



World's Children

2022 SAFE AT HOME CAMPAIGN

Fall 2022

Dear Friends,

SAFE AT HOME is the theme for our 2022 annual fundraising campaign to improve living conditions in the children's homes. We chose this name because many of the project requests involved keeping the children safe from deadly snakes, disease-carrying mosquitos, scorpions, and faulty wiring.

We were stunned when we read what Sister Catherine wrote requesting funds to screen in the outside of the children's sleeping quarters at St. Elizabeth's Orphanage in India.



“Our children's home is surrounded by fields. In rainy season many poisonous snakes are coming to the compound. This past three months we killed 18 snakes in our compound and two snakes inside the veranda and since it was night children were saved.

“On Saturday children were in school and as we were having lunch suddenly one of our sisters saw a snake on the wall and it came down and entered the veranda (snake above). At once we called our worker and he killed the snake. Thank God children were in the school. Here there is always fear of snakes and there are mosquitoes entering to the rooms and children are getting fever and sick.

— Sister Catherine

Snakes are a real concern in India. During a visit to the Nehru Zoological Park in Hyderabad, India a few years ago I walked through the serpentarium, where they had many snakes inside glass enclosures. There was a sign inside that I've never forgotten. The sign said: “Of India's 300 species of snakes, only 60 are poisonous.”

Only 60! It is estimated that an average of 58,000 people die of snakebite in India every year. According to the Centers for Disease Control, in the US it's around 5 deaths a year.

A number of children are in the orphanages because one of their parents died from snakebite.

Here in the U.S. we don't have to think much about those kinds of dangers. We have concerns for our family's safety, but generally we can trust the purity of our water supply, assume that poisonous snakes won't enter our homes, and regard mosquitoes as a nuisance rather than a deadly menace. But it is a different story in India.

Can you imagine being a child and fearing that you might step on a deadly snake when you have to visit the toilet at night? For those children that short trip to the bathroom is not just a groggy shuffle in bedroom slippers; it is a dreaded experience. Please make a donation to this year's Annual Campaign to keep the children safe.

With gratitude for your kindness,

David Purviance
Executive Director

P.S. The orphanage administrators really need your help to protect the children from these very real threats to their safety. Please give whatever you can to keep the children **SAFE AT HOME**.

Thank you!

2022 Safe at Home Campaign Projects

| Home Name | Total Kids | COMFORT & SAFETY | Cost |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---|----------|
| Nirmala Matha Home | 280 girls | Poisonous snakes are coming into the compound. To protect the children and cooks, the home needs solar lighting for toilets, bathing rooms and kitchen. | \$6,637 |
| Athipet Tribal Girls' Home | 194 girls | Doors on shelves and cabinets to keep snakes and insects out. | \$3,553 |
| St. Elizabeth's Children's Home | 51 children | Screens for windows and doors so that snakes and mosquitoes cannot get into the dormitory. | \$2,443 |
| Lucile Colony Girls' Hostel | 35 girls | A grill over their solar hot water system to keep monkeys out. Also replacement of 4 tubes damaged by the monkeys. | \$669 |
| Anna Vitiello Home | 64 children | Bunk beds (\$5,000) with mattresses (\$2,700) to get 64 children off floor. | \$7,700 |
| Annai Scholastica | 66 children | Nighttime solar lighting for the children's toilets, bathing rooms and the study hall. | \$4,974 |
| St. Anthony's Orphanage | 135 children | Solar panels for night lighting when the power is out. | \$11,488 |
| Balavikasita Orphanage | 86 children | 6 generators for the boys' and girls' homes. Currently, the children eat and study by candlelight when the power is out. | \$4,313 |
| Happy Home for Children | 90 children | 40 fold-up cots and mattresses to get 40 girls off the floor. | \$3,375 |
| Little Flower Home | 97 children | Screens for windows and doors. | \$3,868 |
| | | CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE | |
| Sister Seline's Home | 30 children | Repair and replace wood furniture, doors and windows damaged by termites. | \$12,172 |
| Little Flower Home | 97 children | Increase the height of their compound wall for privacy. | \$800 |
| Raichur Girls' Hostel | 57 girls | Electric repairs and window screen replacement. The electrical system short circuits when it rains and is dangerous for the children. | \$229 |
| Nithya Sahaya Matha | 88 children | Electrical wiring and painting for study hall, book room and kitchen. | \$1,619 |
| Balavikasita Orphanage | 86 children | Government mandated painting of the dormitory inside and out. | \$5,157 |
| Bethel Orphanage | 60 children | Painting the outside of the boys' and girls' dorms. Also repairing walls, windows, and door frames. | \$6,844 |
| Athipet Tribal Girls' Home | 194 girls | Open-air shed with roof for washing and drying clothes. | \$7,948 |
| Fatima Home | 47 children | Construction of a room for government officials and social workers to meet privately with children and for relatives of the children to stay overnight. | \$10,239 |
| | | WATER & SANITATION | |
| Katihar Boys' Home | 160 boys | They have 14 outdoor toilets that need renovation and they will add six new. | \$4,775 |
| Happy Home for Children | 90 children | Underground water tank to provide continuous drinking water for the children. | \$2,110 |
| | | HEALTH | |
| Anna Vitiello Home | 64 children | Washing machine so the children don't have to wash their clothes by hand. | \$782 |
| Anna Vitiello Home | 64 children | Refrigerator to preserve food. | \$657 |
| Balavikasita Orphanage | 86 children | Kitchen appliances and utensils have worn out and need to be replaced. | \$4,458 |
| Bridge of Hope Children's Village | 78 children | 10 homes need to be refurnished with: sofas, lockers, chairs, table, desks, beds, bedding, refrigerator & stove. Per home= \$5,384/home or \$53,840 for 10 homes. | \$5,384 |
| | | TRANSPORTATION | |
| Nambikkai Illam | 76 children | A motor scooter for appointments and to purchase groceries. | \$1,563 |



Help protect the children from these dangers

Nirmala Matha explains why their request is so critical

“Since the bathing rooms and toilets are outside the residence, our children are scared and feel dismayed to move outside during the night in the pitch dark. Though we provide them torch light, it’s very difficult to find poisonous creatures which hide under the bush and corners. Once when one of our girls went to the restroom in the night, she was bitten up by a scorpion and we had to take her to the hospital immediately that night since scorpion is a poisonous arachnid.

“We recently had another terrible experience in our home. When our cook had gone to cook in the morning for our children, she found a huge and poisonous snake inside the kitchen. There was not power that morning and she took the flashlight and went to the kitchen. She yelled with terror and ran out of the kitchen. Most of the time, it’s happening and no cook is willing to stay and cook for us. We got another good cook. Now she too had this experience and refused to stay and cook for us. We cannot avoid all these situations since we live in a forest area and it’s natural for the insects and other poisonous creatures to move around here. The only solution we found is to fix solar light in our home and get rid of obscurity everywhere when the power is cut.” —Sister Lourdu Mary

Annai Scholastica also needs protection from poisonous creatures

“Since our home is surrounded with the dense forest area, very often movement of poisonous creatures can be seen—especially in the night. Hence this is one of the reasons our girls get terrified and feel tremble when they move out of the house in the night to the restrooms.” —Sister Stella



Homes requesting lighting or screens:

1. Nirmala Matha Home
2. St. Elizabeth’s Home for Children
3. Athipet Tribal Girls' Home
4. Little Flower Home
5. Annai Scholastica Home
6. St. Anthony’s Orphanage
7. Balavikasita Orphanage

Balavikasita’s children can also benefit from alternative power. You see the children studying by candlelight in the photo above. The power goes off in India all the time and you never know when. Can you imagine caring for and educating 50 or more children without reliable light?

Katihar Boys' Hostel needs a new toilet building



"We have 160 boys in the hostel. We want to give them better facilities so that their life here will be more comfortable. Due to lack of toilets, children are not having a proper time for their needs. Some are always late as they have to queue for the toilets."

Father Xavier explains:
"We had only 8 toilets for day use and 2 for night use. In 2013 World's Children added 6 more toilets for day use and in 2016 they built 6 for night use."

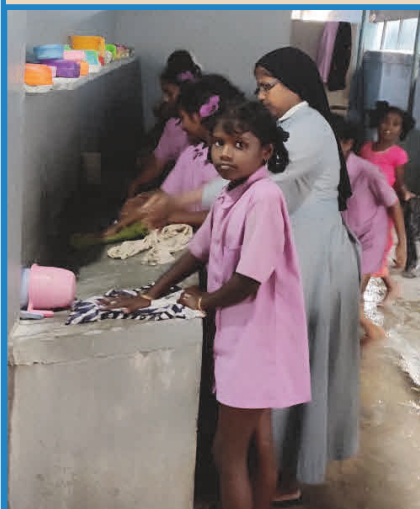


WC built these toilets in 2013. Now they need more toilets and renovations.

"We are planning to put the new toilet building near the old set of toilets. We are going to put tiles on the floor and two feet high on the walls. We are planning to have running water for the toilets. The children use the hand pump for their morning wash."

—Father Xavier, Katihar Boys' Hostel

"The six toilets made in 2013 were damaged by hail and the veranda between the toilets has no roof. During the rain the children get wet when they go in and come out to the toilet. So, we plan to build a concrete roof that will last long."



Pressing Needs at Anna Vitiello Home

This is our newest orphanage caring for 64 children that is located in Andhra Pradesh, India.

"We don't have any washing machine to wash the clothes of the children. We have running water and stones fixed to wash the clothes. 6th – 12th grade children wash by themselves. Children are finding it very difficult to wash their clothes each afternoon after school. When children are unable to wash, they go to school with same unwashed clothes and smell badly. During rainy season it is more difficult to wash the clothes. Hence, we request you to help our home with a washing machine and dryer so the children will be neat, tidy and healthy." —Sister Maria Varghese

Anna Vitiello Home has also requested a refrigerator and beds and mattresses to get the children off the floor.

*Please look through the project list. It may seem daunting, but when we each pitch in whatever we can, we can keep the children **SAFE AT HOME**.*

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