



# ANNUAL REPORT 2005

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Beneficiaries going out to fish, in their new fibre glass boat. The tsunami of 26th December 2004 was devastating in its impact on tens of thousands of families. Livelihoods assistance consisting of 156 kits of boats, motors and nets under HOPE foundation's "Save The Family" initiative, has given nearly 500 families strong income-generating capacity. It took months of counselling before the fishermen could overcome fear and go out fishing again.



# Our Vision: Bringing hope. Changing lives.

HOPE *foundation* is an independent affiliate of HOPE *worldwide*, Ltd. Our vision is simple: to bring hope to those with none and to change the lives of everyone we come into contact with – our donors, volunteers, staff, NGO partners, government, and the poor whom we serve. Our mission, as a compassionate but non-sectarian international charity is to change lives by harnessing the compassion and commitment of dedicated staff and volunteers to deliver sustainable, high-impact, community-based services to the poor and needy.

HOPE *worldwide* provides non-sectarian assistance to more than one million needy people each year in 80 nations. It is a recognised NGO with special consultative status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and is a registered, private voluntary organisation with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Its fiscal management has been rated as 'exceptional' by Charity Navigator and has been awarded a four-star rating for five consecutive years – a rare honour. Known for best practice in a number of fields and with a variety of partners around the world, HOPE *worldwide* is recognised for its compassion and its high value-per-donated-dollar outcomes.

HOPE *foundation* was established as a charitable society in 1991. We have FCRA clearance, 80G income tax exemption, and have applied for 35-AC special clearance for specific programmes. We have many partners and friends throughout India, and operate over 90 benevolent programmes out of 22 cities, towns and villages.

The 'Centres of HOPE' concept has increasingly become the framework for organising and developing our work. The idea was pioneered in the Village of HOPE in Delhi during the earliest days of our work in India. It has since been refined through the Divya Orphanage and the Richard Centre of HOPE in Trichy, Tamil Nadu, through work in the city of Bhuj, the epicenter of the Gujarat earthquake, and in multiple tsunami-affected communities. In all these places, as well as in Chennai and Kolkata, Centres of HOPE are in various stages of development, from land acquisition to full-scale construction.

What is a 'Centre of HOPE', though? It is not necessarily a building, or even a specific location. It is, rather, a collection of programmes integrated to serve the poor and needy in a specific community. Centres of HOPE often have satellite 'mini-centres' where similar activities are carried out. The Mumbai Centre of HOPE, for instance, has satellites in Goa (for HIV/AIDS prevention) and in Pune (for vocational training). Centres of HOPE tend to focus on HOPE *worldwide's* longstanding areas of competency and activity: children, education, health, employment, outreach, and the elderly. Different centres have different mixes of these components depending on local needs and donor priorities.

What are the advantages of a Centre of HOPE?

It provides a focal point for community development, transformation and empowerment by bringing together volunteers, donors, staff, and the clientele – the poor and needy.

It is a nodal point where training and capacity-building can occur through various scaling-up mechanisms and the replication of effective practices.

It provides a structured environment for the effective involvement of international volunteers who, upon returning to their own nations, can bring other resources and partners into the HOPE *worldwide* circle of friends.

It is a place of encouragement where hope and faith can be spread both by and to all who visit. By involving everyone in the life of each Centre, our clients become participants and ensure that HOPE *worldwide's* ethos of compassion and faith is not just a 'top-down' directive but an organisation-wide quality.

It is a centre of excellence – a place of inspiration and creativity where grassroots, community-development micro-experiments incubate and develop. Once tested, these initiatives can be propagated rapidly through our united family of programme directors across the country.

At present we have fourteen Centres of HOPE across India, serving the poor in some 22 cities, towns and villages, and touching nearly 100,000 lives each year. Services range from the care of seniors, orphans and dying HIV/AIDS victims, through education and vocational training for over 5000 young people, to far-reaching health care and health awareness programmes impacting hundreds of thousands. We dream that, together with our partners, we can see Centres of HOPE grow throughout the nation, enabling the poor to also participate in India's new economic boom.





Dear Friend of HOPE  
*foundation*,

Another year has passed, a year of great trial and difficulty for many people in India, but one of tremendous progress and victory as well. HOPE *foundation* is humbled and honored to have had the chance to work with wonderful partners from around the world, and with its amazing clients, the thousands and thousands of people who want to help themselves and just need some hope in their lives.

The south Asian tsunami on December 26, 2004 resulted in overwhelming loss of life and devastation in countless communities that had few resources to help themselves. As one of the first charities to reach hard-hit areas like Nagapattinam, HOPE *foundation* provided immediate relief to many of the disaster victims. Staff

and volunteers from established HOPE programmes located near the coast helped to bury the dead, clear debris, set up medical clinics and sanitary facilities, and meet the psychosocial needs of the victims.

As other NGOs began to leave, HOPE *foundation* was able to expand its efforts. In Nagapattinam and Kancheepuram comprehensive and integrated rehabilitation programmes were established, including debris removal operations, sanitation redevelopment works, community savings and self-insurance programmes, education and school construction programmes, vocational training initiatives, and health care projects. The organization also facilitated the donation of hundreds of kits through donors located in the affected communities. And all this was in addition to the 'Save the Family' programme, which distributed 156 boats, nets and motors to communities living along the affected coastline and which received international coverage by CNN and the Times of London.

Tens of thousands of people in tsunami-affected areas have now received and continue to receive substantial help from the efforts of HOPE *foundation* and its various partners. We are very grateful for the generosity of thousands of individuals, churches, and corporations who made this possible. Many of these partnerships are described in the pages that follow, but of special note are the MANPOWER and HR Group centres that are being developed in Nagapattinam and Kancheepuram, and our exciting and growing partnership with UNITED WAY. We are very grateful for all our new partners and look forward to an exciting future with them and many others.

### Blessed by an amazing team

I serve as the CEO of HOPE *foundation*, but the work is a **team effort**, with an outstanding executive **committee** sharing the load. Ian Correa is our **Chief** Development Officer and has **spearheaded** our networking efforts, as well as many of our education and vocational training programmes. Gimms Andrews is our Chief Finance Officer, responsible for administration, financial and legal matters. Dr. Ashok Kumar Prabath serves as Chief Program Officer and has developed our HIV/AIDS and medical work as well as a number of other key initiatives. Each of these individuals has devoted more than a dozen years to serving the poor, and has helped build the organization into what it is today.

Gimms Andrews, Chief Finance Officer  
and family



Their individual lives are ones of great character and courage. Dr. Ashok and Malar, for example, faced the death of their six-month old son, Sachin Samuel, during this past year. Despite their deep personal grief, they continued to give to others in an amazing way. Our programme directors across the country also sacrifice and serve in extraordinary ways, as does every one of our staff, many of whom often work far beyond the call of duty to serve not just the poor, but also volunteers, donors, and others. In India's booming economy many of them could double, triple or even quadruple their salaries by working for other NGOs or the private sector. But they stay with HOPE because of a special quality in their characters. We are so very proud of them all and of everyone on our team. HOPE changes lives including mine! through the lives of these very special people.

Our Board of Directors, recently expanded with the addition of several new members, continues to be led with great professionalism by President Ben D'Souza. We are also served by many advisors from around India, including corporate heads, consultants, and social activists. We are very thankful for all these people.

Thanks to you there is hope

Our donors in India and around the world are so special to us. Some give as little as 100 rupees a gift from the heart that we treasure. Others give a few pounds or a few dollars each month, and it all counts. We have had faithful corporate partners who have stayed with us for years, while certain individuals and families have sacrificed immensely to make amazing dreams for the poor come true. In addition, our institutional partners have assisted us in delivering programs according to current 'best practice', so that through proper monitoring, evaluation and accounting procedures we might have maximum impact. Thanks to all of these contributors there is hope for the suffering people of India.

Nevertheless, these past few years have been times of tremendous challenge. Our traditional sources of support have been declining, making it difficult for us to do everything we want to do for the poor. Recently the tsunami affected our work, for although it provided us with great new opportunities to serve, it also diverted world attention from the other needy people around India. In some ways this has added to the growing perception in the west, encouraged by some in India, that India 'no longer needs help' and is an emerging affluent nation. Yet our hearts break as we see the millions of desperately poor people in our cities, towns and villages, unable to tap into India's growing prosperity, and indeed sometimes disheartened by it.

In spite of these challenges, however, new individuals and groups have courageously appeared and graciously stepped in to help, while old friends have steadfastly stood by our side and helped us through the tough times. We especially want to thank the Hampton Roads Church of Christ and the Thames Valley Church of Christ for the incredible generosity which has sustained many of our smaller programmes across the country. We also gratefully acknowledge the support of the other congregations of the Churches of Christ in the UK, Europe and the US. We need your help now more than ever before!

Around the world, HOPE *worldwide* sister organizations in the UK, Africa, Singapore, Cambodia and other places have provided financial and technical assistance that has very encouraging. Our world headquarters in Philadelphia, led by Robert and Pat Gempel, has been a great source of friendship, guidance, support and inspiration.

This year's annual report is structured on the conceptual foundation of the 'Centres of HOPE', a strategy that has developed in recent years and promises both donors and beneficiaries an enduring legacy through sustainable, empowering programmes that give genuine hope to the poor and change many lives

We cannot thank each one of you enough for your hearts, encouragement, support, and time. We offer a special note of thanks to the churches, institutions and individuals who have provided unrestricted donations, which allow us to meet needs and manage our growth in the most effective way possible. We covet your continued friendship and support, and ask you to spread the word about our work to all who will listen!





## New Delhi

Entrance gate at the Village of HOPE

### Highlights - Village of HOPE

- Completed the housing plan of providing homes to 800 leprosy patients.
- Tuberculosis eradication started in collaboration Guru Tegh Bahadur hospital.
- Best-ever sales recorded by Crafts Center; 5 new products launched.
- Life Skills Programme to enhance youth capabilities begun.
- 1200 patients treated per month at the dental and bandaging clinics.
- 5000+ women instructed on various health issues.
- 85 children restored to health through malnutrition control.

### Highlights - Asha Kiran

- Started sports centre with activities tailored to resident's capability level.
- Enrolled 120 students in the ADL (Activities of Daily Living) programme for the mentally challenged children.
- Commenced Aerobics and yoga programmes.

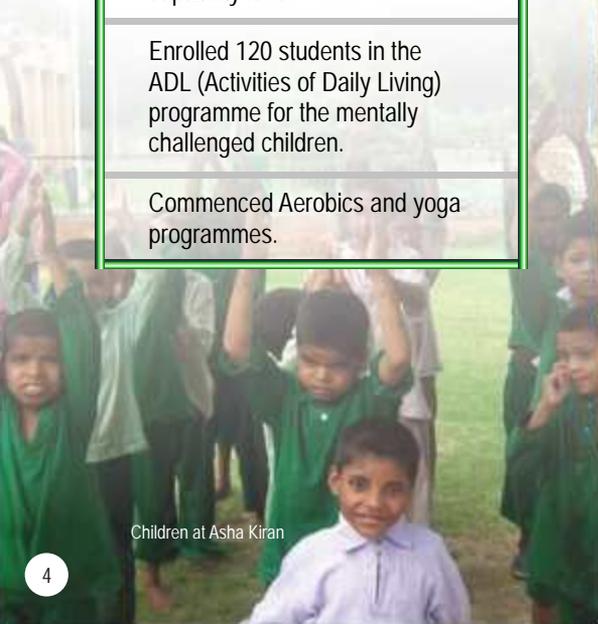
### Village of HOPE

After thirteen years, donations from hundreds of sponsors and countless hours of work, the Village of HOPE housing project was completed in November 2004, finalizing an important chapter in the work of HOPE foundation in Delhi. The completion ceremony itself was attended by many dignitaries, the most prominent being the Hon. Smt. Sheila Dixit, Chief Minister of Delhi. Once a squalid collection of huts, rife with communal and domestic violence, drunkenness, disease and despair, the former slum has truly undergone a transformation and is now a hope-filled and productive community. In partnership with the Delhi Department of Social Welfare, HOPE foundation has constructed housing for 4,000 leprosy patients and their families, all serviced with electricity, underground sewers, and a government school. At the core of the Village is the Centre of HOPE, through which a variety of important health, educational, and financial services are run, including vocational training, micro-

credit schemes, and leprosy wound treatment. 2005 was a very busy year medically for the Village, with the malnutrition control and other health programmes being so well-attended as to stretch budgets to the very limit. However, volunteers from Warwick Medical College, UK, provided invaluable support, and tuberculosis eradication received a welcome boost, with the Government paying the complete medical expenses of patients. In August the Employment Cell programme was commenced as part of an overall youth rehabilitation initiative. With the help of another NGO, *Youthreach*, three promising young residents of the Village have already received training placements: one with the Taj Palace Hotel, another at the Delhi Big Bazaar, and a third with Café Coffee Day. Local employment activities were also encouraged by the Village's best-ever sales of handicrafts and the launch of five new products.



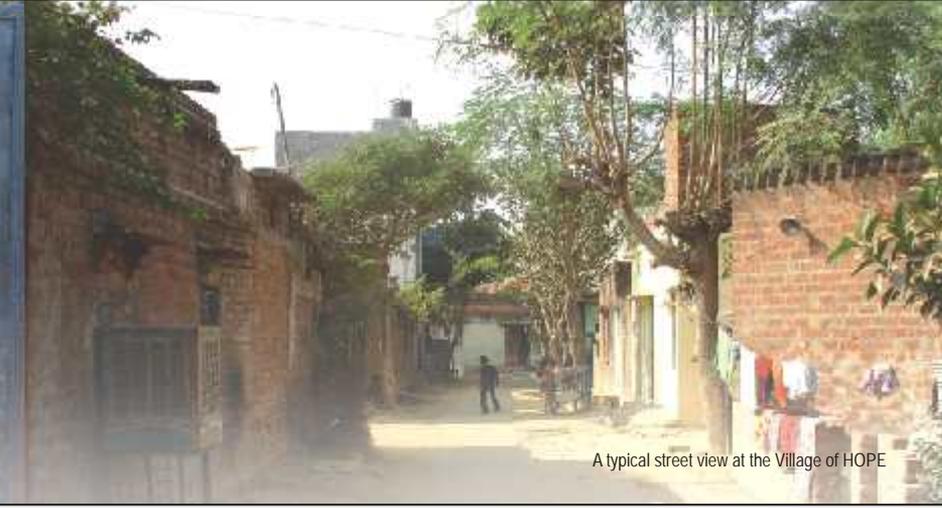
During the Village of HOPE completion ceremony, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi Shri. Shiela Dikshit addressed the residents. She stated, "The Village of HOPE has been a guide for you to improve your lives and take responsibility for yourselves. I am encouraged by your efforts to raise money to help the victims of the tsunami. You have been helped and now you are helping others."



Children at Asha Kiran

## CENTRE OF HOPE

1. COMPUTER TRAINING CENTRE कम्प्यूटर ट्रेनिंग सेन्टर
2. SEWING SCHOOL सिलाई केन्द्र
3. DENTAL CLINIC दन्त क्लिनिक
4. BANDAGING मट्टी चर
5. MEDICAL CAMPS चिकित्सा शिविर
6. NUTRITION PROGRAMME पोषण कार्यक्रम
7. HEALTH EDUCATION स्वास्थ्य शिक्षा व परिवार नियोजन
8. MICRO CREDIT SCHEME माइक्रो क्रेडिट स्कीम



A typical street view at the Village of HOPE

10. CHILDREN'S LIBRARY बालक किताबघर
11. TRAINING CURSE FOR CONSTRUCTION बिल्डिंग कार्य प्रशिक्षण केंद्र
12. GRE...



Leprosy patient in the bandaging room



Crafts Shop



Mid-day meal



Sewing training course



Computer training course



### Jewellery out of the Dust

Aminul Islam and his family survive on the sale of the artificial jewellery that he and his wife make for the Village of HOPE Craft Centre. 2005 has been the Village's most successful year of craft sales to date, and an encouragement to the Islam family after many difficulties Aminul grew up in Kolkatta, the youngest of five siblings. By the age of two he had lost both his parents, then a year later he developed a discoloured patch on his face an early sign of leprosy but the disease was not diagnosed properly. Over the next few years Aminul tried various cosmetic medicines but the disease progressed and by the age of 12 he had developed the characteristic wounds of leprosy on his feet. Again he tried to treat them with some local Medicine but with little effect. Around this time Aminul moved to Delhi to live with a cousin. He found casual labouring work near Ajmere Gate and it was here that he met a former leprosy patient who directed him to proper treatment at the Leprosy Mission Hospital near the Village of HOPE.

At the age of 16, after a year of treatment, Aminul was cured of the disease. He had also met Alima, 15, another leprosy patient. They married and lived near the Village of Hope in a settlement of crude hutments which the monsoon would wash away each year. Although now cured of leprosy, the couple still had few resources and little education. Alima miscarried twice and the family survived on what Aminul earned selling kick-knacks on the footpath near Connaught Place. The couple's big break came when they were allotted housing in the Village of HOPE, and the good luck proved to be a double blessing. Aminul had always had faith in his abilities and had made wristbands and other small items of jewellery to sell in the market. He had met with some success, but it was when the Crafts Centre at the Village came up with designs and marketing strategies for such items that Aminul's talents could be turned into a livelihood. Today he and his family are a living testimony to the effectiveness of helping the poor to help themselves.

### Asha Kiran

(Programme for the mentally challenged children and adults)

Last year HOPE foundation was asked to assist the Department of Social Welfare, New Delhi, at their facility in Rohini for the mentally disabled. The complex, known as Asha Kiran, or 'ray of hope', had some 550 residents but only 50 full time staff. The inmates were living in very sad conditions, sometimes lying in their own filth, unstimulated and uncared for. Medical care was poor and there were no specialised assistance or educational programmes in place.

After a fact-finding visit, HOPE foundation started sending regular volunteers to the home to teach the children arts and crafts and to motivate the staff. Our presence there helped them to be more effective in their work. Thanks to a grant from Special Hope Foundation, USA, we have been able to place two full time staff at Asha Kiran and the facility now caters for 655 residents without any increase in the number of government employees.



Mentally challenged children at Asha Kiran



Rishi, a child from Asharan Orphanage

### Highlights - Asharan

24 new children admitted to Asharan

7 children adopted internationally

6 children adopted in India

13 children restored to their biological parents

### Highlights - Bhawana

New satellite school opened, catering to 30 students

An enrollment increase of more than 60 pupils

10 women helped to be literate in the first nine months of the year

Amusement park excursion, with 100 students treated to free admission, rides and snacks by authorities of Delhi's Appu Ghar park in November

## Asharan Orphanage, Delhi

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of March, Asharan Orphanage held its annual function and celebrated the commencement of what turned out to be a wonderful year for us. During 2005 the orphanage was given a facelift, received promises of increased support, and took 24 more children into care. At the same time, 13 children were reunited with their parents and 13 more were adopted.

Mr. Kanwaljeet Khungar, managing director of Happy English School, was chief guest for the event. The function provided an opportunity for the staff, kids

and friends of Asharan to share both their appreciation and concerns with one another. Amongst the most encouraging achievements of this year were the extensive repainting and repair works carried out, the successful treatment of six-year-old Rishi for a large bladder stone, and the placement of 12 other children in private education. We were also able to set up a classroom with furniture and to celebrate all the children's birthdays. On behalf of the children we are extremely grateful to everyone who has made this year such a success.

## Adil's miracle



When Adil learned that he was to be adopted by a loving Spanish family, his joy knew no bounds. He treated the family photo album, letters and gifts sent by his prospective family as pure treasure, neatly storing them in his cupboard and looking through them almost every day. When Adil's adoptive mother and sister arrived to collect him, we knew that God had brought about a miracle for the boy who had been found by police wandering through the interstate bus stand more than

two years before. Although Adil arrived at Asharan in apparently satisfactory health, medical examination showed he had a roundworm infestation. During treatment, Adil noticed that the worms would fall out whenever he went to the toilet and he would run out in fear. Eventually the staff had to pull the worms out for him.

When it came to academic work, Adil showed only borderline intellectual function and needed special instruction through the Amar Jyothi School. Adil also demonstrated a range of challenging behaviours, ranging from extreme possessiveness through to tantrums whenever he was disciplined. The staff recognised these patterns, however, and as the months passed Adil's behaviour improved and he turned out to be a wonderful child. He loved the smaller orphanage children, enjoyed going to school and doing homework, and learned to be compassionate and caring.

During the week before his adoptive mother and sister arrived to collect him, Adil was very restless through sheer excitement. When the family finally met, it was love at first sight. Adil and his new sister immediately started playing together and communicating, even though neither spoke the language of the other. When Adil held his mother's hand and walked out through the orphanage gate, we knew we had witnessed a miracle from God. A little boy, probably abandoned by his natural parents, hungry and dirty and ill, ignored by people, without intellect and without a future, had now been placed as a prince in the hands of a loving mother who longed for a son desperately. We wish to thank all the people the police, the Asharan staff, government officials and our generous programme supporters for their part in this miracle.



Jai at Asharan Orphanage

## Tuition Centre Bhawana, Delhi

Typical street of Bhawana

### From bad to worse to... Education

The Yamuna Pushta slum, some fifteen kilometers south-east of the heart of Delhi, was an infamous locality, virtually devoid of any of the basic infrastructure necessary for human habitation. Not only were the mud-and-thatch hutments entirely without electricity, but there was no sewage system in place and safe drinking water was mostly unavailable. During 2004, in an effort to eliminate this eyesore and its associated social ills, the Government relocated approximately 6,000 families to Bhawana, about 30 kilometers away. As it turned out, this served only to worsen the problems of the slum's poverty stricken inhabitants, mostly immigrants from Bihar, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

While at Yamuna Pushta, the majority of people were engaged in some form of income-earning activity even though many of these activities were not actually legal. Upon relocation to Bhawana, however, many opportunities and much income was lost simply because of the distance to the city's employment centres. Large-scale unemployment followed and with it, a deepening of the residents' poverty and the spread of such problems as drug use and drug peddling. Recognising these issues, and in particular recognising the impact on local children, HOPE *foundation* began a number of initiatives to provide educational opportunities for the many children living at Bhawana.

As a preliminary step, we conducted a survey during the early stages of the relocation, identifying over 50 students formerly attending the Yamuna Pushta school.

After considerable difficulty, HOPE *foundation* successfully negotiated the entry of these students into a nearby Government facility. Today, HOPE runs its own Tuition Centre at Bhawana, employing two teachers and an assistant and offering after-school tutoring to over 100 children. The staff have also begun an adult education programme for women, aimed at addressing a variety of health issues as well as the common problem of illiteracy.



### Determination wins again

When Gauri arrived at HOPE's Bhawana Tuition Centre, she did not even remember how to hold a pencil. A native of Kolkatta, Gauri had grown up with a keen interest in study, but as is so often the case, family financial problems had forced her out of school and into paid employment at a young age. At 19 her parents arranged her marriage, and thereafter she moved to Delhi with her husband. Then, after the birth of her fourth child a daughter who is now one-and-a-half Gauri contacted the Tuition Centre and expressed her desire to study again. She demonstrated great eagerness and with the help of Centre staff she has now learned to both read and write Hindi well. Not only has she gained her own literacy, but she can now help her children gain theirs.

### Naseema's dream

When fourteen-year-old Naseema's house was gutted by fire in December, the one thing she managed to rescue was her precious school bag. Now studying in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Naseema is one of seven children and her family of eleven is dependent on only two income-earners. Mohammed Salim, Naseema's father, works hard selling rags and waste materials, while her grandfather may make 30 rupees in a day as he walks from street to street selling cheap jewelry items. Naseema, however, wants to become a teacher. She is a very dedicated student, coming first in her class. It is exciting that the Tuition Centre can contribute to Naseema's education, thereby helping her toward her dream as well as giving hope to her entire family.



Kids at Bhawana



## Raghubir Nagar, Delhi

The first Computer Training Centre in India

### Highlights - Raghubir Nagar

52 : students successfully completed course

10 : employed in call centres,

6500 : rupees per month average earning (twice their previous salary)

### Highlights - Tigri

Opened 5 satellite schools and over 110 students are being catered to.

333 kids benefitting from Gali (Street Lane) School.

Helped 32 kids to get enrolled in the government school.

### Highlights - Trilokpuri

158 women graduated from Beautician Training Centre.

89 women graduated from the Sewing Training programme.

19 students graduated from the Computer Training programme.

13 girls from beautician training course currently employed and earning around Rs. 1500 monthly.

6 women from sewing programme employed in factories with monthly salary of around Rs.1500.

## Computer Training Centre

In partnership with the Government of India's Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), HOPE foundation launched the Raghubir Nagar Computer Training Centre in December 1995. Whilst the centre's main activity is computer training, cooking, typing and a variety of tailoring courses are also offered. This year, 52 students successfully completed their studies

with us, and 10 found employment in call centres, each earning over Rs.6500 monthly. Another highlight this year was the visit in June of daughter of Union Minister, Mr. Arjun Singh and the Director of JSS, Mr. R.K. Chabra. The pair spent an hour at the Centre, surveying the facility and speaking with the students. It was a satisfying visit for all involved.



### Beyond his dreams

When Mohammed Hassan joined our computer course he immediately showed both a great sense of humour and a great sense of purpose. A native of Delhi and resident of Khyala, in the city's west, Mohammed worked hard and completed the course early this year. It wasn't long before he was employed in a domestic call centre, but his pleasure at this placement was short-lived since there was a large amount of work and the center was poorly organised. Mohammed persevered, however, and in August he was placed in an international call centre as a Processing Agent. Today he is earning Rs.7500 per month and says he never dreamed he would enjoy such success.

### Simpi's success

Unlike many students that have passed through the RNCTC course, Simpi made only slow progress in her computer studies initially. She was eager to learn, however, and to her credit she applied herself and ultimately did well in the exams. Simpi's employment goal was to support her own education and to assist her family. Although

she found work as a receptionist even before the completion of the course, Simpi had greater ambitions. After graduating, through the help of another student, Simpi gained work at an international call centre earning Rs.6500 per month. She is content in her new employment and we wish her all the best for the future.



Jan Shikshan Sansthan facility where the CTC runs

## Education centre Tigri, Delhi

Rohit, Prashand and Himalaya

### Salvaging respect

In mid-2004 HOPE *foundation*, sponsored by software company Oracle, opened a new education centre in the southern Delhi slum area of Tigri. Since that time, the educational facility has flourished just as vigorously as the vice which preceded it.

Twenty years ago Tigri was a rubbish dump for three neighbouring villages. With the passage of time, poor people were attracted to the area, searching for anything they might salvage for a few rupees. When these visitors began to stay at the site, a slum developed and as immigrants from neighbouring states flocked to the capital in search of work, the Tigri slum grew to about 8,000 hutments, housing a population of some 40,000. There were, of course, few work opportunities and the area became a breeding-ground for anti-social activities. Educationally, the area hosts a single Government primary

school, but this was unable to meet the needs of the many local children, and whilst there were numerous private schools nearby, these were far beyond the means of the slum-dwellers.

Inevitably, the children, too, were drawn into the vices of the Tigri slum.

Recognising these problems, HOPE *foundation* and Oracle began the Tigri Education Centre in July 2004, and the centre has gone from strength to strength. By December of the year just ended, student enrollment totaled 333, with a further 110 students participating in our five satellite schools. This year we have also been excited to see 32 of our pupils progress to enrollment in regular, Government schools, and to have enrolled a further sixteen 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in our Open Basic Schooling exam preparation programme. We are glad to be part of changing the destinies of so many young people.

### Brothers united in a purpose

Prashand is the eldest of three brothers for whom schooling is an important step toward a better life. This is his story.

"My dad (Jagadish) is very intelligent man: self-motivated, always wanting to do things differently, fun loving, and very creative in his work. But by his bad luck he was born in a poor family from Uttar Pradesh. He went through many hardships but somehow managed to finish 7<sup>th</sup> Standard. However, there was always the question of working to support the family income and eventually he had to give up his education to take up a vocational trade (tailoring). Over time he learnt to be a tailor and got married to Suman, my mother. Life was going smoothly, he had talent in his trade but he hardly had any customers who could pay him well.

About 10 years back he decided to come to Delhi along with the family. We landed here at Tigri, and started staying in a rented hut. Gradually he established his tailoring business. The life here in this slum was OK. We are three brothers and we all used to be in the Government school. Then, all of sudden, a tragedy came into our dad's life he developed some kind of mental problem: he lost his memory, stopped doing his tailoring work, and suddenly became very violent. At times we found it very difficult to predict his behaviour. Finally, our family ended up with nothing because we had to sell our belongings to buy medicine for our dad.

Our lives were at the mercy of some of our relatives and neighbours. We had no-one who could help or encourage us to go to school. We stopped going to school. For a couple of years we simply wasted our time by roaming around the slum. Then my brother Rohit, with the help of his friends, started going to HOPE school. Every day he would come home with notebooks and several coloured pencils. Those things really attracted me to go to school. It took a little time to boost my interest, but I went along with my mother and my last brother, and we enrolled our names in the school. Now we three come to school. Truly it is a great joy to get educated. We brothers believe strongly that we can make a change in our challenging life style. We thank you for educating us."

### Sewing reaps a harvest

Like so many poor students, 17-year-old Pooja deeply wanted to study. Due to her mother's chronic illness, however, she left school for the kitchen, the washbasin and the care of her six younger siblings. Fortunately for Pooja, her grandmother wisely advised her to develop tailoring skills so she might mend the family's torn clothes. One day the two of them found their way to the Trilokpuri Vocational Center and Pooja enrolled in our tailoring course. After only a few months Pooja's new skill had become known in her neighbourhood, and she was receiving many orders to make new clothes and mend old ones. At times she brought these orders to class, to work on them with the help of her classmates. Now Pooja makes her own designs and earns a minimum of Rs.50 per day through her trade. She not only supports her family financially, but this teenager has become an example to her community, helping three of her friends to enter same course.





Aerial view of the Bhuj Centre of HOPE

Highlights - Bhuj
Independence Day celebrated with flag hoisting, cultural activities and distribution of chocolates to all the children
HOPE School Annual Day celebrated: Two employees, Mr. Clause and Miss Alex, from sponsor-company SAP LABS, along with Mr. Ian Correa, CDO of HOPE foundation visited and distributed prizes to the children
Picnic day: The children learned how biscuits are made at Parle-G factory and then they enjoyed themselves at Hill View Garden
Summer camp: 70 children from HOPE and other schools learned dancing, drawing, clay modeling, and played various indoor and outdoor games

## Teaching through the medium of hope

HOPE foundation's co-educational, English-medium nursery and primary school began in Bhuj's Ashapura Nagar slum in June 2003. In that same year it was inspected by the Gujarat Education Board and gained official recognition as an educational facility.

With each year since, the school has added successive year levels, introducing a second standard class this year. At the conclusion of 2005 the school boasted an enrollment of 220, but student numbers do not really reflect the success of the school. The real story lies in the lives of children such as eight-year-old Rahul Gadvi. The eldest son of an illiterate rice-miller, Rahul entered HOPE School at junior kindergarten level and quickly showed himself to be a bright and competitive student. With no assistance from his uneducated family, Rahul applied himself to his studies and regularly achieved the second highest results in his class. In time he was given responsibility for leading the school assembly each morning.

In a survey of slum residents prior to the opening of HOPE school, Rahul's father, Dev Raj, had been positive about the idea

of a new English-medium school especially since it was so close to home and the fees were negligible. He happily enrolled both Rahul and his younger brother Ronak in HOPE School, where they remained for two years. Being a native of Kutch, however, Dev Raj felt that his boys would be better served if they were educated in the Gujarati medium. Consequently, at the beginning of 2005 both Rahul and Ronak were withdrawn and placed in a school where the instruction was entirely in Gujarati.

Surprisingly, only a few months later the two boys returned to HOPE School, at the request of their parents. The reason soon became clear. Academically, Rahul was in a poor state: all the enthusiasm and much of the knowledge he had previously demonstrated seemed to have deserted him. His parents acknowledged they had made a mistake and were glad to see their son returned to the environment in which he thrived. Rahul quickly recovered and has now made up the ground he had lost.

It has been a source of great pride to us that we can make a difference like this in the lives of poor people such as the Gadvi family.



Amphitheater inside the Bhuj centre



Class in session at the school



## Ridhi riding high

When the devastating earthquake hit Bhuj in 2001, all the equipment for Jagdish Gor's small cycle repair shop was lost under huge piles of debris, and with it went both his family's sole source of income and their hopes for the future. In the years that followed, Jagdish and his wife, Anjna, struggled to regain their livelihood - then HOPE School arrived, and a brighter chapter in their lives began.

Like many Gujarati parents, Jagdish and Anjna felt that an English-medium school was not the most suitable for their children.

Nevertheless, given the family's severe financial hardships, HOPE School was the only realistic option and they sent their eldest child, Ridhi, to join the junior kindergarten class.

By nature Ridhi is a timid girl. When she first arrived she preferred to sit alone in a corner, being scared to respond to the teacher's questions. She also demonstrated little interest in academic work which is not surprising, considering the slum environment in which she had

spent her entire life. The school staff recognized Ridhi's shyness, however, and began to encourage her with stories and rewards for her efforts.

Little by little Ridhi grew in confidence. She began doing her homework every night - revising what had been taught in class and arriving at school ready to answer whatever question the teacher asked. Ridhi applied herself with increasing seriousness to her studies, despite her age, and was promoted directly into first standard. Despite overstepping a full year of regular instruction, Ridhi completed her first standard examinations last year with a mark of 92 percent. At the end of 2005 she was ranked second in her class.

Anjna Gor now makes regular visits to the school to enquire about her daughter's progress. Gone are any reservations about instruction in an English-medium facility - she and her husband have now enrolled their son Hith in HOPE School also. 'HOPE *foundation* school has been a great blessing for us,' Ridhi's parents say, and we are glad to participate in their happiness.



Corridor with classrooms on the right



Children in the assembly at PACE School

### Highlights - Piyali

Enrollment increase to 80 students

Campus expansion from two to six rooms

Purchase of four new sewing machines for the vocational training mothers

### Highlights - Ranchi

Significant improvement in regular attendance among students

Addition of 20 regular kids, making a total of 35 students at the end of this year

## The PACE of progress at Piyali

PACE Universal School is much more than its name suggests. Funded by US charitable organization PACE Universal and managed by HOPE foundation, the school currently provides 80 very poor Bengali girls not only with literacy, hygiene and vocational training, but also clean clothing, regular medical attention and nutritional support. Since its inception in 2003, PACE School has been increasingly effective in providing support for women living in conditions of the utmost poverty near Piyali Junction, Kolkata. Frequently the families of the girls are very resistant to allowing their daughters to come to school at all, preferring to see them married off as soon as possible. We have witnessed a number of girls who had barely passed their fifteenth birthday holding their second or third child. If these issues were not enough, it is quite common for men to abandon their wives and families, leaving an already impoverished household without its primary source of income.

It is no surprise, therefore, that many of the girls who start at PACE School often arrive unmotivated, ill-mannered and disorganized-indeed, many have no real understanding of what schooling is about.

Consequently, the goals of the School include developing not only the skills necessary for health and an independent working life, but developing also the character of the young women so they may be friendly, timely and enthusiastic in what they do. 2005 saw an enrollment of 80 students, and an attendance rate of almost one hundred percent, a dramatic improvement on the previous year's 40 percent.

Our cramped former two-room campus has now expanded to six rooms. Our continued warnings regarding early marriage have achieved some significant changes in attitude amongst the families of our students. And some 15 mothers are now participating in tailoring classes three times a week, preparing them also to make independent incomes and break the cycle of poverty. It has been tremendously exciting to watch the impact that PACE School has had on the lives of so many girls who had virtually no hope at all. These changes have only been possible through the tireless, united efforts of the school's many workers, including a number of Rotarians from the City of Joy Rotary Club in Kolkata, and the Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club.

## Success comes in pairs

In a rare achievement for any school, three pairs of sisters - Sahinoor and Kohinoor, Deepa and Kakoli, and Alpana and Kalpana - have together topped the exams in their respective grades this semester. Shall we call it a miracle, or just the reward of plain hard work and determination?

Sahinoor & Kohinoor



Deepa & Kakoli



Alpana & Kalpana





School children at PACE School

## Pratima



When Pratima Mondal's father lost his teashop, the family of four was plunged into crisis. Feeding the family quickly became very difficult and there was no possibility of Pratima or her sister attending a regular school. So, at the age of 13, Pratima took on the responsibility of serving the entire household. Whether cooking or cleaning or anything else, she did it all without complaining, and when the family did not have enough food, Pratima gave her own share to her younger sister, Rupa. When PACE School opened, however, Pratima got her opportunity at an education, and she has shown herself to be one of the school's most talented students. Even though the family often goes without food, Pratima is at school on time, without fail, every single day.

From the outset she was excited about her education, but her excitement is even greater now that her sister, Rupa, accompanies her and her mother has begun our vocational training programme. Pratima's mother, Kajol, says her daughter has been an inspiration to the whole family. We, at PACE School, look forward to the transformation of this whole family and hope that it will be a source of inspiration to many others.

## Sometimes exceptions must be made



Kamala

Ponchu Dholi, now in her late thirties, has not been able to speak or hear since childhood. She has an eleven-year-old son, Siblu, and a five-year-old daughter, Kamala, but her husband abandoned them long ago. Ponchu earns Rs.100 per month, working as a maid for a household in her village, but this meager income cannot adequately provide for both herself and her children. To ensure the family can eat, son Siblu also works, packing boxes of liquor in a factory. For each fourteen-hour day, Siblu receives Rs.10, or about 23 American cents. Nevertheless, with a combined income of less than \$US10 per month, the Dholi family very often goes without food. In addition to the challenges of dire poverty and a handicapped parent, Kamala and Siblu have grown up with little social interaction of any kind, a problem common in the very impoverished villages of West Bengal. When Ponchu and Kamala arrived at PACE Universal School this year, there were no vacancies officially, since the School has an extensive waiting list. We were so moved by their heartbreaking story, however, that young Kamala was allowed to enroll as a special case. Further, given the desperation of their plight, the School undertook the provision of all meals for the family.

It has given us the greatest satisfaction to see the difference these things have made to the Dholi family. Kamala has a chance to speak, to play, to interact with peers, and to learn, and Ponchu is relieved of at least one daunting responsibility-providing her daughter with a future. We have yet to convince Siblu to leave the factory, since he has been threatened by his employer. We hope that someday he will come to assist the School in daily chores, learn to read and write, and join his sister among the crowd of smiling students.

## Informal slum school - Ranchi, Jharkhand

The slum of Harmu, in Ranchi, teems with children, most of whom spend their time picking up rags to sell for a few rupees, or wandering about without purpose or future. Ninety percent of them have never been to a school of any sort; all of them come from severely impoverished families who are

far from being able to consistently supply even a single meal each day.

Since last year, however, the children have a new place to wander - the HOPE School ground. This informal pre-school offers daily snacks to its students, which is a major attraction for

the children of this neighborhood, and instructs them in the basic elements of education. Despite the appalling conditions in which these children live, they are always excited to spend time at school and the attendance of regular students has more than doubled this year to 35.



School is being conducted under a tree



# Mumbai



Orienting a high risked group of women

## Highlights - HIV/AIDS Targeted Intervention

10,300 individual educational interactions between HOPE staff and members of the public.

6400 group discussions with at-risk persons.

600 personal counseling sessions with infected and at-risk individuals. 3500 condom-usage demonstrations.

33,000 free condoms distributed and another 6000 condoms sold 57 other STD cases diagnosed, with 35 treated

15 peer educators identified and trained

Funding for our Goa initiatives approved by Goa State AIDS Control Society

## Highlights - Computer Training Centre

Opened 2 new computer centres in Mumbai and Pune.

Computer centres operating for 14 hours per day.

80 students being trained currently

## HIV-AIDS Targeted Intervention - Mumbai

After South Africa, India has the largest HIV/AIDS-infected population of any country in the world, with over 5 million diagnosed sufferers. Although the spread of the disease has been relatively slow here, there are still literally millions of people who either have developed or will develop the full-blown and terminal syndrome, including tens of thousands of children. HOPE *foundation* is directly involved in addressing the many difficult and diverse issues associated with HIV through such initiatives as the Mumbai, Goa and Pune Intervention Centres.

2005 has been a very productive year for our Centres, with a wide range of programmes being conducted and thousands of people alerted to the issue in various ways. Our highest profile activities have been rallies, street plays and the distribution of educational paraphernalia on World AIDS Day and throughout World AIDS Week. Eight video shows on sexual behaviour and AIDS were also conducted

at various times throughout the year, and three poster exhibitions took the message of the HIV/AIDS menace to truckers in the highest risk states.

We have also been working to develop networks of organisations and practitioners capable of dealing with aspects of the epidemic in an effective manner. Four local hospitals and 23 private medical practitioners have been identified in Mumbai alone for future referrals, and protocols have been established for processing all STD and HIV cases. HOPE has also established contact with a range of community-based organizations, some of whom have contributed volunteers and building space for our campaign events this year. HOPE HIV/AIDS Intervention Centres also operate at a personal level, discussing issues of sexuality and illness with at-risk different groups in a variety of formats including one-to-one counseling and small group discussions.

## Deepa's secret

Deepa Gomes, 37, was brought from her native Kolkata to Mumbai to work as commercial sex worker. In 1994 Deepa married, but she soon learned that her husband was regularly visiting prostitutes. After two years together, Deepa began to notice that she was ill, and a blood test confirmed that she was infected with HIV. Although she did not reveal this to anyone, she did get her husband to undergo a blood test and he, too, was found to be infected. Still largely ignorant of the disease which she now carried, Deepa applied herself to tackling the problem in whatever way she could: visiting clinics for regular treatment, maintaining a healthy diet, and keeping herself occupied. For seven years she maintained her health in this manner, and then in 2002 she was directed to our fledgling Intervention Centre where she immediately involved herself in our activities: attending meetings, informing others about the disease, and distributing condoms and pamphlets throughout slum areas. Yet she did not reveal that she, herself, was carrying the virus. The revelation of this painful secret did not come about for some time. When it did, Deepa began to learn more fully the truth about her own condition, and we were able to understand better the level of misunderstanding regarding HIV in the community. To this day Deepa remains deeply committed to educating slum-dwellers about this scourge.



Counseling session in Goa



Awareness campaign on World AIDS Day in Goa

## HIV-AIDS Targeted Intervention - Goa

Goa is one of India's principal tourist destinations, with over two and a half million visitors each year roughly twice its permanent population. Goa is also neighbour to some of India's most HIV-affected states Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh.

As a result of the exposure risks for this tourist state, the Goan government was

quick to initiate HIV screening and prevention efforts after the first Indian case of the virus was reported in 1986.

HOPE *foundation* has also been involved, surveying immigrants to the capital Vasco, and approaching the official Goa State AIDS Control Society with proposals for a number of intervention strategies to address the

problem. These proposals were ratified in May this year, and HOPE now runs programmes aimed at educating high risk sectors of the Goan population, including sex workers, truckers and prison inmates. The programme includes advocacy activities, educational street plays and video presentations, blood testing and personal HIV/AIDS counseling.

## Mumbai Flood Relief

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of June this year, heavy monsoon rains caused widespread flooding across Mumbai.

In the ensuing chaos, panicking locals responded to the rumour of a second tsunami and stampeded, adding to the loss of life and misery. Along with a

number of other NGOs, HOPE *foundation* stepped in to ease the burden on the flood-affected populace.

Nine medical camps were quickly established in different locations to distribute chlorine tablets and to treat people and educate them about water-

borne diseases such as leptospirosis. HOPE workers also distributed basic supplies to the worst-affected families. In all, over two thousand people received medical -treatment, while some 34 families were provided with rations of food plus replacement bedding and cooking utensils.

## Computer Training Centres

HOPE *foundation* opened Computer Training Centres (CTCs) in Mumbai and Pune this year, launching them in the months of November and March respectively. The two Centres have already worked with over 90 students from neighbouring slum areas, teaching them the fundamentals of

software operation and helping a number to find work. One such success story is Amol Athawle, a young man who had always wanted to undertake a computer course, but who could not afford tuition at a private computer school. Through a HOPE survey of Yerwada, Pune's largest slum area,

Amol joined our CTC and soon had completed our Microsoft Office course. On graduation he secured a job with Bajaj Alliance as a data entry operator Rs.2000 per month. Amol's dream has been made a reality, and we intend to help many more like him in the coming years.



Inauguration of Mumbai Computer Training Centre



School children with their class teacher

## Highlights - Hyderabad

Medical camp: Children received free treatment and medicine, courtesy of Computer Associates (CA) donors.

Independence Day celebrated by the whole school, with crayons, pencils and chocolates distributed to all the children by Computer Associates employees.

School Annual Day celebrated the School's first year of operation. Various media, including Teja TV, attended the event, interviewing staff and parents.

Teacher's Day: The children became teachers and took the classes, while the teachers sat and enjoyed the performances, then distributed gifts to all.

## Computer Associates School

Computer Associates and HOPE foundation have an exciting partnership in Hyderabad. After a survey of more than 600 families living in the Kakateeya Nagar slum in Habsiguda, CA HOPE School began there in June 2004 with 15 students. In the space of only three months the school's enrollment exploded to 120 students and another 50 have been added since. The school offers an English-medium education for slum children ranging from nursery age to second standard. Books, writing materials and uniforms are provided free of charge and the students receive a basic breakfast and lunch each school

day. The school's hard-working teachers face many challenges, including significant language difficulties. The children generally come from Urdu and Telugu-speaking families yet frequently don't speak even these languages properly. It is, therefore, especially difficult to train them in English. Nevertheless, through perseverance and some special classes, the school recorded a pass rate for English of over 90 percent this year. It is tremendously gratifying to see these poor children now reading, writing, understanding and communicating in the modern international language.



Goremiyan

### Mother and son united

Goremiyan's story begins like those of the majority of CA HOPE School students not only with poverty, but with much heartache as well. Goremiyan's father abandoned his wife while she was still pregnant with Goremiyan, their first and only child. Because they have nowhere else to go, the pair have lived with the boy's grandmother ever since. There was little money and even less hope until they learned of our new School.

In 2004 Goremiyan was enrolled as a CA HOPE School nursery student and quickly demonstrated strong academic ability, ranking second in his class that year. This year, a vacancy arose for the post of ayah, for which the boy's mother expressed interest. We were glad to appoint her to the position and extend our support to this small, struggling family.



Cultural dance performance by Hyderabad school children



School children in a fancy dress competition in Hyderabad



Haleema

### Class no barrier

Mohammed Ibrahim supports his family of seven on a meager plumber's wage and enrolled his youngest daughter, Haleema, in CA HOPE School last year. From the very beginning Haleema showed herself to be an excellent student in every way.

Always regular in her attendance and studies, she consistently tops her class in academics; during a sports day last year she won prizes in every event; and during a recent drawing competition she took out the highest award also.

In September CA HOPE School organized a Cultural Day for all the children and invited guests from sponsor company Computer Associates. Along with a group of classmates, Haleema performed a dance to entertain the visitors and was selected to offer a short speech of appreciation.

Much to the surprise of our guests, the young, Urdu-speaking slum girl made a wonderful speech of thanks in English without any script.

Haleema's example is testimony that talent is not defined by social class. It is CA HOPE School's goal that the fulfillment of that talent will not be limited by her family's income.

### Computer Training Centre

HOPE foundation's Computer Training Centers (CTC) aim to provide computer education to underprivileged students, and 2005 proved to be a very good year for our Hyderabad Centre. Some 385 students completed the course, nearly double last year's numbers. We were also able to launch a hardware course to supplement the current

software training, and two batches of twelve students completed this new component perhaps the most exciting event of the year, however, was the involvement of the Dell Computer group at HOPE CTC. Three Dell staff visited the Centre and expressed enthusiasm for the work being done, while the company has expressed

willingness to improve facilities by providing 30 new computers. Unfortunately, we were only able to help seven graduates find employment this year, but those placements we did find were in well-paying positions, including one with the Andhra Pradesh Police department, earning graduate Vinod Anthony Rs.5300 per month.



Hyderabad Computer Training Centre



# Bangalore

Students at the Computer Training Centre in Bangarapet

## Highlights - Computer Training Centre

487 new admissions

Pinnacle, Caiman Carrier Services, Alankritha Vibgyor Services, Ujeevan Financial Pvt Ltd, Data Prints etc. are some of the companies that recruited from our Computer Training Centres.

Started a new computer lab for the government school children.

## Highlights - School

Received recognition by Government of Karnataka for the school.

Started computer education for our school children.

Shiva, one of our students, participated in kannada story writing among 20 schools. He got 3rd prize and was rewarded with gifts and scholarship of Rs. 1500 for 3 years which was conducted by CROSS WORD.

## Computer Training Centre

This year, HOPE's Bangalore Computer Training Centers expanded their hours of operation to meet the needs of the many workers, housewives and students whose other commitments do not permit them to attend during regular work hours. As a result, the five Centers, which now open at 7:30am and close at 8:00pm, had a total of 487 new admissions for the year. Our aim, however, is not simply to teach computers, but to place the

students in good jobs also. Another initiative begun this year was the engagement of recruitment agencies in placing our graduates. Through these agencies students have been placed in companies such as Pinnacle, Caiman Carrier Services, and Ujeevan Financial Pvt. Ltd. Many other students were selected for interviews which provided valuable experience even when they did not result in immediate employment.



## Poornima

When we first met Poornima she had almost despaired of life. As a sufferer of severe abdominal tuberculosis, she was unable to leave the house and her hopes of helping her impoverished family financially were completely impossible to fulfill. When she asked us whether she would survive the illness, all we could say was that she must keep taking her medicine.

As treatment progressed, however, we realized that Poornima would survive and we believed that her recovery would be improved by starting some productive activity outside the confines of her home. We suggested she begin a computer course with a HOPE foundation's Computer Training Centre, which she did.

In time Poornima made a full recovery and through a friend found employment in an embroidery company. Because of her computer experience, Poornima's boss gave her further training in embroidery design and she now earns Rs.5500 (US\$125) per month. Poornima and her family rejoice at the change in fortune they have experienced, and we at HOPE rejoice with them.

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 (An affiliate of HOPE worldwide)  
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Computer Training Centre at Kolar Gold Field



Outdoor activities by students of HOPE School, Bangalore

## Recognised at last

It was a busy year for our School, with a large number of extra-curricular activities in addition to the daily events of school life. The children were treated to tours of the Aeronautical Museum and the Planetarium (courtesy of sponsor organization Oracle), and visited another school to participate in a singing competition. We conducted our usual annual activities, such as Independence

Day celebrations, Summer Camp, and a sports day, as well as Teacher Day and various cultural events.

A major highlight for 2005 was seeing one of our students receive an award in a story writing competition. Shiva, a student in our fourth standard class, entered the Kannada language short story competition sponsored by the Crossword chain of bookstores.

Competing against entrants from 20 schools, Shiva was placed third and received a number of prizes, including a three-year scholarship, worth Rs.1500 annually.

The School was also pleased to receive official accreditation from the Government of Karnataka. With 46 new admissions in 2005, the School now has 213 children in its education and midday meal programmes.



## Monica's motivation

Monica is nine and wants to be a doctor when she grows up so she can save people from the pregnancy complications that killed her mother during her own birth. Since Monica's father abandoned her while still in the womb, she lives with her grandmother and great-grandmother. The elderly women work as housemaids but find it increasingly difficult to manage their daily chores and provide for their young granddaughter.

When they approached HOPE School with their heart-rending story, Monica was immediately enrolled and supplied with all the requirements for her schooling free of charge. Today she is brimming with confidence and one of our model students.



Children's day out



Regular check up being conducted at the Bangalore Primary Health Clinic

### Highlights - Tuberculosis Eradication

35 out of 38 cured of tuberculosis.

20% of tuberculosis patients in Bangalore referred to HOPE for treatment. Balance 60% handled by the government and 20% by private doctors.

### Highlights - Primary Health Clinic

600 patients are treated per month in Primary Health Clinic, near ABB factory.

## Tuberculosis Eradication

HOPE *foundation* works alongside various government agencies in administering treatment for tuberculosis, a fatal disease which remains widespread throughout the Subcontinent. The administration of TB treatment is an involved process, demanding perseverance on the part of patients and frequently requiring attention to other chronic ailments. Consequently, even though the cure for TB has long been known to medical science and the necessary drugs are today offered free of charge by the Indian government, many still die of the disease. HOPE's Tuberculosis Eradication Programme supplements the work of state authorities

by providing personalized service to the most needy tuberculosis sufferers, such as those who are bed-ridden. Of 38 referrals to our Bangalore program in 2005, 35 were cured, the remainder sadly dropping out before the completion of treatment.

In March, HOPE staff and volunteers participated in a rally organized jointly by the Bangalore Mahanagara Palika (City Council) and the KSTBA (Karnataka State TB Association). Similarly, we marked World TB Day in June with street plays near Jawahar Balbhavan Auditorium to raise awareness of the disease and its treatment.



## Primary Health Clinic

Once a week, on the outskirts of Bangalore, a small HOPE *foundation* team delivers basic medical assistance to needy villagers from the surrounding area. With pharmaceuticals sponsored by a local ABB factory, a team comprising one doctor, a nurse, a paramedic and volunteers, treat up to 600 patients per month.



An old woman waiting to get her medicines after the checkup



HOPE staff giving away medicines

### Mr. Somu's Battle

Mr. Somu is 53 years old and lives with his wife and three children. He and his son are the family's only breadwinners and receive an uncertain daily income of about US\$6 (Rs. 75). After a long battle with a chronic respiratory tract infection and gastro-enteritis, Mr. Somu sought help from a government dispensary where he was diagnosed with tuberculosis. The dispensary staff directed him to the HOPE foundation TB Lab and Clinic, where he began our Directly Observed Treatment Short-course (DOTS).

Like all TB patients Mr. Somu had to face the challenges of his

treatment, including a number of unpleasant medicinal side-effects and the necessity of taking a handful of tablets every alternate day. In Mr. Somu's case, the treatment was especially difficult because of the presence of other infections.

HOPE clinic provided a range of generic medicines at no cost, as well as advice and counseling. After many sessions of counseling, Mr. Somu was persuaded to complete his TB course and today he is cured not only of his tuberculosis, but also of his other ailments. He is pictured here with his last dose of TB medication.



### Relief for Akkamayamma

After the death of her husband two years ago, 50-year-old Akkamayamma lost one son when he was murdered in a local conflict, and then her second son when he was imprisoned for

avenging his brother. Now she lives alone with her daughter on a minimal income. When Akkamayamma first visited HOPE's Primary Health Clinic, she was suffering from chronic

gastroenteritis and hypertension. Due to the Clinic's provision of free medical advice and medication she has been relieved of at least some of her burdens.



Akkamayamma smiling from the heart



# Chennai



Smiling Madesh and Saravanan from the AIDS Home

## Highlights - AIDS Home

12 virus-negative children of AIDS patients were admitted to other homes

20 resident women returned to living with their families

9 resident women gained enough confidence to return to normal employment

5 more virus-positive children were admitted into regular schools

## Highlights - Paediatric Ward

Counseled more than 284 families and 340 children were benefitted.

Visited and appreciated by Bill Gates, head of Microsoft Corporation

## Highlights - PATH

37000 - Intervention with Truckers

2001 - Intervention with Commercial Sex Workers

1254 - Sexual Transmission Diseases Referral

## Highlights - Tuberculosis Eradication

Started a new tuberculosis eradication programme at Annai Sathiya Nagar with the help of Chennai Wellington Corporation.

## AIDS Home of HOPE

Since almost half of India's cases of full-blown AIDS are reported from Tamil Nadu, the disease has become a major focus of HOPE *foundation's* work in the country's southern-most state. Our work takes many forms, including strategies for both prevention and treatment.

The AIDS Home of HOPE is one programme tackling the disease in Chennai, providing specialised care to women and children who are either known or thought to be carrying HIV. During this past year there have been many positive events to reflect upon and be encouraged by. On the medical side, the introduction of ART (Anti Retroviral Therapy) has proven to be a boon for the Home's residents, with 23 people receiving the treatment and the health of

many noticeably improving as a result. In July, staff at the Home were provided with a one-day HIV/AIDS workshop to address issues ranging from the nature of the virus through to the administration of ART.

2005 was especially uplifting. Shilpa, a ten-year-old long-term resident of the Home, had the opportunity to present a garland to Microsoft boss Bill Gates during his tour of a nearby hospital; Kumari, another Home resident, got married; volunteers from various churches and the Thendral Youth Fellowship visited our children, entertaining them with games and music; and five of our HIV-positive children were admitted into regular schools, taking the total number in mainstream education to ten.



Manikandan

## Manikandan

When Manikandan's father was diagnosed with AIDS, he told no-one. Within four years he, his wife and their youngest child, were all dead, leaving Manikandan in the care of his very elderly great grandmother. When he, too, became ill, he was admitted to Chennai's Government Hospital for Thoracic Medicine. It was here that the boy, now 14, received medical attention, yet almost no personal consolation at all since his fearful family had deserted him. Finally, HOPE staff at the hospital invited Manikandan into their daily play school. He now has friends, a daily routine, and some reason to smile despite his many trials.





Prevention Along The Highway

On the World AIDS Day campaign

## PATH Project (Prevention Along The Highway)

Along a 60km strip of national highway (NH 45) on the outskirts of Chennai, 300 prostitutes service as many as 1500 trucks each day. Given the scale of the high-risk sexual activity here and the capacity for rapid propagation of STDs (Sexually Transmitted Disease) far beyond the immediate locality, the area became the target of the Prevention Along The Highway (PATH) campaign.

The programme aims to educate truckers and prostitutes on the nature, treatment and prevention of HIV and other STDs. Initiated by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in conjunction with the Indian Government, PATH remains ninety percent funded by USAID but administered by Chennai's Centre of HOPE. Six field staff visit

the target groups on site, introducing the subject of STDs, encouraging questions, and offering help. Two counselors then conduct individual and group discussions and arrange road shows and seminars. They also identify and train Peer Educators - sympathetic people from the target population who are willing to act in the role of counselors themselves.

## Tuberculosis Eradication

In late September, HOPE *foundation*, in partnership with a donor, the Chennai Willingdon Corporate Foundation, launched a ten-month campaign to address tuberculosis in the Anna Sathya Nagar slum. The opening of operations was marked by three educational street performances,

modeled on the ones used by HOPE's HIV awareness PATH Project (see previous page). Within a fortnight of initiating door-to-door surveys, the team identified the first case of the disease. Seventeen-year-old Perumal is now making progress on our DOTS programme (see page 22).

2005 also saw the donation of a Rs.40,000 (US\$900) microscope by the Chennai Willingdon Foundation and the receipt of a Rs.100,000 (US\$2300) grant from Punkaj Kumar Bansal, AIS Collector (Thiruvallur), in recognition of HOPE's excellent work on TB control in Ambattur.



Nehru and Raji

### Double relief for Nehru

Nehru, is a tailor living on the outskirts of Chennai. He tells the story of his personal battle with tuberculosis. It was 8 months ago that I fell sick. "I was continuously coughing and had severe chest pains. I was horrified one morning to find blood in my sputum when I coughed. I went to the nearby private clinic where the doctor gave some medicine and an injection. But my family was not in a position to spend on the treatment described by the doctor so I went to the Ambattur Government Hospital and they referred me to the nearby TB Centre, run by HOPE *foundation*. My sputum tests showed that I was highly infected and I was numbed with fright.

Worse, I had also passed on the infection to my dear sister Raji, only 12 years old. My poor father was shattered by this 'double shot' at his children's health. But the HOPE staff constantly encouraged me on the treatment and its possibilities. After six months of regular treatment, my sister and I got completely cured. Now we are a happy duo again. I have also rejoined my job at the Tailoring Unit. We convey our heartfelt gratitude to the staff of HOPE *foundation* for taking care of us during when we were weak and sick."



A tuberculosis patient having her medicine



# Chennai



School children at Kannagi Nagar School, Chennai

## Highlights - School

185 underprivileged children of Kannagi Nagar slum being educated.

35 of the above are children of tsunami affected families.

Imparting computer education from class 1.

## Highlights - Computer Training Centre

186 new admissions

## Nursery & Primary School

The 2004 tsunami is still very much an influence on life in south India. In Chennai, tsunami-affected families have been allotted temporary shelters in the slum rehabilitation colony of Kannagi Nagar. This has placed many poor, school-aged children together and the Centre of HOPE, Chennai, has initiated a Nursery/ Primary School catering to 185 of these displaced children.

The school offers a free, English-medium education to nursery and primary school aged children, as well as after-hours tuition for government-enrolled students needing assistance. The curriculum includes computer education from year one, financial responsibility training, and now Hindi-language instruction. The

school places a high level of importance on individual assessment, on counseling of both parents and students, and on the development of oral communication skills. All the important Indian festivals are celebrated to teach the students cultural awareness. We also consider it important that our pupils develop good moral character and a sense of social responsibility, so an hour each day is devoted to training in hygiene, manners, and respect for society and country.

The school has generated much local good will, and has received dozens of letters from parents, many of them expressing a wish to see the school extend its scope beyond the current junior teaching levels.



## A silver lining ...

Manigandan is ten and is studying in fifth standard. He is a very receptive and sociable child, who spreads cheer wherever he goes. To meet him, one would never guess the difficulties of his home life. His father, a cobbler, recently died from excessive drinking. Prior to this, his father's daily income of Rs.30 (US\$0.70) was spent entirely on alcohol, even though there were eight children and two wives to care

for. The death of his father brought Manigandan pain, but it also allowed him to return to school. He is a bright child and given a chance he has the potential to do well in his studies. HOPE School aims to give him that chance.





Students at their practical session in Kondithope CTC, Chennai

## Computer Training Centre

HOPE foundation's Computer Training Centres (CTCs) offer underprivileged youths around Chennai the opportunity to significantly change their earning capacity and so transform their lives.

In 2005 186 new students were admitted to CTC courses throughout Chennai, while 161 graduated. Another milestone was also reached this year when Jan Shikshan Sansthan - a nationally

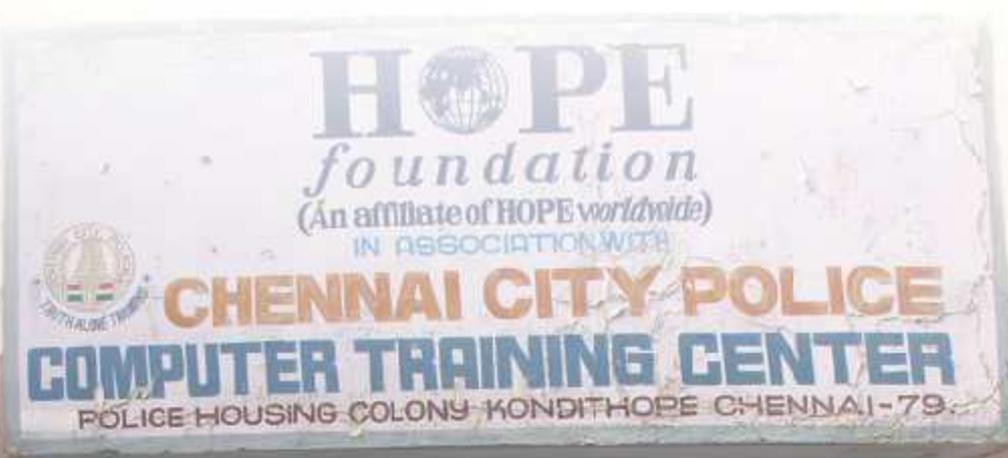
recognised educational institute-agreed to certify Computer Training Centre graduates under their own auspices, greatly increasing the students' chances of employment.



### Parthiban's progress

Parthiban is 24 years old and lives in Vyasarpadi, Chennai. He lost his mother when he was 14 and grew up with his grandfather, a labourer, and his grandmother, who sells vegetables. Through the little money they earned, they educated Parthiban until 10th standard, but he failed that year and ended up working as an office boy for a meager wage. Nevertheless, Parthiban had long desired to learn computing and he investigated many training institutes, but the fees were far beyond his means.

One day a friend told him about the HOPE foundation Computer Training Program and he eagerly enrolled. After six months he had successfully completed the course, whereupon his boss promoted him to Computer Operator. With an increased income and greater self-respect, Parthiban is all the more happy and grateful to have realised his dream.



An afternoon batch students at the CTC



# Trichy



Night view of the Richard Centre of HOPE

## Highlights - Trichy

Inaugurated the Richard Centre of HOPE and Divya Orphanage on 23rd January 2005.

Conducted relief operation by supplying food packets to neighbouring people during Tamilnadu flood.



Inauguration: Richard family with Mr. Robert Gempel, President, HOPE worldwide and Mrs. Patricia Gempel, Executive Vice President, HOPE worldwide.

## Children's Village of HOPE

It has been a eventful year for the Centre of HOPE in Trichy. In January, many years of effort by the Richard family came to wonderful fruition with the opening of the Children's Village of HOPE in the heart of Trichy. By November, the Centre had become a temporary crisis centre for people left homeless and hungry by devastating floods. All these events served as reminders of the importance of such work for the poor of Tamil Nadu state, and indeed throughout India.

The highlight of 2005, however, remains the inauguration of the newly-constructed Children's Village on the 23rd of January. The ceremony was attended by both local and international dignitaries, including principal sponsors, the Richard family, HOPE worldwide directors Robert and Pat Gempel, former MP Mr. Adaikalraj, and St. Joseph College principal, Fr. John Britto. The Richard family: Emily and Richard, Jenkin and Wendy, and Merwin and Shambavi, have been instrumental in developing the recently-completed Children's Village of HOPE that will focus on the needs of orphans, as well as providing vocational training, micro credit,

and other forms of community development for the many poor people in the area. Situated in the heart of Trichy, this is a program that brings together local people, volunteers, and the poor to make a long-term difference in the community. The Richards family has sacrificed and worked tirelessly to make this dream a reality and many orphans and others will be immensely grateful for this wonderful centre.

After this auspicious event, the remainder of the year saw a succession of small but important developments, with water and electricity connections being finalized in September, the Village achieving long-awaited official tax-exempt status the following month, and the inspection and approval of the building by a district social welfare officer in December.

It was an eventful year for the orphanage children, too. In July, 14 international volunteers arrived to assist with the work, treating the kids to various novelties such as elephant rides, while in November, the orphanage celebrated its Children's Day, with singing, dancing and various competitions.



Kids having fun at the Divya Orphanage



Children having their evening snacks



### Raja - king of happiness

Born in Veerappasatyagram, Tamil Nadu, Raja lost his parents before he could even recognise them, and was temporarily adopted by a local temple watchman. After some time, however, he fell into the employment of an unscrupulous fruit-seller who worked him 15-hours a day, and paid nothing more than the food needed to survive. Finally, in January 2004, welfare organisation Childline rescued Raja and brought him to HOPE Children's Village.

Due to his maltreatment, Raja arrived at the orphanage tired, pale and weak, and for days he could do little but sleep. With rest and good food, however, he regained his vitality and we enrolled him at a nearby school in second standard, where he quickly excelled. In the two years since, Raja has been promoted to sixth standard and has become one of the happiest, most trustworthy and hardworking children in the home. He wants to be a doctor, and we hope he reaches this dream.

### Helping Ranjitha grow



Ranjitha was found begging at Trichy railway station in 2003. Then seven years old, she arrived at the HOPE orphanage unable to read or write and weighing a mere 18 kilograms. After taking care of her basic physical needs, we enrolled her in a nearby school in second standard. In the two years since, Ranjitha has not only been promoted to sixth standard, but has won the award for overall best academic performance in 2005. She now weighs 34 kilograms.



Orphanage kids are getting dressed up...



One of the inmates from Old Age Home

# Kochi

## Highlights - Tuberculosis Eradication

Received an appreciation award from Industrial Minister Mr. Ibrahim Kunju for the best tuberculosis eradication work.

Appreciation note about Kottayam HOPE staff Mr. Joy was published in a magazine called "MUKTHI" for the tuberculosis eradication done in Kottayam.

## Highlights - Cancer Detection

36 cancer patients are being treated.

## Highlights - Computer Training Centre

Trivandrum Computer Training Centre completed 5 years of training for children economically backward community including fishermen colonies.

## Old Age Home

In Kerala over recent years, the number of abandoned, elderly women has increased alarmingly. Observation of this sad phenomenon prompted HOPE to start an aged care home in 2003. From that time until now we have looked after 23 elderly ladies, although only eleven can be accommodated at any one time. The

home is managed by two full time HOPE staff who cook, clean and administer necessary medication. The residents of this small community live in unity and peace, even though communication is often difficult due to the range of languages spoken in South India.



## Rupamma finds peace

Rupamma comes from a village called Nellore in Andhra Pradesh. After getting married she had five daughters, but while pregnant with the youngest, her husband left her for another woman. Since her husband would not support them, Rupamma started working as a housemaid to feed herself and her five children. Tragically, three of her daughters died of various causes.

Over time Rupamma saved enough to get her two surviving daughters married and she began living with the eldest. This arrangement was short-lived, however, and she was forced out to stay with her brother. Eventually he also died and, due to the pressure of extreme poverty, her relatives could not support Rupamma any longer. At this point the now elderly lady was handed into the care of HOPE Old Age Home. Finally she found a home where she could be at rest. We are extremely happy to have Rupamma here with us.



Lunch time at Old Age Home



Sunil, a tuberculosis patients under DOTs treatment in Kochi

## Tuberculosis Eradication

Tuberculosis is a difficult disease to treat for a number of reasons. First, many people in India try to conceal the illness due to the stigma associated with it. Second, the treatment regime is long and involves high dosages and unpleasant side effects. In Kochi, Kottayam and Trivandrum, HOPE *foundation* runs TB eradication programs designed to address all of

these issues. Beginning with door-to-door surveys, HOPE staff screen for any TB-affected residents in the poorest housing colonies and slums. Then, through counseling and encouraging follow-up, patients are guided through a six-month course of medication. This year HOPE staff helped 38 TB sufferers complete their

course of treatment and be freed from the complaint.

HOPE also conducts awareness-raising street plays about TB, such as one on World TB Day in March this year. At that event over a thousand Kochi residents were exposed to accurate information about the lethal disease.

## Cancer Detection

In 1995, HOPE *foundation* started its cancer early-detection programme in Kerala. Now, using a similar approach to that employed for TB, house-to-house surveys are used to screen for people having incipient cancers.

General educational classes then help people understand the nature of the problem better, and regular, personal counseling is used to guide sufferers through treatment. The program has concentrated mainly on the fishing

colonies at Vizhijam and Thumba in Trivandrum district, and, at the time of writing, 36 cancer patients are being cared for.

## Joyful Jonamma

Jonamma is 49 years old and ekes out a living making breakfasts for the fishermen of her town. Poor and poorly educated, Jonamma has no family to support her. Early this year a team of HOPE staff, performing a routine house-to-house screening for early cancers, helped Jonamma identify a developing stomach tumor. She has since been able, with HOPE's

continued aid, to visit hospital and have the cancer successfully treated. Jonamma is just one of many people in Kerala who have benefited from our Cancer Early Detection Programme since its inception in 1999. Focused on the coastal fishing villages of Vizhinjam and Thumba in Trivandrum district, the Programme begins with a door-knock survey of slum inhabitants. When white

patches in the mouth, lumps in the body, or other cancerous abnormalities are detected, staff not only guide the affected individual to appropriate treatment, but also counsel and encourage them through the treatment process. At present there are 30 people undergoing treatment for cancer whose diagnoses began with our door-to-door surveys.



Jonamma, speaking through her eyes

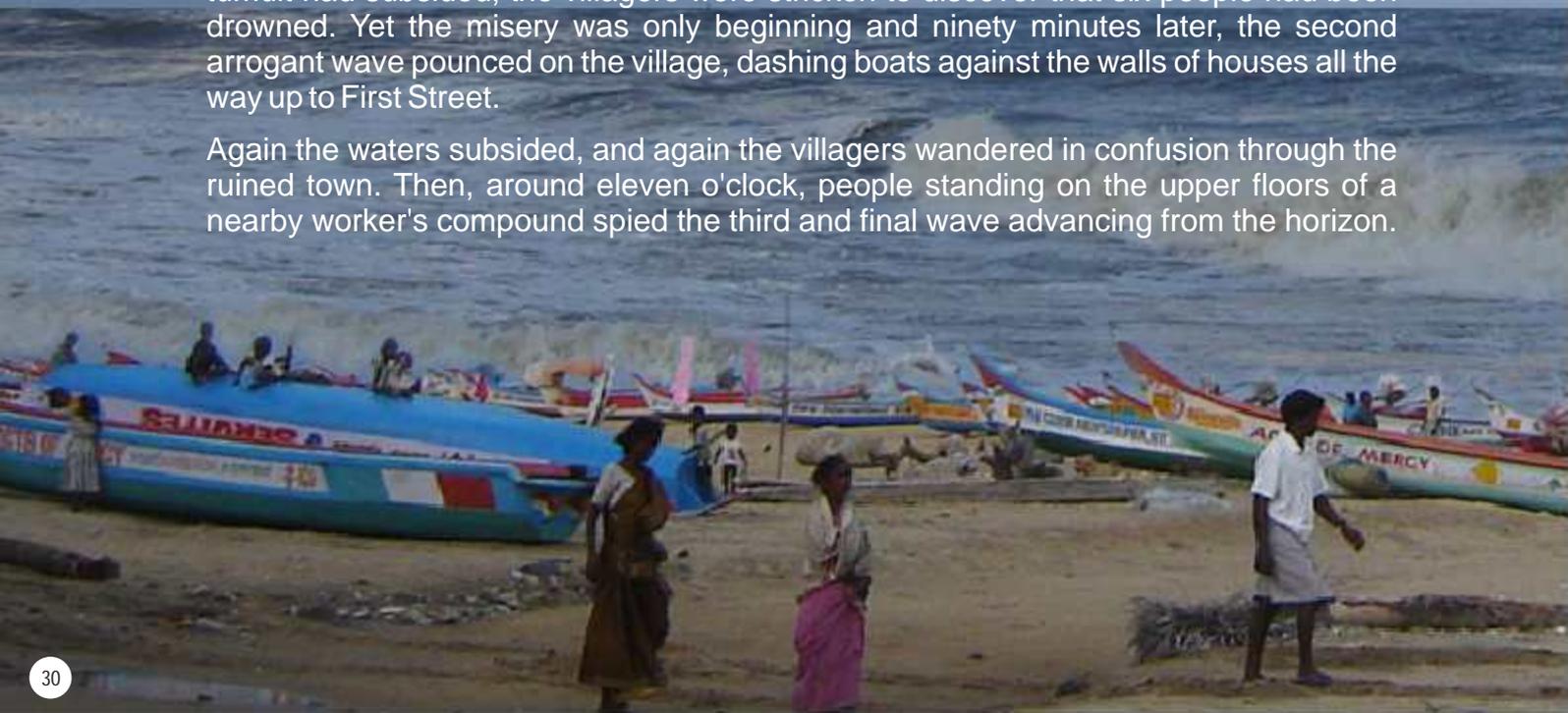
# T S U I

For the people of Tamil Nadu Nagapattinam is renowned as a centre of culture, a site of pilgrimage, and a veritable museum of ancient art. Yet, for most in the west the name Nagapattinam sounds as strange and remote as any in the world. Given the region's past it is ironic, therefore, that Nagapattinam should be brought to world attention by an event that in fact destroyed so much of the famous area.

At Pudukattinam, on the day of the disaster, the local fishermen were returning and there were many wholesale merchants present to buy their catch. The families were there also, waiting expectantly to receive their men.

At nine in the morning the first great surge of water arrived, engulfing fishermen and merchants, boats and buildings, adults and children without discrimination. When the tumult had subsided, the villagers were stricken to discover that six people had been drowned. Yet the misery was only beginning and ninety minutes later, the second arrogant wave pounced on the village, dashing boats against the walls of houses all the way up to First Street.

Again the waters subsided, and again the villagers wandered in confusion through the ruined town. Then, around eleven o'clock, people standing on the upper floors of a nearby worker's compound spied the third and final wave advancing from the horizon.

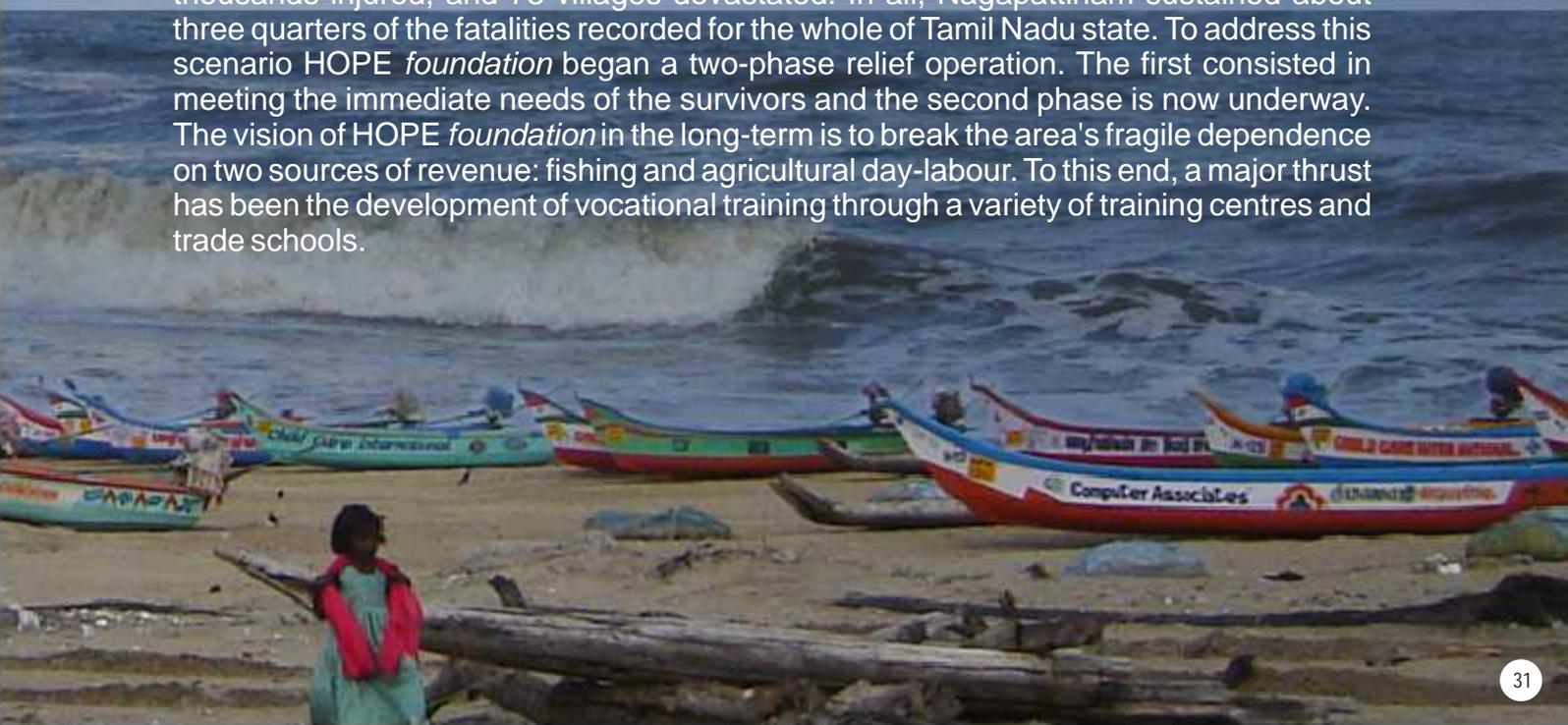


# NAMI

Knowing what would happen, they yelled to the people wandering on the seashore below, but the people ignored their shouts as they were consumed in grief.

And so it was that the third and most powerful wave arrived. Though they started to run, it was too late. Two women, both soon to be married, were quickly carried away – one engulfed by the monstrous seas on the spot, the other swept away as she ran with another's baby in her arms. The water surged against the compound and the walls collapsed; 100 coconut trees, renowned for enduring cyclones, were utterly destroyed; and ruined fishing boats were thrown up on the equally ruined roofs of devastated houses.

When the damage had finally been tallied, over 10000 people had been killed, some thousands injured, and 73 villages devastated. In all, Nagapattinam sustained about three quarters of the fatalities recorded for the whole of Tamil Nadu state. To address this scenario HOPE *foundation* began a two-phase relief operation. The first consisted in meeting the immediate needs of the survivors and the second phase is now underway. The vision of HOPE *foundation* in the long-term is to break the area's fragile dependence on two sources of revenue: fishing and agricultural day-labour. To this end, a major thrust has been the development of vocational training through a variety of training centres and trade schools.





## Pudupattinam



Returning with a great catch after a night's fishing!

### Highlights - Pudupattinam

Cleared up the debris covering area of 480 x 10 mtrs. on the seashore which was as a result of the tsunami.

92 livelihood packages were delivered to 276 able bodied fishermen.

58 children currently studying in the nursery school and 25 children are getting special coaching regularly in the evening.

10,600 patients treated at the primary health clinic.

50 affected students have been chosen from both villages and their school fees sponsored to be able to continue their education without hindrance.

Installed 20 public toilets and commenced a public hygiene education programme.

### Save The Family

The tsunami of 26th December 2004 left enormous destruction in its wake. In a community that was already underprivileged, the surging waves ruined the people's few possessions and obliterated the livelihoods of thousands. Hundreds of houses and boats were destroyed and hundreds more were damaged.

By 27th December 2004, HOPE *foundation* had arrived in the area and was distributing food, clothes and medicine to meet the immediate needs of the villagers. Today, our concern for the welfare of this community continues. With the help of

generous sponsors, including IMGE-ERF, United Way, Computer Associates, H&M, and IBS, HOPE *foundation* is helping the people of Pudupattinam and neighbouring Uyyalikuppam through six major programmes, viz:

1. Save the Family (livelihood packages)
2. English-medium primary school
3. Primary health clinic
4. Vocational training programme
5. Hygiene and sanitation programme
6. Health counseling services

### Balaraman's new livelihood

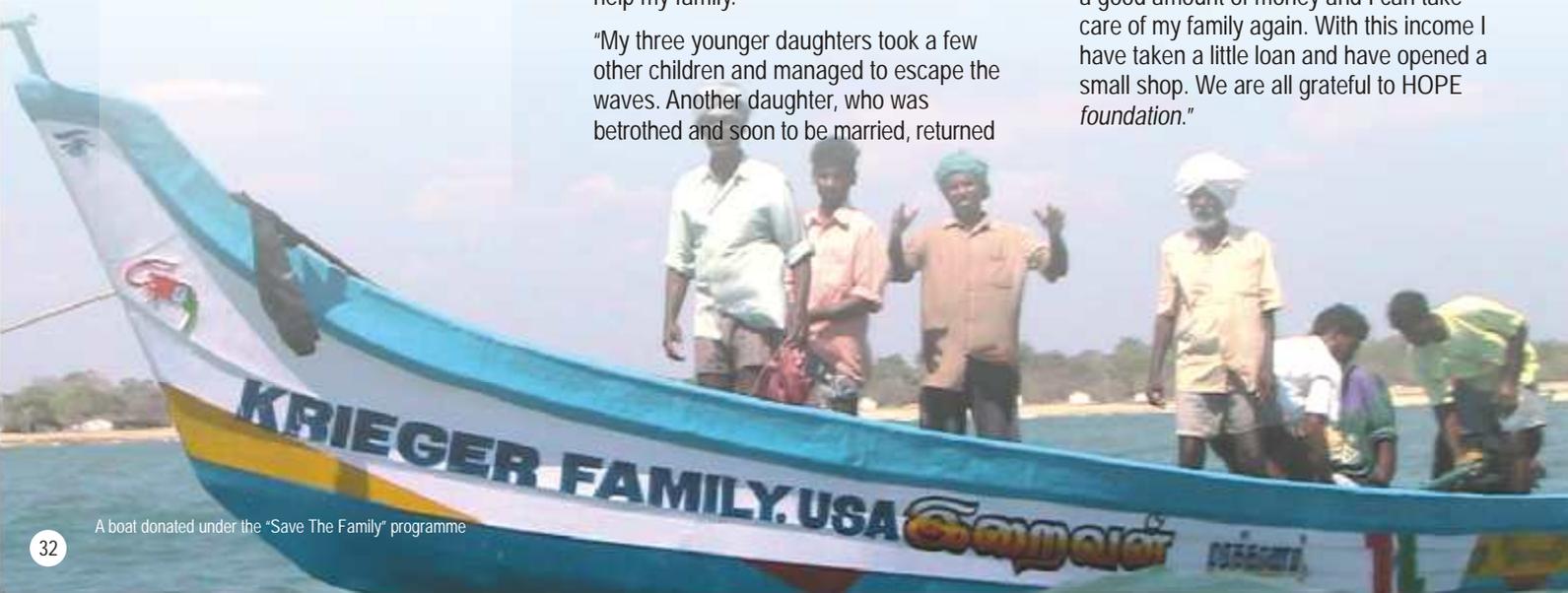
"I was resting at home with a sore leg, when suddenly I heard a lot of voices from the sea shore. I thought that perhaps people were calling us to pull our boats away from an unusually high tide, but when I came out of the house, the sea just took me and dragged me away.

"Like everyone, I was calling out to be rescued, but there was no-one to save us because everyone had been taken in the waters. Luckily there was a pile of broken bricks piled up at some point, and I was able to stand on these, but even then the water continued to rise and threatened to cover me. However, there was no-one to help my family.

"My three younger daughters took a few other children and managed to escape the waves. Another daughter, who was betrothed and soon to be married, returned

to the house and went inside to rescue the ornaments and clothes that we had purchased for her wedding. But while she was inside, another wave came in, and she was drowned. We found her body two days later on the sea shore. Not only that, but my house was totally demolished and my boat was broken.

"So this left my family of eight people living on the street and starving, with no-one to help us. Fortunately, at about this time HOPE *foundation* reached us and provided livelihood packages for my family. Then I started to go fishing again with my partners and now we are earning a good amount of money and I can take care of my family again. With this income I have taken a little loan and have opened a small shop. We are all grateful to HOPE *foundation*."



A boat donated under the "Save The Family" programme



Uncleared rubble just after the tsunami



Debris cleared by a bulldozer



Initial relief - temporary huts



Sanitation programme - toilets for the villagers



Fixing a motor for the fiber boats



Queue outside the primary health clinic

2005 has seen an exciting new development in our work, with the commencement of construction of the Wilhelm Hamm Centre of HOPE, an integrated complex comprising a permanent school, community hall, health clinic and vocational training block.



Architect's model of the future Wilhelm Hamm Centre of HOPE in Pudupattinam.



"Heart of HOPE" award being presented to Mr. Sushil Talwar, Country Manager of HR Group India.

### Some things can be restored...

Nagarasu is a 50-year-old fisherman and once lived with his wife, Santha, and three children on the shore where the tsunami struck in Kanapathychettykulam Village, Pondicherry. He tells the story of the past year with mingled pain and gratitude.

'I lost my beloved daughter Saritha to the tsunami. She was only 20 years old. When the tsunami struck, she was in my house, taking care of my elder brother's grand children. When the water entered the house, her first instinct was to save the two infants and we immediately took the children to a safer place. She then tried to rescue Rs.20,000 that we had saved in the bureau for her wedding. But the water level rose before she could escape, and she was drowned. After an hour of searching, we finally found her dead body near my cousin's house. In a moment, all our dreams about our daughter had been crushed. The government was magnanimous in giving us money for her death, but nothing can replace our dear daughter...

Before the tsunami, we didn't have many boats in our village, so I used to go fishing in other boats on daily wages. After the tsunami, however, I became a partner with two others to receive a boat and fishing kit from BASF through HOPE foundation. I thank God for His mercy. Our community has been helped immensely through BASF and HOPE foundation... I am grateful to them all.'



Boats donated by BASF ready to go...



# Tharangambadi

View from the Tharangambadi Centre of HOPE facing the ocean

## Highlights - Tharangambadi

Provided lively hood to more than 102 families in Thargambadi including boats, engines and nets.

Reaching out and educating 125 children daily.

Providing mid-day meal to 125 Tsunami affected children daily

## Tharangambadi - Singing waves

Since December 26th 2004, when tsunamis devastated many villages along India's east coast, HOPE *foundation* has been intimately involved in the rehabilitation of this region through its Tharangambadi Centre of HOPE. Apart from donating replacement fishing boats and equipment to more than 100 families, and providing regular meals to about 100 tsunami-affected children each day, the Tharangambadi Centre has striven to establish long term programmes and infrastructure, especially in the field of education.

Today, HOPE runs two English-medium schools in the area, catering to a total of

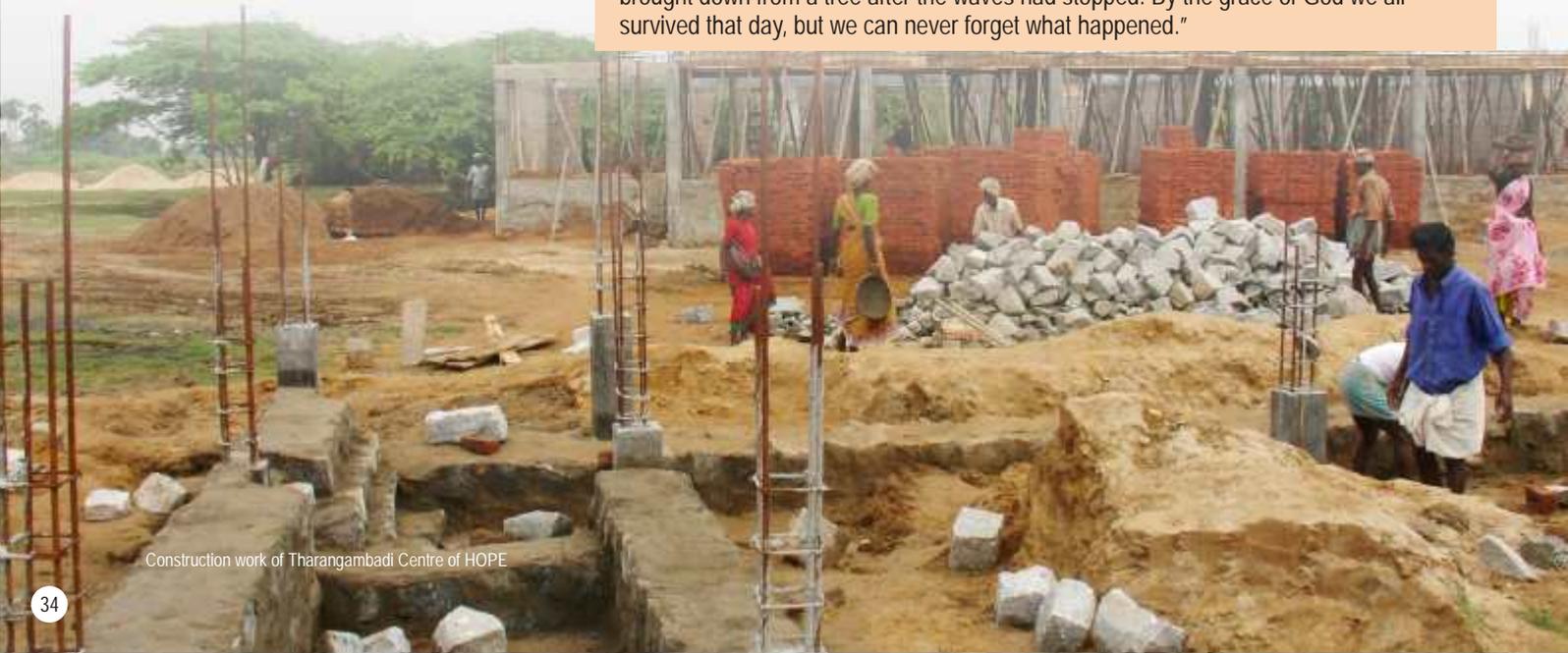
125 students, while 100 more pupils attend informal classes. Our Centre has plans for a number of future developments as well, including the construction of a local community centre and a permanent school at Chinnangudi. None of this would be possible if not for the support of Philips, SAP Labs, Children's HOPE India, United Way of Mumbai, Sonata Software, ISKCON and Rotary Bangalore.

None of these physical remedies, however, can take away the memories of that awful day, and nothing conveys the depth of these experiences better than the mouths of the people who were there...



## Narmadha's story

Narmadha is a lower kindergarten student with HOPE School, Tharangambadi. "On the 26th my mother went to the seashore to wait for my father. My brother and I were left to play outside our house. After a while we were beginning to feel hungry and we wondered what was keeping our parents. So I told my brother I was going to the beach to find out where mum and dad were, but he wouldn't let me go without him. "We started walking towards the seashore together when we noticed all these people running towards us. Behind them there was a massive wave, like a fort wall, rushing towards the village. It started swallowing up the people and I noticed our mother screaming 'Run! Run!' But we were so scared that we didn't know what to do. We both stood still, waiting for our mother to reach us, but as we waited, the wave reached our mother and carried her away. I don't know what happened next, I just remember being brought down from a tree after the waves had stopped. By the grace of God we all survived that day, but we can never forget what happened."



Construction work of Tharangambadi Centre of HOPE

Kids approaching the Chinnakudi School



### Asrinya's story

Asrinya is five years old and a student at HOPE School Tharangambadi. "On the night of December 25th, my dad and my brother had gone out to sea as usual to catch fish. They were expected to return the next afternoon. On the morning of this miserable day, my friend and I were playing on the seashore. We were throwing sand and pushing each other on to the sand. It was a fun morning.

"All of a sudden, I noticed an unusual wind, so I said to my friend, 'Let's go home. The weather seems to be getting bad.' But my friend was having fun and wanted to play more. As we carried on playing, an amazing wave came and caught us by surprise. The water took us and all the other people who were on the beach. I was pushed and pulled by the water here and there for almost a few hours. Thanks to my good fortune, an unknown uncle, who was also struggling for life, picked me up and swam with me through the dirty water. He finally reached the rooftop of a nearby building and we climbed on to it. If this

uncle had not extended his hand, I probably would have been amongst those dead bodies.

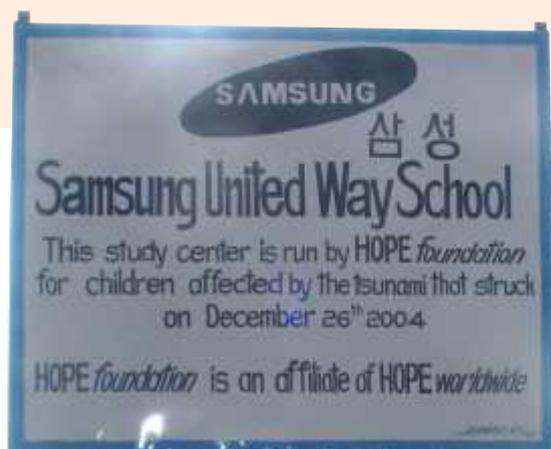
"I don't know what happened to my friend. I haven't seen him since. What I will always remember is all the dead bodies I saw on that day. It was like a mass graveyard. And I remember how the water swept through our village and carried away everything it could. Though a few months have passed by, I still have those pictures standing in front of my eyes.

"Since coming to school I have felt a bit more relaxed, because I have something to do and I have a new friend in the school. We sit together and play games that I have never played before."

### Samsung United Way School

In January this year, approximately 137,000 generous Korean employees of Samsung corporation donated \$US 2 million to the United Way South Asia Response Fund. The donors specified that the monies be dedicated to the construction of schools in the communities damaged by the 2004 tsunami, and thus the idea of the Samsung School was born.

The Samsung School will be located at Chinnakudi, in Nagapattinam district, Tamil Nadu, and will be the first English-medium school in the area. Spread across a three acre campus, the facility will feature a well-stocked library, a computer laboratory, spacious, ventilated classrooms, physical recreation areas, and a kitchen for the provision of wholesome mid-day meals. It is planned that the School will enrol 250 students in the first year, initially offering places only to children from nursery to fifth standard. It is intended, however, that with each subsequent year the scope of the Samsung School will be increased so that ultimately cater to students all the way level.





Construction site at Tharangambadi

# Tharangambadi

Highlights - MVTC
Established 2 vocational training centres sponsored by Manpower Inc. in Tharangambadi and Nagapattinam, tsunami affected areas.
Psycho social counseling sessions to benefit tsunami survivors.
46 electrical, masonry and computer graduates are employed.
Permanent site for Manpower Vocational Training Centre underway.
Career counseling advice workshop arranged.
Alternative skills training offered in fish drying, fish pickling, candle making, incense making and needle working.

## Manpower Vocational Training Centre

Manpower Inc., USA, is a world leader in the employment services industry and is applying its resources, experience and professionalism to help rehabilitate some of India's most severely tsunami-affected areas. Together with HOPE foundation, Manpower has established Vocational Training Centres in Tharangambadi and Nagapattinam to develop regional talent in such marketable skills as computer usage, masonry, tailoring and cell phone repair. This approach, which recognises the local workforce as an asset rather than a liability, is at the core of Manpower's philosophy of building livelihoods and

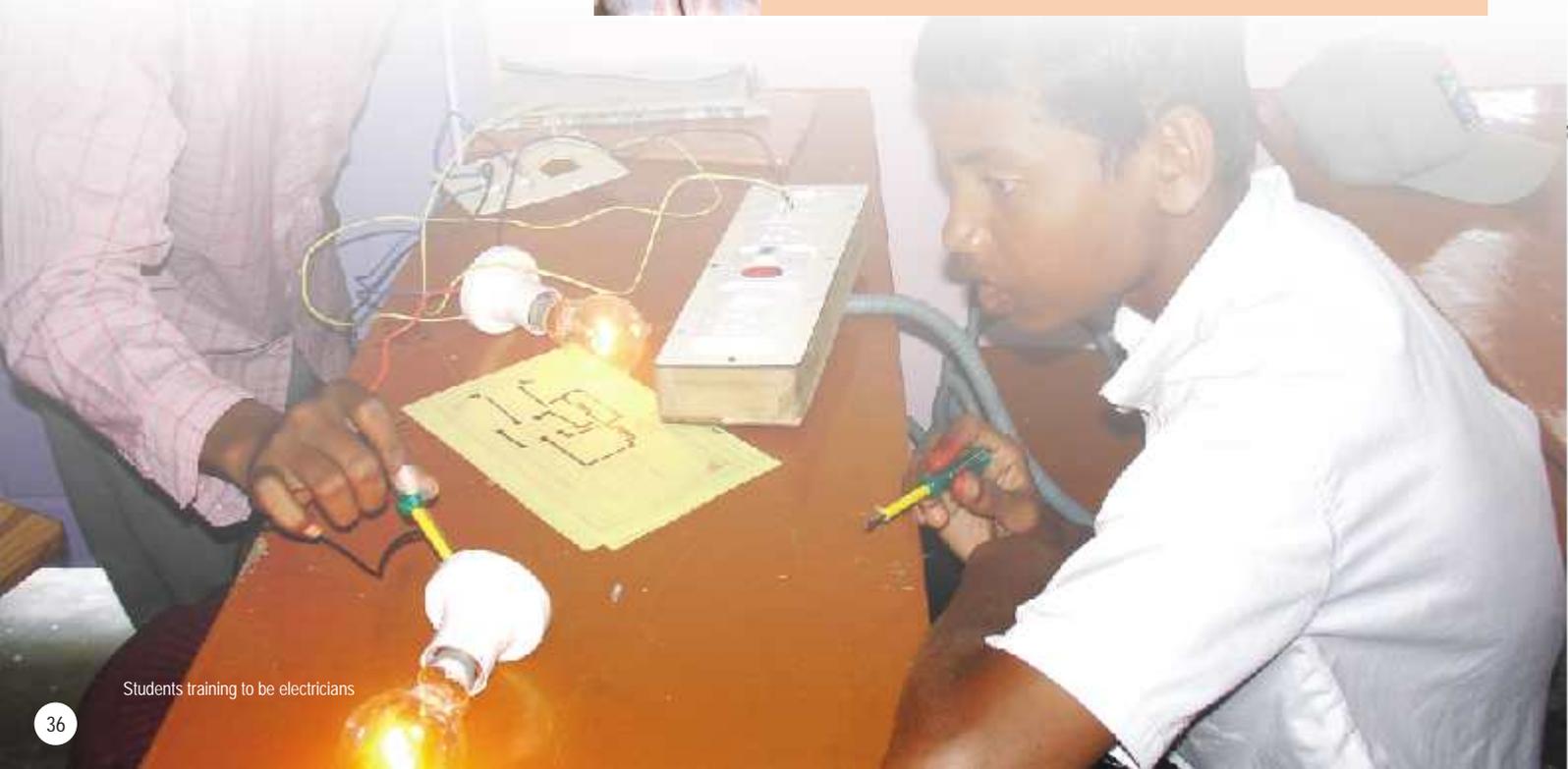
economies robust enough to endure future crises. It is also a replicable example of partnership between a local community and the corporate sector.

One million dollars (US) have been allocated by Manpower for the five-year project, with the enterprise expected to sustain itself for at least a further decade thereafter. The unique project was opened on the 8th of October this year by Mr. Iain Herbertson, managing director of Manpower, and was attended by government officials, HOPE representatives, and Tharangambadi panchayat leaders.



### S.Senthil

S. Senthil, 18, was raised as a fisherman and earned about Rs.1000 per month before the tsunami struck in December last year. After that tragic day, S. Senthil wanted nothing more to do with fishing. He had only completed sixth standard at school, however, and was not equipped with an alternative trade. Fortunately he was soon able to enroll in MVTC's electrician's course, and with so much rebuilding occurring in Nagapattinam, he was quickly able to find an apprenticeship when the this course finished. He now earns Rs.1500 per month, a figure that will treble as his experience grows.



Students training to be electricians



## Nagapattinam

Computer training at MVTC, Nagapattinam

In all, Nagapattinam sustained about three quarters of the tsunami fatalities recorded for the whole of Tamil Nadu state. With their boats smashed, homes ruined and families broken, many Nagapattinam locals despaired of surviving at all. To address this scenario HOPE *foundation* together with the District Collector, Mr. J. Radhakrishnan and Manpower Inc.

began the second Manpower Vocational Training Centre in Nagapattinam Town. The vision of HOPE *foundation* in the long-term is to break the area's fragile dependence on two sources of revenue: fishing and agricultural day-labour. To this end, a major thrust has been the development of vocational training through a variety of training centres and trade schools.



Nagapattinam District Collector, Mr. J. Radhakrishnan with Mr. Iain Herbertson, Asia Pacific Managing Director of Manpower, Inc. talking to a student.

## Kalaivanan

Kalaivanan lost his parents at an early age and had to live with the family of an uncle. While at school, Kalaivanan's uncle insisted he take up part-time work to contribute to family expenses. As soon as Kalaivanan had completed sixth standard, he was forced into the full time workforce, becoming a construction worker for Rs.80 (US\$2) per day. In the end he left his uncle's house, but there was little work and life was very difficult for the young man until friends told him about Manpower's Vocational Training Centre (MVTC). Kalaivanan completed MVTC's masonry course and he now earns Rs.3000 per month.



## Amarthalingam

Amarthalingam began his apprenticeship to a local electrician for a daily wage of a cup of tea and a samosa. After some time this miserable payment was grudgingly increased to Rs.30 less than US\$1 a day. After further training at

MVTC, however, Amarthalingam made a breakthrough beyond his wildest Dreams. Through Gudumbha Visa, a local NGO, Amarthalingam won the wiring contract for 29 tsunami-relief shelters. The contract, worth Rs.43,000 (US\$975) allows Amarthalingam to employ Nirmal, his friend and fellow-student from MVTC.



Women taking the sewing training at MVTC, Nagapattinam

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# Financial Summary

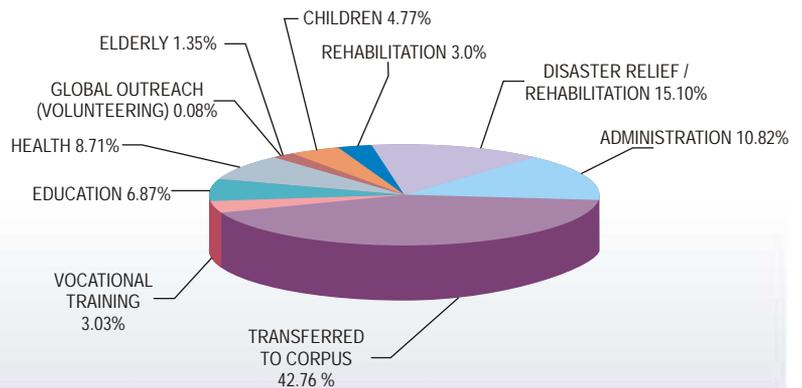
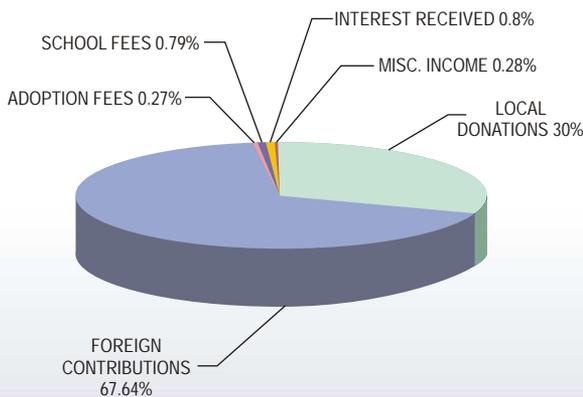
## Income & Expense account for the financial year ending 31st March, 2005

I N C O M E	
Local Donations	19,374,197.77
Foreign Contributions	43,457,877.87
Adoption Fees	175,900.00
School Fees	510,253.00
Interest Received	550,263.97
Misc. Income	181,317.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,249,810.36</b>

E X P E N S E	
Vocational Training	1,943,891.43
Education	4,414,679.12
Health	5,598,296.93
Global Outreach (volunteering)	51,302.00
Elderly	868,661.29
Children	3,062,994.08
Rehabilitation	1,927,341.20
Disaster Relief / Rehabilitation	9,702,225.45
Administration	9,210,254.24
Transferred To Corpus*	27,470,164.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,249,810.36</b>

Note: All figures are in Indian Rupees

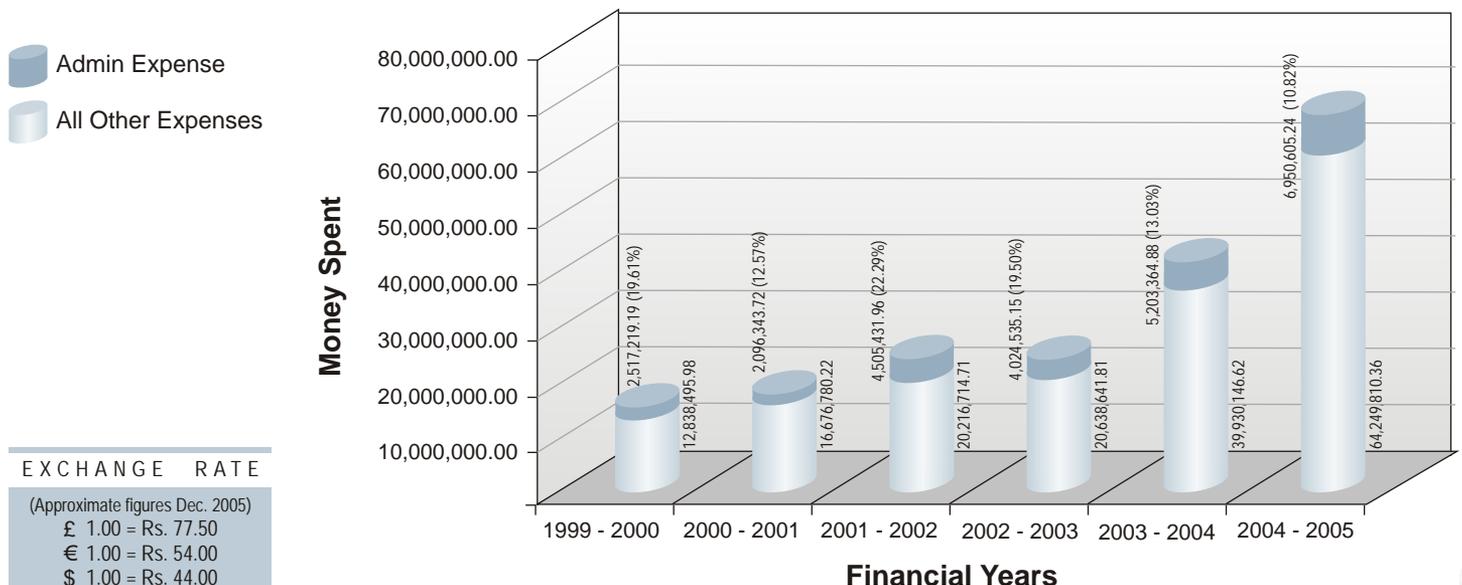
\*Corpus: The corpus consists of funds mostly designated for specific programmes to be carried forward to the next financial year. That is, the cash flow on which the organisation runs. Rs. 10,000,000 of this corpus is dedicated to the long term running of the Manpower Vocational Training Centre in Nagapattinam.



The above financial information has been derived from the audited financial statements of HOPE foundation for the financial year ending 31st March 2005, which was audited by Agarwal Jetley & Co. A complete copy of the audited accounts is available upon request.

HOPE foundation is committed to integrity and transparency in its accounts. We are thoroughly scrutinised by the Government of India, and take pride in spending every rupee that we receive carefully. HOPE foundation is directly involved in helping the poor and building capacity in others who do so, and spends only a small fraction of its income on administration and fundraising.

## Annual turnover for the past six years

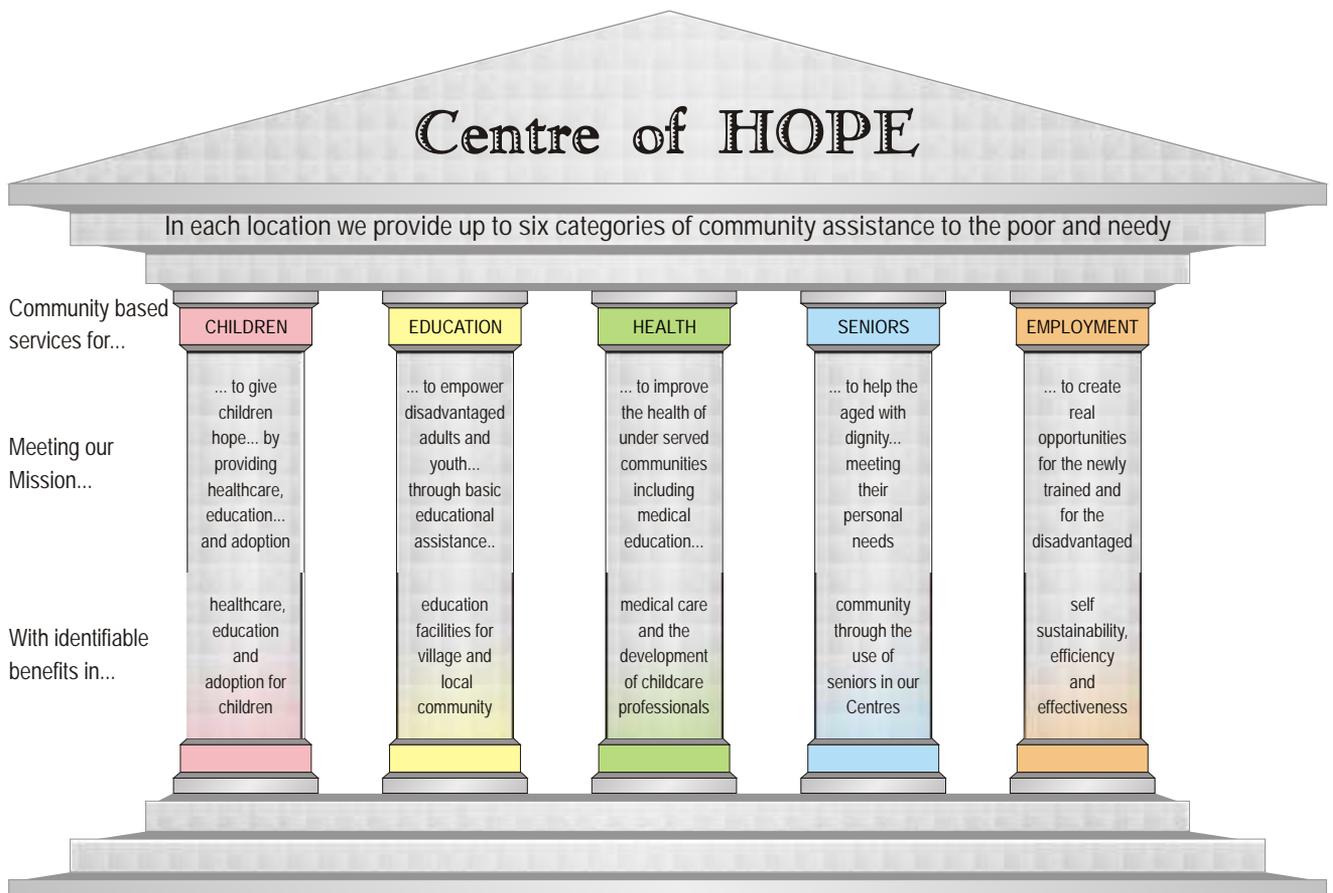


### EXCHANGE RATE

(Approximate figures Dec. 2005)  
 £ 1.00 = Rs. 77.50  
 € 1.00 = Rs. 54.00  
 \$ 1.00 = Rs. 44.00



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## Centres of HOPE foundation

Name of the Centre of HOPE	CHILDREN	EDUCATION	HEALTH	SENIORS	EMPLOYMENT	TOTAL*
<b>CoH 01</b> Delhi (VoH & Ashakiran)	Malnutrition (120) / Ashakiran (200) - Programme for the mentally challenged children	Adult Education (83)	Leprosy Clinic (110 daily) / Dental Clinic (516) / Health Education (6,671) / Family Planning (1,760) / Tuberculosis Eradication (168)		Computer <sup>2</sup> (122) / Sewing Training (85) Crafts Centre (52)	9,884
<b>CoH 02</b> Delhi (Asharan & ROD)	Orphanage (43) / Adoption (13) / Midday Meal (74)	Adult Education <sup>2</sup> (33) / Nursery (201) / Primary (223) / Non-Formal School (583)			Computer <sup>3</sup> (133) / Sewing (68) / Beautician Training (158)	1,529
<b>CoH 03</b> Bhuj	Midday Meal (220)	Nursery (178) / Primary School (42)			Computer Training (10)	450
<b>CoH 04</b> Kolkata (with Ranchi)	Malnutrition (80)	Nursery (10) / Primary (70) / Non-Formal School (35)	Family Planning (40)		Computer (5) / Sewing Training (15)	255
<b>CoH 05</b> Mumbai (with Pune & Goa)			HIV/AIDS Targeted Intervention <sup>2</sup> (40257)		Computer Training <sup>2</sup> (90)	40,347
<b>CoH 06</b> Hyderabad	Midday Meal (170)	Primary School (170)			Computer Training (397)	737
<b>CoH 07</b> Bangalore (with Bangarpet & KGF)	Midday Meal (210)	Nursery (30) / Primary School <sup>2</sup> (215)	Primary Health Clinic (1,100) / Tuberculosis Eradication (38) / Targeted Intervention (1,800)	Old Age Home (6)	Computer Training <sup>5</sup> (712)	4,111
<b>CoH 08</b> Chennai (AIDS, TB & PATH project)	AIDS home of HOPE (54) / Child care in Paediatric ward (50)		HIV/AIDS Targeted Intervention (26,338) / Tuberculosis Eradication (515)			26,957
<b>CoH 09</b> Chennai (VTC & School)		Nursery (70) / Primary School (110)			Computer <sup>2</sup> (248) / Sewing Training (49)	477
<b>CoH 10</b> Trichy	Orphanage (30)				Computer Training (35)	65
<b>CoH 11</b> Kochi (with Trivandrum & Kottayam)			Tuberculosis Eradication <sup>3</sup> (97) / Cancer Detection (36)	Old Age Home (10)	Computer Training Centre (11)	154
<b>CoH 12</b> Pudupattinam (with Ganapathychettykulam)		Nursery (58) / Non-Formal School (25)	Primary Health Clinic (1,200)		Livelihoods <sup>2</sup> (92)	1,375
<b>CoH 13</b> Tharangambadi (with Chinnakudi)	Midday Meal (85)	Nursery (100) / Primary (35) / Non-Formal School (120)			Computer (44) / Sewing (20) / Electrical (15) / Masonary Training (20) / Livelihoods (84)	523
<b>CoH 14</b> Nagapattinam					Computer (130) / Sewing (60) / Electrical (18) / Driving (20) / Masonary Training (20)	248
<b>TOTAL*</b>	1,349	2,391	80,643	16	2,713	<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b> 87,112
						Total no. of beneficiaries per category

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