



**Friends of
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CRHD News Letter 2017

Dear Friends,

It is time for all of you to know what has been happening with the project. We are delighted to inform you that all the children passed their exams This was celebrated after the summer break along with the annual festivities. However there is still uncertainty surrounding the existing staff's commitment, as some may move on. Year after year, we have seen well-qualified new staff appointed and while teaching, some of them either leave for further training or acquire better-paid jobs. Such experiences leave the school in a very vulnerable position in terms of staffing.

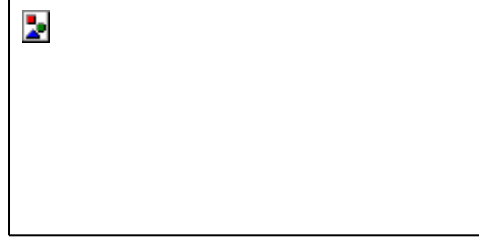


By God's grace, the school has 189 children and the year 7 students will now move into year 8. The new dining hall will also serve as a classroom in this coming academic year. Our school is known not only for its academic but also for its sporting achievements, which have been made possible by developing our pupils' potential. All children are delighted to receive their prizes and no doubt their achievements have also brought great joy to their parents.

Due to transport problems, a great many of our children have difficulty travelling to school. Therefore the staff and the committee members have asked us to consider investing in a school bus. It would cost around £30,000, a large sum of money but it would provide a facility that could also benefit the community during the holidays.



Another highlight of the year has been the opening of the new long-awaited dining hall with the kitchen and store area. Many of you have been praying for it and certainly the children have been



looking forward to it, so now they can eat their meals in a clean environment. The premises are secure and spacious.

It is amazing to see the completion of the large compound wall we had prayed for. This has become a reality through the generosity of our friends in the UK. The dedication of the compound wall and the dining hall was a great occasion for the staff and children. They said that the Lord has been faithful and they are grateful for the donors who enabled the fulfilment of this dream. The staff and children praise God for His wonderful blessing of Friends of CRHD, UK and Switzerland and grateful for their generous financial support and continuing prayers for the school and tailoring centre.

In Raichur it was a joy to see the Tailoring workshop in action, and the various garments the ladies were making for their families. Some will move



on to become business women. One lady who has her own business bought her sewing machine, and has made a profit of £2000 in her first year, which is a great credit to the Tailoring school. Sundera Daniel and Ruth

have been working hard to enable these women from different backgrounds develop their hidden potential, to stand on their own feet, and support themselves.

The school also hosted a seminar for all pastors serving in villages; they were challenged to encourage the young people and to empower village women. Furthermore they learnt the value of empowering the local people to recognise the importance of social and economic awareness in order to develop their lives. The trustees on the Indian committee are keen to see that the charity focuses now on 'spiritual' aspects of our work. So two trustees have been set aside to do the groundwork and invite pastors (who are mainly

un-trained) from surrounding villages. Obviously, this will take some time to organise and function properly but it could become the basis of a school of Discipleship and Leaders Training Centre.

Please pray for the following: –

1. Praise God for those who have generously donated the funds needed to build a multi-purpose hall and the donations made for the building of a compound wall around the whole school. [SEP]
2. For toilets: The school needs 6 toilets for both girls and boys. It would cost £500 for each. This would mean that the children do not have to leave the building. [SEP]
3. For a library that would provide an opportunity read, study and do their homework. [SEP]
4. For a school bus that would ferry in children from different villages in order to develop the school further. [SEP]
5. For the protection of the staff and children. [SEP]
6. For the tailoring centre, that it may continue to grow. [SEP]
7. For tailoring centre to progress in the midst of contemporary social, economical, [SEP]political and religious challenges and share the Gospel of Christ. [SEP]
8. For the financial needs CRHD: the £20,000 per year to pay for the staff, provide lunch for the children and maintain the School as well as the [SEP]women's centre. [SEP]
9. For CRHD to be a great witness for God's love and faithfulness in the caste [SEP]dominated society of India. [SEP]
10. That CRHD may have more 'friends' outside India to pray, promote and to [SEP]raise the necessary finance. [SEP]
11. For the CRHD community health care programme, helping rural people to [SEP]understand the importance of a healthy lifestyle. [SEP]
12. For the appropriate timing for a school of Discipleship and Leaders Training Centre to begin and the resources needed for it. [SEP]

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