



Child Care

June – August 2014

With the commencement of the new school year, the children look forward to starting a journey of knowledge and discovery. This is a pivotal period for IGL's child care wing to not only equip these children with the educational materials needed for the new school year but also to take them farther along the path of knowing their Maker.

School Kits Distribution



In July, through IGL's sponsorship program, 4,500 children received new school kits that contained books, stationery and other school supplies. The children also received school uniforms. The children were so eager to get their new supplies, they lined up hours before the scheduled time. They waited patiently in perfectly straight lines eager to get hold of the school kits and uniforms. When they finally had the kit in their hands, they quickly went over each and every pencil, notebook and eraser as if it were a priceless treasure. They proudly wear their uniform, sling the bag across their tiny shoulders and walk with their heads held high.



These school supplies are a small but significant gift. They encourage the child, build their confidence and enable them to start a journey of learning and discovery. Their journeys will take them farther along the path of education and knowledge but also farther along the path of knowing their Maker. Many friends of IGL gave generously to provide these priceless gifts to our little children. Thank you very much. You have helped light a fire in their hearts to go forth, seize opportunities and meet their destiny.



Blessing Home Playground Dedication



In June, Blessing Home for children in the Manachanallur region received a long awaited gift. With few toys of their own, many of these children spent their free time playing with sticks and rocks in the open field surrounding the home. On July 17, Rebecca Stanley dedicated and opened a playground for the 70 children of Blessing Home. Now, the children can enjoy their evenings and holidays by using the slides, swings, see-saws, jungle gyms and merry-go-rounds available to them on the playground. All of the materials were dedicated by our generous sponsors. We thank and praise God for providing this playground for our children.



Children's Banquet



The nearly 500 children of Elizabeth Home, Anderson Home, Vishranthi Home and Sharon Home were invited to the Carmel Conference Center on July 18, 2014, for a banquet. The evening was filled with a wide range of activities that included songs, gymnastics, dances, skits and some cultural activities. The children were able to demonstrate their talents in front of a big audience. Mrs. Rebecca Stanley welcomed guests, Rev. Bill Tumulty and his team from the USA. They enjoyed watching the program and even participated in some of it. At the end of the program, they taught the children a song that delighted them a lot.



After the program, the children enjoyed a delicious dinner of mutton bryani. We thank God that these children were able to come together and enjoy a festive evening.

Independence Day and National Sports Day Celebration



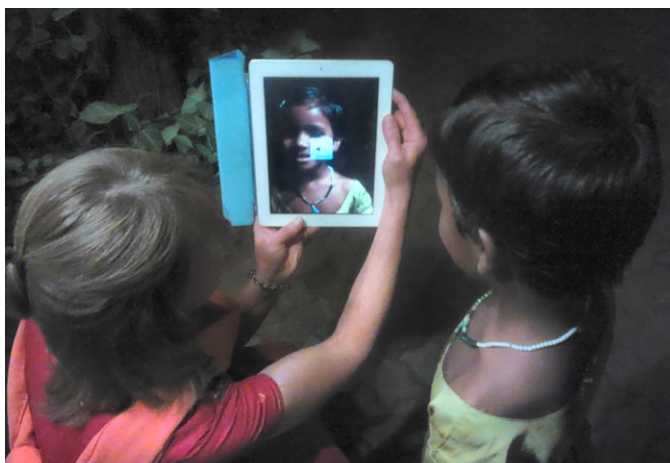
India's Independence Day, on August 15, is a holiday that is celebrated across the nation with great joy. It commemorates the nation's independence from British rule on August 15, 1947. Independence Day was also celebrated in all of the IGL's children's homes and schools. Each home came up with their own unique way to commemorate India's independence. The IGL-India office staff had the opportunity to go to the homes and join in on the fun. The staff were amazed to see the involvement and unity of children throughout the event, they also enjoyed the chance to get in on the action. The winners of various events were awarded prizes at the end of the event and pictures were taken.



Sponsors Visit

In July and August, many children at Sharon Home, Rebekah Home, Sharon School, Pallipatty School and some in the daycare and evening study centers had the opportunity to see their sponsors. This was an experience that words cannot describe, not only for the children, but also for the sponsors.

Knowing they are sponsored, these children have a deep love and respect for their sponsors. But when a sponsor makes the journey all the way to India to meet, hold and share their love, the impact is eternal. The sponsor becomes a living, breathing embodiment of the love of Christ to their child. In turn, the sponsor is blessed by getting to stare into the eyes of their child and see firsthand the impact their commitment makes. Linda Willis traveled to India in September with a team of women to teach at a WWM conference.



During their short visit to Sharon Gardens, Linda met her sponsored child. With tears in her eyes, she shared her experience. "I thought she would focus on the gifts I brought her. But really, she just wanted to spend time with me. I could tell that IGL took good care of her and she wasn't lacking anything, but she just really wanted to know that someone loved her. She sat as close to me as possible the whole time." Linda went on to describe how impressed she was with all the children at Sharon. She said that she hopes that all the sponsors would get a chance to meet their children. The last thing she said was, "I just fell in love with her." Praise God for allowing our children to be a blessing to their sponsors and blessing them with the chance to meet the people who have made their futures a brighter place.



Prayer Points:

Please pray for good health and protection for our children in the various IGL homes and schools.

Please pray for the children's studies during this academic year.

Please pray that the children will grow in Christ's love.

Please pray for the needs of the new house parents.

Please pray for sufficient rain to raise the water level of the wells.

Praise Points:

Praise God for His blessings, protection and goodness toward the children.

Praise God for the children's spiritual activities.

Praise God for pouring His strength and knowledge upon the children through their education.

Praise God for the annual sports meets that were conducted in each home. It was a great encouragement for the children.

