

# Right Hand Ministries

“Then the King will say to those on His RIGHT HAND, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father... for I was hungry and you gave Me food, thirsty and you gave Me drink, a stranger and you took Me in, naked and you clothed Me, sick and you visited Me, in prison and you came to Me.’”

Matthew 25:34-36



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Beautiful HOPE Children (34 girls, 9 of the 10 boys) in one of their new sets of Christmas clothes.

**Below, left photo** is Teja (19, currently our oldest child in HOPE), holding Susmitha (6). Pray for Teja, who is seriously praying about discontinuing her nursing college studies so that she can stay and do ministry at HOPE. She loves the children, is very gifted with them, and is full of vigor. We would be very happy if she follows through with that decision, but only want the Lord's will for her life. There is also her father and other relatives involved, so in order for her to stay with us (working some with the HOPE School also), we/she would need the Lord's favor with all these people. Pray with us.

**Below, right photo** is a little girl from a village where we do regular children's ministry via HOPE. Our HOPE Angel (13, the taller girl) noticed during the children's ministry that the little girl was crying all through the meeting. Angel went to talk with her, and found that the girl was often being molested by her step-father (if I remember correctly, the mother had died and the girl was staying with an uncle). The very day that we took this photo, her real father came to the village and took her to live with him. Pray for her safety and spiritual life.



## CHILDREN'S PROFILES

**Sneha Rani (don't know the correct birth date, but probably 9 or 10, Morning Star Girls Home):** Sorry for the very poor quality of some of the photos. We often struggle to get good photos from our ministry friends. Her name probably means Queen of Friendship or something similar (Rani the common word for queen). While Sneha was a baby, Hindus started a fight with some Christians in their village on Christmas Eve 2007. A Hindu man died on the



25th from this fight. During a mass persecution of believers in 2008, the Hindus took revenge, every house of believers burnt to the ground, everything lost. Her family fled to the jungle, and still stay in a hut. The mother is a sickly woman, the father bedridden because of hurting his back when falling from a tree while gathering leaves for their daily meals. There are 3 daughters total, the govt. giving some rice, and relatives giving some food for their survival. A very needy family. Sneha just came into the MS Girls Home in January of this year.

**Below:** Brother Jebaraj, whom we've been connected with in ministry for many years, comes now and then to visit the HOPE home (more than 5 hour journey by train). You may remember that his house and car was flooded during heavy rains in Chennai in late 2015. Via RHM donors we were able to help him and his family repair the house, the car never repaired properly, but he was able to get another one. He came to HOPE in mid-January, spending a day with our boys and girls, teaching them songs, actions and games. They thoroughly enjoyed his time with them. Here he is playing a game with the girls.





**Above:** Our HOPE School Christmas function was a great success, sharing the Gospel with the children, staff and parents who came, as well as LOTS of singing songs, doing dances, the children reading Scriptures, and eating snacks. We have about 230 students now in the school, and GOD has given us a wonderful opportunity to plant seeds of life, love, and truth into their little hearts while in the school (which runs from nursery through the 7th grade).

**Below:** These are some of the HOPE girls who are doing very well in their studies. At left is Iswarya, who currently has 2nd or 3rd rank (highest grades) in 4th grade. Next is Vidya, who finished 2nd grade with 1st rank, and has held onto that position for the last 5 major exams in 3rd grade. To the right is Suvarna, who has been at 1st rank in the last 2 major exams in the 5th grade. Pray for the HOPE children's education.



Some of the cutest little girls in the whole wide world, the nursery and lower kindergarten children of HOPE: (from left) Nithya, Sruthi, Suvarna, Susmitha, Aksha, Dhana



**Below:** HOPE's Jean Joy (16) having a conversation with a couple of puppet characters during the Christmas program in one of the villages where we regularly do children's ministry. The Lord has blessed Jean Joy (as a baby named after a Hindu god, but got a new name in HOPE), and she is doing very good ministry with the children, having a good rapport with the kids. The girls below with the puppets are Sudha Rani (11) and Angel (13), also growing in their abilities and usefulness in ministry. Praise the Lord!



**Below Left:** Our 5 oldest girls in HOPE, wearing new Christmas clothes. From left is Jean Joy, Teja, Susmitha, Sadha and Kumari. We're so happy how the Lord is using these girls in the village children's ministry. They also are very helpful in the home, especially in taking care of the younger children when needed.

We praise the Lord for how He provided for all our desires during the 2016 Christmas season. Because of a boatload of other responsibilities, we still haven't finalized all the purchasing, but He provided (through you the donors) the funds for 3 new sets of clothes for all 44 HOPE children, one dress for at least 120 village children who attend our "Sunday Schools", a new dress for all the Manna Program elderly, widows and handicapped (more than 100), as well as providing many new clothes for those within the Morning Star (more than 250 adults and children). So thankful for Him touching your hearts to give! *"Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart."* Psalms 37:4