



# HARVEST INDIA

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## OUR MISSION

**TO CARRY CHRIST'S COMPASSION TO EVERY VILLAGE IN INDIA.**

The 4 key ways we carry out our mission at Harvest India:

-  **MERCY MINISTRIES**
-  **EDUCATION**
-  **ORPHAN CARE**
-  **SHARING THE GOSPEL**

## A WORD FROM SURESH

Dear Friends,

It is always a great joy to share what the Lord is doing through Harvest India in this newsletter. My family and the entire Harvest India staff are so grateful for your support of the work that we are doing for the glory of God. As you know a major emphasis of our ministry is focused on caring for children that have been orphaned and neglected. This month we will highlight some of the work that we are doing to care for many children in India.

When I think back to my childhood, I can remember growing up in the orphan home with my brother. It was there in that small, simple home where I met the Lord. It was there that I was given love, food and an education. It was there that a family I will never know, took a risk and supported me monthly for many years. It was through these strangers selfless sacrifice that I knew that God had a plan for my life.

I often wondered why I had to grow up this way as I watched other more privileged children around me. But as I look back over my life, it is 100% clear why I was raised in that home. God had a plan, before I was ever aware, to cultivate my heart and burden for children through my own personal circumstances. Now I have the honor of helping care for over 1300 children through Harvest India's 26 orphan homes.

Today, I am believing that the same God who blessed me, that He will surely bless these children who are in our care. I know

that they will become pastors, evangelists, teachers, lawyers, officers, doctors, engineers, good politicians, mothers and fathers in the society of India. They will be the ones to carry Christ's compassion to every village in India in the days to come. This is my prayer for the next generation, please join me.

Once again thank you so much for your love, prayers and support. You are the real champions that are changing children's lives, just like someone changed mine so many years ago. May the Lord bless your family and everything you are doing.

May God Bless You,

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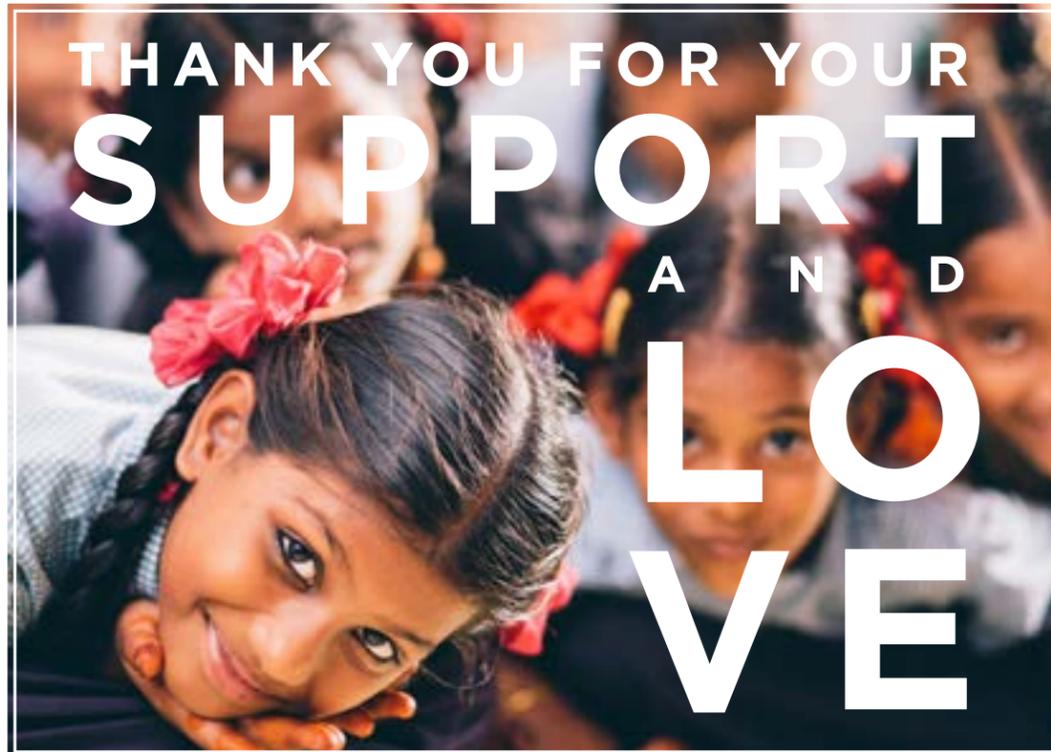
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Let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth."

1 JOHN 3:18

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## WAYS YOU CAN ADVOCATE FOR ORPHANS THIS FALL

### PLAN:

On November 13th, thousands of churches will stand together on behalf of orphaned children. Orphan Sunday is a global movement of locally-led events to stir churches, small groups and communities to God's heart for orphans and how we can respond. If you are interested in featuring Harvest India on Orphan Sunday, contact Julie Hubbard at 949.701.9296 or Julie@harvestindia.org.

We have plenty of marketing materials such as videos, banners, graphics, and more!

### VISIT:

We love when our supporters visit us! There is nothing quite like seeing the impact of your support and prayer first hand. If you have not visited us in Tenali yet, we would love to invite you to do so! Contact our office or local partner church for details about upcoming trips in your area.



### GATHER:

Although we in the U.S. may not be able to be in India personally, there are so many ways to raise awareness and support from where we are. Gather your community by throwing a fundraiser or benefit concert, hosting a viewing event of Mother India, or creating an advocacy club at your school.

### PRAY:

At the root of everything we do is the redemptive and compassionate love of God. As we meet practical and tangible needs through Orphan Care, join us in praying that these actions will reveal the love of Christ to each of the children.

### COMMIT:

Every child who calls our orphan homes 'home' is supported by the generosity of donors like you. Will you commit a portion of your monthly finances and invest in the future of India?

- **Individual Monthly Orphan Sponsorship: \$35/month**
- **Entire Children's Home Support: \$1,500/month**

Please visit [HTTPS://HARVESTINDIA.GIVINGFUEL.COM/CHILD-SPONSORSHIP-GENERAL](https://harvestindia.givingfuel.com/child-sponsorship-general) to give today!



## THE HEAVY REALITY

According to UNICEF, there are over 65 million orphaned children in Asia. Half of this total is said to live in India. To be orphaned is not only to be without parental care – it can mean limited or no access to food, shelter, and education. Perhaps most profoundly, to be without guardianship is to be without the necessary protection against child labor and trafficking. Despite the fall of child labor in the past two decades, India still ranks 4th in modern slavery and forced labor. 80% of these laborers work in rural, agricultural settings – a very present reality for Harvest India and our work in predominantly rural settings. For young boys, this can mean working in construction or hard manual labor, and for girls, domestic work or sex trafficking. Unfortunately, Dalit girls are up to 27 times more likely to be trafficked than any other demographic according to the Dalit Freedom Network.

As we stand with the most vulnerable, we stand in opposition to these heavy realities. The work is not easy, yet we are strengthened by our God who speaks light into the darkness.



## CHILDREN'S HOMES LOCATIONS



**ANDHRA PRADESH**

1. GUNTUR	15. NAGARJUNA SAGAR
2. VADLAMUDI	16. PIDUGURALLA
3. CHENCHUPET	17. LAKSHMI PURAM
4. RAVINDRANATH NAGAR	18. YANDAGANDI
5. KOLAKOLURU	19. PEDDAPURAM
6. TELAPROLU	20. VIJAYAWADA
7. PEDDAPALEM	21. AMBAPURAM
8. VEMURU	22. GURUVINDAPALLI
9. KOLLURU	23. PAPA VINASAM
10. DONEPUDI	24. NAGAYALANKA
11. BHATTIPROLU	25. GIDDALURU
12. ATMAKUR	26. MARKAPURAM
13. BANDALARUVU	27. YARRAGONDAPALEM
14. VANUKURU	



## HELLO... MY NAME IS PAVAN



When Pavan was only 8 years old he lost his father to a heart attack and his mother committed suicide shortly after. Thankfully his uncle was able to step in and take care of him and his older brother until he could find a more long term solution, and that's where Harvest India enters the story.

For the last 5 years Pavan has been cared for by Harvest India where he is currently thriving in High School. He says, *"I love the discipline, education, and prayer life here at Harvest India."* His favorite subject is Physical Science and like most kids, he has a least favorite subject... his is Hindi. His dream is to one day be a Policeman, and he attributes this to his mother. He says that is what she wanted for him and he wants to fulfill that dream in honor of her memory.

Pavan's story is just one of hundreds in Harvest India's care. Our goal is to equip him with the skills to fulfill his dreams and empower him with the love of Christ. Please pray for his future and that he would continue to be a light in his community.