

## Teen Girls in India

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Since 2007 the pastors and leaders of Feed My People in India have been actively involved in rescuing teen girls from brothels and other types of promiscuous behavior. Many of these girls have found themselves in circumstances where they had no control. Extreme poverty, personal hardships, and poor choices contributed to others ending up in prostitution. The good news is that 400 girls in these and similar circumstances have been rescued and brought into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

The girls are brought from many villages to the Feed My People headquarters in Tenali, Andra Pradesh, India. They have the opportunity to complete a two year medical training program as well as attend Bible College. The girls live on the third floor of the building which also houses 85 orphan children, a primary school for the orphans, and vocational training programs.

When we visited in Tenali and spent time with the teen girls, we were impressed with their sweet and loving natures. You may remember the girls wanted to be given stickers and balloons like we had brought for the orphan children. Mary Grace, wife of Reverend Thomas, who leads Feed My People, told of the many hours and nights she spends with the girls, teaching them about a new way of life and eventually introducing them to Jesus. She said it is not always easy, and some of the girls run away from the home to return to their old ways. They have shared stories of

later finding the girls in different villages, or the girls returning on their own to be accepted back into the program. Mary Grace has such a precious spirit and is willing to pour herself into the lives of these teens.

This year, graduation for the girls was held on May 19th with 28 girls completing their course of study. Over the past seven years 25 of the girls have continued on for advanced training such as nursing school. You may remember that we provided scholarships for two teens in India last year and plan to continue to help them and other students for the new school year. Most of the other graduates of the program

have been able to find jobs within the medical field. Many of them now support themselves by working in medical clinics and doctor's offices, or as lab technicians and midwives.

Please remember these girls in your prayers as the new school year will begin soon. The village pastors are currently seeking girls who may need this opportunity and Reverend Thomas says they are hoping to have 30 new girls

join the program this summer. If you would like to help any of the girls, please designate your gifts for the scholarship program or the teen girls in India. We would also like to purchase a Bible for each of the girls. There are many expenses to feed, clothe and train the girls, but I can think of no better investment than helping these precious young girls transition from a life of entrapment to a new life of freedom in Christ.



28 teen girls graduated May 19th from medical school and Bible College

## "They Went Bananas"

Thank you dear partners for your generous response to the request to purchase ten new bicycles to help the orphans in Vietnam. We sent the \$350 they had requested and with it they were able to purchase nine bicycles and two air pumps.

These new bicycles are a big help in transporting the children to and from school each day. We received the bike receipt and a very nice thank you note from Pastor \*Daniel. After receiving the funds he went right away to the bike shop and made the purchase. He shared the kids reaction with us: *"The children went bananas when they receive it (the new bicycles) and they*



Thank you partners for making the purchase of these new bicycles possible!

*used it right on that afternoon for school."*

We will send the funds to purchase the remaining bicycle they still need this month. We also feel we should try to support this orphanage with 43 children and 5 staff members in other ways. We will send funds to help with the purchase of food this

month and as often as funds are available. Feeding the children remains the most urgent need as \*Li Su and her husband trust God to provide the daily needs of the children. 100% of any gifts you designate for Vietnam orphans will be sent to meet these ongoing needs. \*names have been changed

## Sponsors...time is running out!

Thank you for your faithful giving to provide food and education for the child(ren) you sponsor at Congo for Christ. Your monthly investment has truly improved the quality of the life of each child. Many of you have asked about the possibility of corresponding with your sponsored child. We now have the opportunity for you to send a letter and even a picture to your child in July. The mission team will be able to take them along so they can be translated and given to your child. You should have received an email with instructions and a link to submit your note for your child. You can also visit our website link at <http://www.global-outreach.net/#!write-to-your-sponsored-orphan/cljqd>. Just a short note of love and encouragement will mean so much to your child. Please hurry...the deadline is June 15th for your notes and pictures. Please help us show the children there is someone

who loves them and supports them. The children will be blessed and I know you will be also!



One title of Christ in the scriptures is "Lamb of God." He is the Lamb of God for sinners slain and in the book of Revelation we learn that with His blood he, *"purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation."* (Revelation 5:9) This shows us how global, inclusive, and far reaching is the love of God. The scope of our mission efforts should be no less!

Thank you and God bless you for your faithfulness! Bill & Renee Reed