

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you.

As another year passes, the children of Kid's Paradise held their annual Christmas celebrations, complete with song, dance and worship. The school has had a lot to celebrate this year, in particular their new bus that your donations helped purchase. The Kid's Paradise Headmistress, Mrs Snehalatha Martin passed on her thanks, saying: "I am very much thankful for such a beautiful bus to our school, because of this... we are able to bring 32 students from nearby villages to our school, the students are also very much grateful for giving them this gift that has enabled them to study in our school." Looking back at our work for the school in the village and the tailoring centre in Raichur, we



are encouraged to see what the Lord has been doing in the lives of the children and the staff. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you who donated or raised funds for CRHD this year.



A special acknowledgement must be made to John Luke – a friend of Gill's – who ran the Edinburgh Marathon back in May. John chose us as his charitable cause, generously offering to support the purchase of the Kid's Paradise School minibus. He raised over £1,100 towards this cause. Looking to the forthcoming year, David Stockwell – another friend of Gill's – will be completing a sponsored walk, travelling from John o'Groats in the Scottish Highlands all the way to Land's End, Cornwall. This is a distance of over 1000km, which is an incredible goal! David is kindly raising funds for CRHD; you can visit his JustGiving page [here](#), and follow along his journey when he starts next year [here](#).

For those of you who didn't receive our email, a few months ago we partnered with easyfundraising, an organisation that connects non-profits like CRHD with over 7000 online retailers. This means that every time you shop at these websites, we will receive a small donation at no extra cost to you! All you need to do is create an account with easyfundraising, then head to the websites from the landing page. Find out more [here](#).

Many of you have been dedicated in supporting us for a number of years. We wanted to pay tribute to the life and work of Maureen Harris, who passed away this October. Alongside her husband David, Maureen spent ten years in Southern India as a Missionary for the church, sharing her faith and testimony. They were also staunch supporters of CRHD, visiting the school and tailoring centre to see the work that we have accomplished. Maureen wished for donations in her memory to go towards CRHD, which is a testament to her love and belief in our work. Our prayers are with David and his children during this time.



In November, myself (Joseph) and Nutan met the CRHD India committee members to discuss the future of the project, in the event of no funding from the UK and Switzerland. Knowing there are no other local resources to carry on the project, they are aware of the financial implications and would be sad to see the work stopped. However, they are grateful for all our support so far, and would continue to trust the Lord and pray for His providence. We are aware of your prayers and also your personal interest for the development of the vision of CRHD to serve the marginalised community in India.

Please pray for the following:

1. Praise God for all those who have been supporting the project through their prayers and finances.
2. For the safety of the CRHD Staff, children, and school.
3. As the cost of living has increased, CRHD needs £30,000/ per year to pay for building maintenance, school bus insurance and maintenance, the staff salaries, and school lunches.
4. For finance towards the 10 day Summer Vocational Bible School, which costs £1500 to cover all learning materials and lunches.
5. That CRHD may continue to be a great witness for God's love and faithfulness in the caste dominated society. Pray that we may gain more friends to pray, promote and to raise the necessary finances.
6. That the dream of CRHD to see an Education Centre built for God's glory may one day be realised.
7. That the school may continue to thrive to be a model school for others to follow.
8. That the Tailoring Centre will continue to reach out to women who otherwise would not have the opportunity to learn tailoring skills and interact with others. For this work to continue flourishing.

We wish all of you a Happy and Prosperous 2024.

Yours in Christ,

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