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Star Fest Celebration



Star Fest is a special event conducted over two days at the beginning of December especially for children from IGL homes. It is held at the Carmel Conference center in Salem where close to 800 children attend each year. Children are given the opportunity

to express their talents on a beautiful platform, which is set up specifically for them to perform. The children present dances, songs, skits, speeches as well as participate in drawing competitions and Bible quizzes. The children thoroughly enjoy these activities and the opportunity to discover hidden talents. Entertaining puppet shows are also conducted for the children, which they enjoy im-



Children at Star Fest program - December 2013

mensely. For the adolescents there are devotions, counseling sessions, praise and worship meetings and times for prayer. The distribution of prizes to the winners takes place at the end of the celebration followed by a banquet. We praise God for allowing us



to conduct this program each year, which proves to be meaningful and memorable for the children.

Christmas Celebration

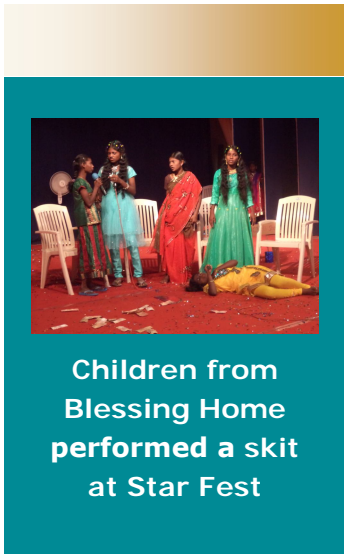
Each year Christmas programs are conducted at the homes before the kids are sent home for their holiday break. The children look forward to a very special Christmas feast which only takes place once every year. This special meal consists of Biryani (rice and cooked meat with spices),



Onion Raitha (onion and cucumber yogurt) and an Indian dessert (a milk based sweet). A short program takes place including a dance performance and drama skit as well as a gospel message shared by the pastor. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents



and members of the community to hear the gospel and be touched by the Word of God. Another joy for the children on this day is receiving gifts from their sponsors. This dinner and abundance of gifts is a simple and effective way to reinforce God's love for these children in a tangi-



Children from Blessing Home performed a skit at Star Fest



Children from Blessing Home enjoyed their Christmas dinner

ble way. This then encourages the children to continue to share the good news and their love of Jesus with loved ones in their villages during the holidays.

Republic Day Celebration



Blessing Home children during their trip to Kallanai



Although India became a free nation on August 15, 1947, it declared itself a Sovereign, Democratic and Republic state with the adoption of the Constitution on January 26, 1950. This day is one of the most important days in Indian history. Since then, the 26th of January was decreed a

national holiday and has been recognized and celebrated as the Republic Day of India. This year India celebrates its 63rd **Republic Day**. Republic Day is celebrated with much enthusiasm all over the country and especially in IGL homes. The children in the IGL child care programs marked the day with flag hoisting, games and distribution of sweets.

Superintendents Meeting

We just concluded our Superintendents' Training Program on January 30 – 31, 2014, at the Sharon Campus, Salem. It was two days of consultation and training for those in charge of the Children's Homes. Nearly 40 members were present and they were challenged to renew their mission and commitment in shaping



the lives of the children. It was really gratifying to hear the testimonies from the superintendents about the children growing in the Lord and exhibiting their talents during various programs. It was even encouraging to know the little children are praying with a deep burden in their hearts for the sick and the needy. Overall, it was a day that allowed each one to review the task at hand and give thanks to God for His guidance and provision. The meeting proved to be a time of sharing, learning and a great encouragement as we sought to provide utmost care for children within our homes.

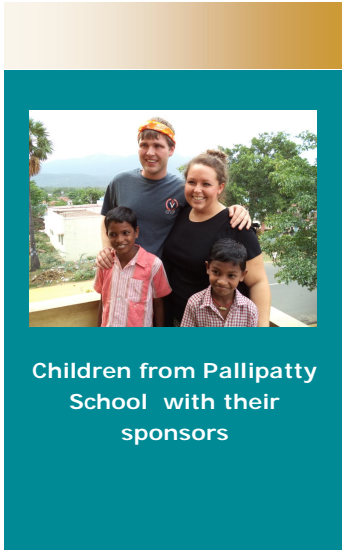


**Welcome Introduction—
Mrs. Rebecca Stanley—
Director, Child Care
at Superintendents'
Meeting**

Testimony - Open Arms Home



Vijyalakshmi is an 8-year-old child whose father is a drunkard and tortures his mother who is sick and bedridden. She earnestly prays for her parents every day with tears. All the children prayed for her sincerely, and in faith this little child fasted and prayed this month. During the parents' meeting her father confessed his behavior and feels sorry for this. She praises God for hearing her prayer.



Children from Pallipatty School with their sponsors



Prayer Points

- Pray for the children for God's protection during these days.
- Pray for God to provide street and campus lights for our Chittoor Home.
- Pray to God for the children who are all going to write their board exams.
- Pray for God to provide good & dedicated house parents for our Rebekah Home.
- Pray for God to provide a new vehicle for our Mercy Home in Theni.



Praise Points

- Praise God for our children in the Mercy Home & Embracing Home who achieved good marks in the half yearly examinations.
- Praise God for healing Rupa from our Chittoor Home, who suffered a severe allergic disease.
- Praise God for our two children who were baptized from Bethel Home in Bihar.
- Praise God who helped us to get the license renewed for our Blessing Home this year.



A Child from Embracing Mercy Home during medical camp.

