

Bethel Children Home Newsletter

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Dear friends of Bethel Children Home, a little over two weeks ago I returned from another visit to India and was able to visit the school in Bapatla and learn about the children's home and the children from Valipadma.

I also had the opportunity to invite 292 pastors of our Bethel Movement to a one-day conference and to speak to them together with Pastor Stephen Kumar (the head of the Bethel Movement, which is also legally responsible for the children's home and the school). It was very touching for me to meet these men and also to get to know some of their stories and backgrounds. What selfless, sacrificial and dedicated people!

At the end of my visit to Bapatla, I met the board of the Bethel Movement (officially the association is called "Bethel Rural Evangelical Unity" BREU) after a long time and we were able to discuss various issues concerning the children's home and the school. On the whole, our work there is going very well. However, there are also some "construction sites". For example, some of the school building needs to be renovated or repaired. We also don't have a printer or photocopier at the school because there has always been a lack of money for them. So our teachers and the principal always have to go outside to make copies or print out papers for the students. This involves a lot of effort.

God, the Father, is honored in the right way when someone stands by the orphans and widows in their need and does not take part in the unrighteous doings of this world.

James 1:27



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It has now been 13 years since I met Pastor Bolimera and his wife Valipadma. Back then, they lived together with 36 orphans and half-orphans in a small and old house. Many of these children are now grown up and have been able to leave the children's home. What do you think has become of them? I also asked Valipadma and the board this question.

In the following I would like to introduce you to some of these former children of our home and their story.



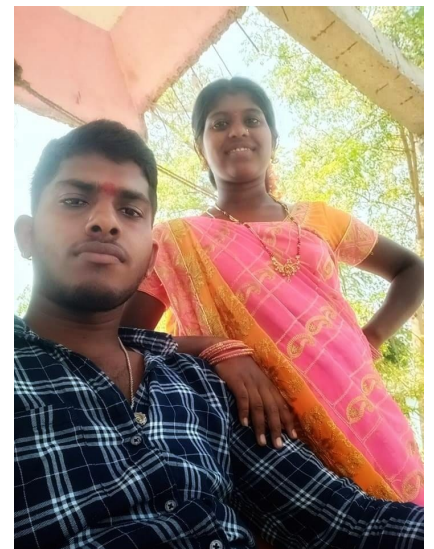
Munna: His mother was a prostitute. Munna doesn't know who his father is. After his mother gave birth to him, she no longer wanted to be with his father. His father decided to leave the boy and so he came to live with his grandparents. But they sent Munna to the street. Under these conditions, the mother came to the Bethel orphanage one day and left her child there. Without saying a word, she disappeared. Since that day, Munna has been cared for and loved by us. After 12 years of school, Munna is about to complete his bachelor's degree in economics in Ongole. Munna is 20 years old.



Madhuri: Her father was working in the fields at night with a tractor. In the dark, the tractor overturned and her father died in the accident. Shortly afterwards, Madhuri's mother fell ill and also died.

Madhuri came to live with her very poor grandparents, who were unable to provide for her. So Madhuri came to the Bethel Children Home at the age of 5.

Today Madhuri is 23 years old, married and has a son. Her husband is a driver and has his own car.





Moses: Moses' father died when the boy was 3 years old. His mother died a year later in an abortion. Moses has two sisters and a brother. The eldest sister went to live with relatives, the other children were left to fend for themselves. There was also a grandfather who lived alone and could barely feed himself. He brought the children to us at Bethel Children Home. Today Moses is 26 years old, has a job and is married.

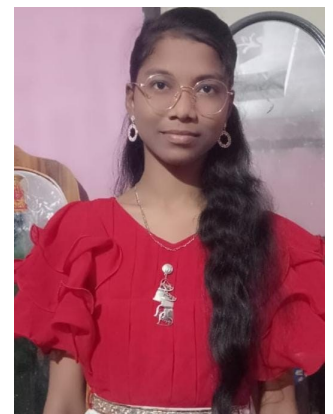


Lankaiah: His parents were snake and rat catchers. During a hunt, they were both bitten by a snake and died. Someone took Lankaiah and his brother to a pastor, but he couldn't take care of them and brought the two boys to us after seeing our home. They know no relatives. Lankaiah's parents had no house or possessions and moved from place to place. Lankaiah came to Bethel Children Home when he was 4 years old. Today he is 21 years old, attended school up to grade 12 and now has his own small store and organizes events.



Shanmukha: He has lived with us at the children's home since he was three years old. He completed his diploma in electronics and communication technology. He is currently in his 2nd year of B-Tech. Shanmukha is still living at Bethel Children Home.

Vijaya Durga: She came to our children's home when she was 7 years old and is now in the 11th grade. She lives together with 4 other young women in an apartment with Valipadma.





Sandeep: He was 6 years old when he came to us at Beth-el Children Home. He went to secondary school until the 12th grade and lived with us. He is now completing his bachelor's degree.



Venkey: He came to us when he was 7 years old. His father died of the HIV virus and his mother is also infected with HIV. Venkey has successfully completed school and is currently studying for his bachelor's degree.



When I visited Pastor Drakshavali in Bapatla 13 years ago together with Alain Emery to get to know him and his work, these children were at home in the house pictured below together with Pastor Drakshavali's family.

You can also see how lunch was eaten by the children at that time. In fact, they lacked almost everything... A lot has happened since then. With your help, your prayers and your faithful support, we have been able to place most of the orphans and half-orphans in good families.



Administrative support

The Bethel Children Home receives administrative support in Switzerland from the Delta Bern association.

Delta Bern manages the donations received by the Bethel Children Home and transfers them in full to India.

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and convert the children's home building, which we have been able to build in recent years, into a high school.

Most of our children go to school here up to the 10th grade and enjoy an excellent education, which gives them all a better future.

Bethel Children Home is a success story.

A heartfelt thank you to all of you!

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