



World's Children

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Dear Friends,

Over the past year and a half, the world has been through the greatest crisis most of us have seen in our lifetimes. But probably nobody was as frightened and vulnerable as the children in the 32 orphanages supported by World's Children. By government orders they were made to leave their orphanages and stay with relatives, if they had any. For most of them, it was not something they wanted to do. Many of the relatives who were now forced to care for them, had previously abused these children and that was why they had been taken to an orphanage. Even where there was no abuse, their uneducated families had no idea how to protect the children from a disease that was raging out of control in every village and every neighborhood, claiming lives and leaving families with no work, no money, no food. The orphanage staff were real heroes in using your sponsorship money to buy food and medicine and taking it to the children and their families.

Now the children are mostly back in the orphanages as the pandemic recedes. We have read in their letters to their sponsors what a relief it is for them to have the sanctuary of the orphanage again and the knowledge that they will be protected. And the orphanage staff will certainly do everything they can to keep the children safe. But covid has exposed some special needs for many of the orphanages, particularly when it comes to sanitation, food availability and reliable transportation. Covid attacked all three of these vital essentials and showed the need to address them.

Comfort after Crisis

is this year's theme for our annual fundraising campaign
to improve conditions in the children's homes.

We chose that theme because we all want to let the children know they can once again be safe and comfortable after 18 months of fear and uncertainty. If you look at the list of project requests you will see a pattern. The homes need better transportation to purchase food and take children to a doctor. They need affordable and nutritious food and that often means growing it themselves or keeping chickens, cows and goats. They need to be sure their home is sanitary and that means better sewage systems, a sick room to isolate children who may be contagious, and beds and dining room tables to get the children up off the floor. Simply ensuring every child has their own bed says to those children: now you are home, now you are safe. Sleep well, child.

With gratitude for your kindness,

David Purviance
Executive Director

P.S. Please help with whatever you can afford to give and let the children know we want them to be comfortable and safe after the trauma they have endured.

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Comfort after Crisis – Project Requests

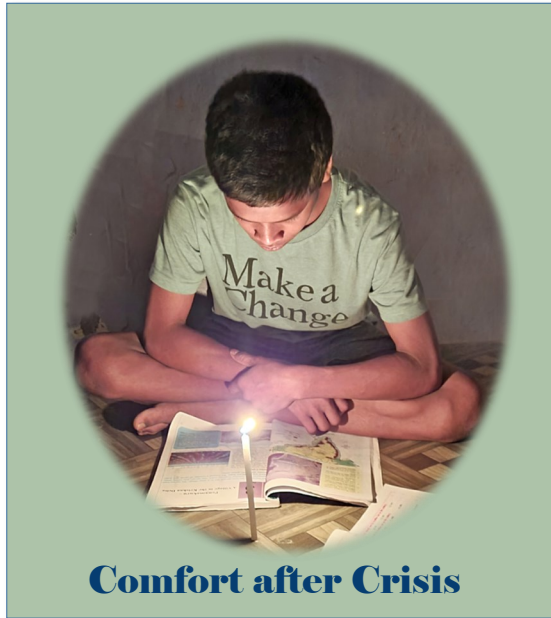
Home Name	COMFORT AND SAFETY	Cost
Bethel Orphanage	Government ordered repair of cracked walls and painting over mold inside and outside the boys' dorm housing 43 boys.	\$7,388.
Nithya Sahaya Matha	Lockers for the personal items of 80 children. (\$9 per locker)	\$727.
St. Anthony's Orphanage	Desks and chairs for 160 children in their study hall. Now they must sit on the floor to do homework. (\$45 for one child)	\$7,305.
Kaithar Boys' Hostel	80 desks and benches for the children so they do not have to sit and study on the floor.	\$7,138.
Balavikasita Orphanage	Five inverters with batteries for their boys' home and girls' home affecting 90+ children. Often, they must eat and study by candlelight.	\$4,214.
Nambikkai Illam	15 dining tables and benches for 80 children.	\$7,540.
Nambikkai Illam	30 beds, mattresses, pillows and bed spreads for 30 girls. (\$145 for one bed set)	\$4,342.
	CONSTRUCTION	
Bethel Orphanage	Study hall for 43 boys to do their schoolwork. Currently they sit on the ground outside.	\$22,891.
Happy Home for Children	Boys' dormitory for 55 boys. Already 12 covid orphans have arrived. Government has mandated that a new dormitory be built. The dorm they have is too small.	\$37,038.
Balavikasita Orphanage	Dining hall needs roof/wall construction. Partial roof and walls now allow rain to pour in. Also rats get into the stored food.	\$12,955.
Shanthi Nilayam	Finish construction of a library and computer room for 45 HIV-affected boys.	\$8,334.
Swadhar Children's Home	A new bridge over the canal in front of their gate. When it overflows, the 44 girls cannot go to school or get in and out of the home.	\$10,334.
	EDUCATION	
Scholarship Fund	We have 30 applicants who can't go to college without our support. Sponsor a student for \$600/year or give any amount to the scholarship fund. Their stories will break your heart but we can change their lives now.	\$18,000.
	HEALTH AND NUTRITION	
Shanthi Nilayam	Washing machine for 45 HIV-affected boys.	\$322.
Raichur Girls' Hostel	Sick room with cots, mattresses, medical supplies and an attached toilet to quarantine sick children for the benefit of 50 girls.	\$11,112.
Miriam Boarding Home	Refrigerator to store milk, vegetables and other food for 120 girls.	\$492.
Little Flower Home for Children	Steam boiler for kitchen for 130 children. They currently cook with wood and the dense smoke is unhealthy for cooks and children.	\$3,934.
Nirmala Matha Home for Children	2 cows (\$833 each), 4 goats (\$93/each) and 20 hens (\$7/each) to help feed 280 girls. Every day they purchase 40 liters of milk costing \$23.	\$2,223.
	TRANSPORTATION	
St. Elizabeth's Children's Home	Motor scooter to take children to doctor and to buy supplies. They have two-thirds of what is needed, but lack this amount. This project will benefit 67 children.	\$684.
Nirmala Matha Home	A motor scooter for getting to the city to buy fruits and vegetables for 280 girls.	\$1,759.
Athipet Tribal Girls' Home	A motor scooter for transportation that would aid taking care of 120 girls.	\$1,759.
Shanthi Nilayam	Motor scooter for small errands to the market for 45 boys affected by HIV.	\$2,011.
	WATER AND SANITATION	
Miriam Boarding Home	Construct a sewage water absorption pit for this home of 120 girls. Previously waste water ran into an open field but because of new railroad tracks blocking the field, sewage is now flowing into the campus.	\$6,168.
Assunta Asha Nilayam	A new drinking water treatment plant to filter drinking water for 30 HIV-affected children.	\$3,060.
Swadhar Home	Repairs to their water treatment filtration system to stop the children from getting sick.	\$936.



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Make a Change

When you read the project sheet you will see so many compelling requests from the homes. To the left you see a boy from Balavikasita studying by candle light wearing a tee-shirt saying, "Make a Change." Balavikasita has asked for an upgrade to their emergency lighting system because power cuts are frequent in their location in India.

Several homes have asked for beds, desks and dining tables to get the children off the floor. Below we feature photos from Nambikkai Illam. Generous donors contributed to construct a new dorm for 30 girls and dining hall for 80 children in 2021. But the children are sleeping and eating on the brand new floors. Please contribute to beds, dining room tables and benches to get the children off the floor. Let's make some changes.



"We feel sad to make our children sleep on the floor. This affects them in all the seasons one or the other way. During summer it's too hot on the floor and it will be impossible to bear the heat. In rainy season there are chances to get affected by the cold and fever." — Sister Stella



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What joy, comfort and safety you brought to the children of Nambikkai Illam.

Let's bring comfort to more children this year!





Shanti Nilayam, a home for boys affected by HIV, needs help completing a construction project (left). The ground floor and second story are finished and they provide a dining room, kitchen, bedrooms and a sick room.

“Above the second floor we laid the sheets for a roof and left it open due to lack of funds. We want to construct a library and computer room for the boys. We only have to construct walls, fix doors and windows, electrical, plumbing and flooring.”

— Vijaya Rani



Photo (left) shows the scooter you provided for Pandaravedu Orphanage last year. This year, four homes have requested help to buy scooters.

“Athipet Children’s Home is situated in a hilly slope called Jawadhu Hills. Transportation is very poor in this area. There is no bus service to this village. That makes it difficult for us to reach the town for emergencies, and for buying provisions, vegetables and other needs of the children.”

— Sister Sargunam



Healthy and Fun

In addition to the projects we featured here, there are so many other necessary projects that provide comfort, education, health, transportation, water and sanitation. Let’s not forget to mention the animals. Last year you provided Annai Scholastica home with cows, goats and chickens to provide milk, cheese and eggs. This year Nirmala Matha Home for Children has asked for animals too. What a great way to bring comfort after crisis.

Please look through the project list. Choose a project that speaks to your heart and give whatever you can. When we work together, it is remarkable what we accomplish. Thank you!

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