

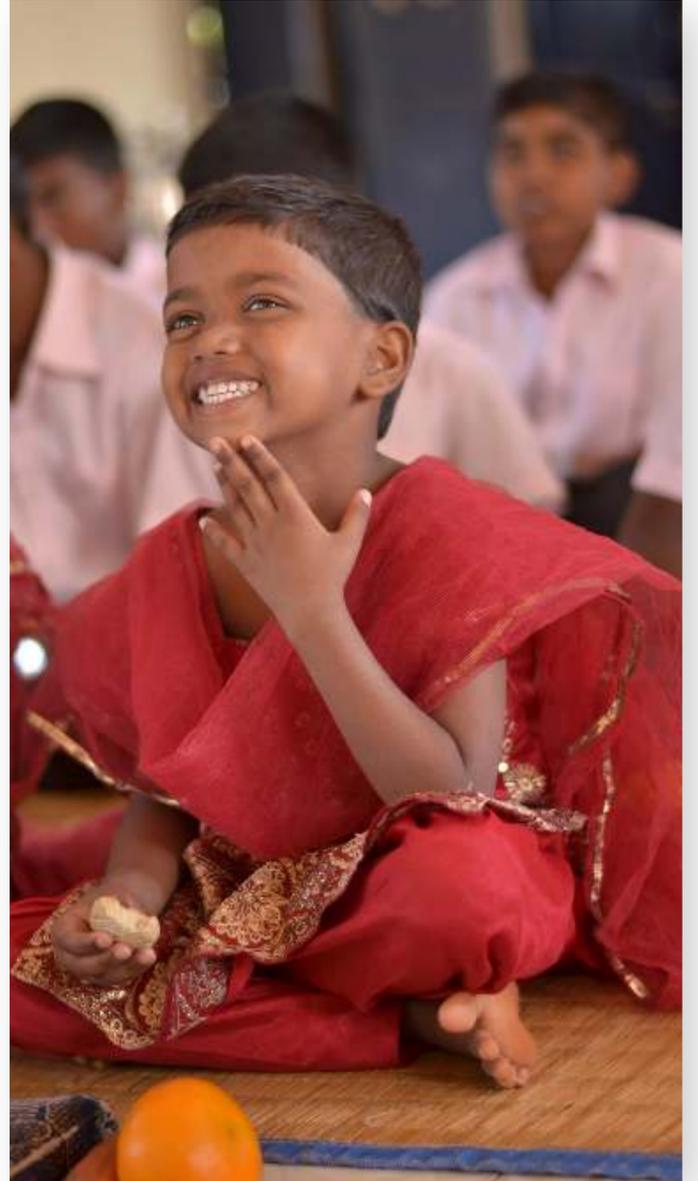


DESTINY VILLAGE, INDIA

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING DESTINY VILLAGE THROUGH SERVING ORPHANS WORLDWIDE!

Your gift continues to improve lives everyday. We wanted to share some information with you, along with some recent updates so you will always know how your dollars are impacting the children served at Destiny Village.

Located in Tirunelveli, an ancient city in the state of Tamil Nadu, India, Destiny Village faithfully serves 39 children who are long term residents. The home's primary aim is to rescue high risk children and provide them with food, shelter, education, spiritual and emotional support. Every child who calls Destiny Village their home has a different story. Some have lost both parents and have no relatives or close family friends to take them in. Some were abused or abandoned due to extreme poverty. No matter the story, Destiny Village believes that each child deserves to be loved, and that they are not defined by their circumstances.



MEETING SPIRITUAL NEEDS



Encouraging spiritual growth is a top priority at Destiny Village. Most of the children living at the home come from Hindu backgrounds, and have families who are heavily addicted to drugs.

Within a year, most of the children have accepted Christ and have begun to thrive in their christian walk. The children attend church every week, along with other activities that help them with their spiritual growth.

DEBORAH, NAHOMIE, MONECHANDRA

Deborah, Nahomie, Monechandra are siblings who now call Destiny Village their home. They came from a Hindu family in Tamilnadu, and like many in the state, their parents struggled daily with substance abuse, addiction and poverty.

Prior to the children coming to Destiny Village, they lived on the streets, begged, and collected trash to survive.

After a series of events that threatened their safety, all three children were admitted into the home. Since coming to the home, all 3 children have accepted Jesus as their savior and are continuing to live in His promises every day.



NUTRITION AND HEALTH CARE



The children receive three nutritious meals a day, consisting of vegetables, milk, grains and protein.

Most meals include rice, curry, vegetables, eggs, fish and chicken. They also receive healthy snacks throughout the day.

When it is necessary, the children have access to health care through a local doctor. They have received all vaccinations recommended by their governmental health organization, and have access to counseling to help them cope with trauma.

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8

EDUCATION: OVERCOMING INEQUALITY



GOMATHI

The caste system, gender biases, child marriage and poverty are just some of the factors that contribute to the deprivation of education among girls in India, especially for orphaned and abandoned girls. In fact, only 1 in 100 girls will complete the 12th grade.

Girls are at a higher risk for abandonment than boys in India, especially for families who are poor and marginalized. With limited systems of support for the elderly, many families see boys as superior as they provide the best protection against problems as they age, such as loss of mobility, poverty and lack of access to

health care. Boys can provide financial support and guarantee a future wife to bring into the family to help with domestic duties. Meanwhile, cultural norms require parents to save money for an expensive dowry and costly wedding for girls. In addition, as their daughters get married, they will leave, along with their labor to serve another family. In this male dominated society, a girl's future is often spoken for.

Of the children who live at Destiny Village, many are young girls who would otherwise have to face significant disadvantages, especially when it comes to education. Regardless of gender, all children at Destiny Village are enrolled in public school until they complete the 12th grade and are provided with safe transportation to and from the campus.

Investing in better access to education for girls in India not only improves their lives, but their local community as well. Research shows that girls in developing countries who complete secondary school have much better outcomes.

They are healthier, more independent and their children have an increased likelihood to succeed. Furthermore, they are likely to actively participate in the labor force and be empowered to be voices and decision makers in their families and communities.

EDUCATION: OVERCOMING INEQUALITY



JENNIFER

Jennifer and Gomathi have already defied the odds by completing their high school education. Jennifer came to Destiny Village when she was 12. Her father died when she was young, and she became fully orphaned when her mother passed away from unforeseen illnesses.

Gomathi also grew up at Destiny Village. When she was three, she lost her father from a car accident and her mother became sick shortly after. They both learned that despite their circumstances, they have a God who is able to give them strength to overcome and pursue their dreams.

Both girls have a big dream to complete nursing school. They would like to pursue their degree via a three-year nursing course at the Salvation Army Catherine Booth Hospital and School, located in Nagercoil, Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu India.

Your support to Destiny Village will continue to give all children, no matter their gender or background the chance to reach their God given potential, and end the cycle of poverty for generations to come.

But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread Your protection over them, that all who love Your name may be filled with joy.

Psalm 5:11

Without you, Destiny Village could not continue to provide a safe, loving environment for vulnerable children in India.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Thanks