



EL SHADDAI RESCUE HOME, INDIA

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING EL SHADDAI THROUGH SERVING ORPHANS WORLDWIDE!

Your gift continues to improve lives everyday. We wanted to send you an update of how your dollars are impacting the children served at El Shaddai Rescue Home in India.

El Shaddai Rescue Home, located in India faithfully serves 17 boys who are long term residents. The home's primary aim is to rescue high risk children from the prostitution rings in India and provide them with food, shelter, education, spiritual and emotional support. Every child who calls El Shaddai their home has a different story. Some lost their parents, and some were abused or abandoned due to extreme poverty. No matter the story, El Shaddai believes that each child deserves to be loved, and that they are not defined by their circumstances.



WHY CHILDREN ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE IN INDIA



India has the largest child population in the world. However, children there face unimaginable hardships. Most do not attend school regularly and are pressured to go to work and earn money for their families.

Health is also a struggle, as many of the children born per year do not live to the age of 5. According to UNICEF, nearly half of these deaths are attributable to malnutrition. These issues combined with many other factors make children the most vulnerable in India.

At El Shaddai, taking care of the whole child is vital in order to give them the best chance at overcoming their trauma and reaching their God-given potential, long term. The boys are enrolled in school, provided with access to healthcare and receive three nutritious meals a day.

FACTS ABOUT FAITH

The vast majority of people in this region of India have never heard about the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Christianity is the minority religion in all of India. Unfortunately, persecution is a harsh reality for believers. In the summer of 2017, the US Commission on International Religious Freedom released a report that compared the severity of persecution in India with Iraq and Afghanistan.

DID YOU KNOW THAT 796 OUT OF 854 PEOPLE GROUPS IN THIS DISTRICT ALONE ARE UNREACHED?



SOURCE: JOSHUAPROJECT.NET

SHARING HOPE WITH THE GOOD NEWS

The heart of the staff is to not only provide love, shelter, food, education and clothing, but to share about the love and salvation of Jesus to all the children who enter their doors.

All the boys living at this home have come from a Hindu backgrounds and have never heard about Jesus until coming to El Shaddai. At the home, the gospel is presented clearly and, in an age, appropriate manner. Children attend church and bible studies every week, and receive daily encouragement that fosters growth in their walk with Christ. Now, all of the boys have accepted Jesus as their Savior! This would not be possible without your support!



ANIMAL FARM AND VEGETABLE GARDEN



We are thankful that the animals are healthy and continue to provide a sustainable source of nutritious food for the children at the home.

Currently, they are raising 8 goats to provide dairy, and over a dozen rabbits and chickens to provide protein.

It is winter now at El Shaddai, and the summer crops have withered until next year. They have rice and other grains growing, which will provide plenty of much need carbohydrates to get them through the cold months.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

The boys are getting ready to take their final exams. Some are anxious, and some are excited about getting two weeks off after this exam. Please pray that they will remember all they have studied.

We praise God for some caring local volunteers who delivered enough clothing and supplies to last a whole year!

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, El Shaddai Rescue Home could not continue to provide a safe, loving environment for vulnerable children in India.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Thanks