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Serve the Children News

“This is Meena!” by Doug and Lu Collier

One of the boys proudly introduced me to his cousin as she arrived at the Ankoor Children’s Home in India while our team was there last year. Namaste! I was happy to meet her, and I reached down to take her hand as she smiled up at me. It was difficult for her to cross the courtyard and join the other parents and relatives who had made the journey from their small rural villages to attend the special weekend conference put on by Kiron and Nalini Gaikwad, directors of the Home. Her legs paralyzed by childhood polio, Meena pulled herself along the ground with her arms, picking up her legs and dragging them after her. She was determined to be at the conference with her cousin, and her smiling presence and positive attitude was wonderful to see.

Later, one of our mission team members talked about their desire to personally buy her a wheelchair. It took several months to get it, but now she can go just about anywhere on her new hand-propelled tricycle. She was so happy to receive it! And it was a great opportunity for Nalini to share with this young Hindu woman how good God is and how thankful they are for the blessings of Jesus.

Another one of those blessings is Soni, the Ankoor Home cow. She has been producing lots of milk, thanks to ample rains in the Lasina area, which result in good grass for her to eat. Through your donations, Serve the Children supplied the money to purchase her last year, and now all the children can have milk to drink. Soni is an answer to prayer.



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2008 India Mission Team

On November 28th, our team leaves for another two-week trip to the Ankoor Home. We are looking forward to spending time with the children and staff at the Home and visiting some of their villages, looking at other sites for future homes and schools and finding other opportunities to impact people in the community. The 2008 India Mission Team is:

Kyle Bristow
Doug and Lu Collier
Cleveland Futch

Please pray for the team as they plan, travel, and serve that they will experience the changed lives God has for us.

Serve the Children Needs

Serve the Children's mission is to improve the future of children by meeting their educational, emotional and physical needs in a Biblically based environment. Sometimes, we have the opportunity to help meet needs that are outside our usual parameters. Meeting these needs still makes a huge impact for Christ on the communities where our children live.

The Serve the Children Board would like you to consider helping in two areas of great need. Like many charitable organizations, our overall giving is down and we currently do not have enough funds for our ministries, so we need your help. And although we are in need ourselves, we would also like you to consider making a special donation. Our Country Director in Liberia, Sackie Kwalalon, has started a couple of church plants which need additional funding. He serves some of the poorest people in the area, and we support his desire to reach more people for Christ through these churches.

As a board, we understand that food and fuel prices have increased for everyone and that this impacts your family. And we know that people in Liberia and India also need our help and the hope it can give. Would you consider making a special donation at this time for our operations and for Sackie's churches in Liberia? Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support. May God bless you as you bless others with the resources He has entrusted to you.

- *“Please pray for the team.”*

Can you bless others with the resources God has entrusted to you?

- *Help fund Serve the Children ministries.*
- *Help Sackie's church plants in Liberia.*

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