometimes their remaining relatives who do not want to take responsibility for a child, may send



Pastor Richard, the Smith family, and church members praying over the orphanage land a few days before the foundation was started.



Orphans at remote villages.



Picture taken on May 19th 2005.

them to work as early as seven years old. If this happens, the child will have to work hard at jobs others do not want, such as cleaning up cow waste, and other unsanitary jobs. This may still only allow them to eat once a day. Independent Church in India wants to make a big difference in these children's lives. Not only will they get a healthy and balanced diet, but also education, medical provision, toys, and clothing. These orphan children are desperately starving for love and acceptance. At their new home we will make sure they receive the love and care they so much deserve. We will diligently teach them about the Lord Jesus Christ and how to live a godly life in Him. This home will provide for twenty-four children, twelve boys and twelve girls, as we get sponsors for them. This building can also be added



The orphanage up to the lintels.

Here is some of the things we want to offer these precious children:

- Christ's love with lots of tender care
- Bible teaching and godly upbringing
- a healthy diet
- medical provision
- education
- clothes
- toys

on to in the future to give more homes for orphans. We will give them lots of love and tender care. Our goal is to adopt orphan children from both the tsunami disaster area and remote village areas that have lost both of their parents, or that have been abandoned, which also unfortunately happens quite often in India. One concern we have about adopting children from the tsunami area, we must finish the orphanage quickly before any of these children are forced into child labor or other unpleasant situations.

To completely finish this whole project it will only cost about \$7,825. In our last newsletter we had \$7,000 to raise for the main



Kathy Smith sitting with an orphan brother and sister whose mother committed suicide and their father abandoned them. These children sometimes only eat once a day.

construction, a remaining \$2,500 must still be raised for the building supplies for this main construction, all electrical wiring will cost \$1,725, all plumbing and for a deep well system \$2,450, and for painting \$1,150. If anyone would desire to donate a thousand or more dollars for this project we will put your name on a plaque that will be hung up in the orphanage to keep in remembrance of you so the

“When Lowell and I started working with ICII three years ago, the Lord put the burden in our hearts to help them build their orphanage. In the past, before meeting ICII, I would never have imagined the Lord would use us to help to build an orphanage because I always thought of very large expenses. But here in India, according to American standards to buy a piece of land and build an orphanage has become a reality and it can be done for around one fourth of the price of an average American home for one family to live. But far more are the awards that go along with this, to help innocent precious children that have nowhere to turn and to give them the love of Jesus that they are desperately searching for”.

... Kathy Smith

“Because we are a small ministry, we don't have to take overhead expenses out of the orphanage donations. We are pleased to be able to make the commitment to ICII supporters that 100% of the money given for the orphanage will go directly to the orphanage project”.

...Lowell Smith

children can pray for you daily. After this home is provided for, each child will need a sponsor each month. A stove, cooking supplies, bunk beds, and a refrigerator are some of the things the orphanage will need after being built.

Please pray how the Lord would have you get involved in this home of refuge and for these children who are so special in Jesus' eyes. We may not be able to rescue every child, but we can start reaching out to twenty-four of these precious children. Each day that goes by, there is a child that is alone suffering, hungry, feeling rejected, and without any hope for his or her future. Together, we can give these orphans a new happiness in this life, and hope for eternal life. Help us put a smile on their empty faces by



Orphan boys from tsunami area.

helping us to soon finish this loving home for them. You can be a big part of changing lives today...