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I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us – yes, the many good things he has done. Isaiah 63:7

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Dear Sponsors and Prayer Partners,

Recent news from India is showing what appears to be great social change in the whole country. We understand that people's needs, necessities and values have changed. In general people have improving facilities like housing schemes with a toilet for every house. More government free hostels are established with free food, schooling, books, stationary, uniform, mid-day meals and so on. Many are given free transport facilities, like cycles, bus passes etc. so that they can get more local education in the jungle villages. An example of this is that on the 18th August two of our girls got social welfare scholarships, and so they left the Hostel. Nineteen of our 10th class girls each received a free bicycle. There are great changes in culture, newness, styles etc. Because of this so-called enhancement, many of our girls have left our Hostel, which already gives what the government are offering. We cannot stop them leaving if these lures attract them. There is great lack of interest in spirituality and less discipline, and it is suggested that India will be all Hindu within the next 10 years!

Doctor Esther has given a very good Hostel Report for 2016-2017. The girl's spiritual activities begin each day with singing, Bible reading and the staff lead these devotions. After girls have left for school and college, the hostel staff, 12 in number, have a Bible study and prayer time, which has been a blessing.

All students in classes 10, 11, and 12 passed their examinations and are now studying in different colleges. Three girls are studying Nursing in towns away from Nidadavole. The generator has been replaced, and also the washing machine. The mission bungalow is very old and has needed repairs and electrical wiring, and painting, and the bathroom for the girls has been repaired. The Hostel car still ferries the smaller girls to the village of Chettipeta for schooling. A three-day Retreat, like a summer camp was a very happy time with visiting evangelists.

Asha Jyothi in our accounts office, left in May 2017, and has been replaced by another K. Asha Joythi who is very good with computer work and accounts. The Staff and girls thank you for your prayers and send their heartfelt thanks. We need your prayers for all the children and their families, especially the Christian families as we foresee a difficult time ahead with all the so-called improvement to life. Women in India have been told all their lives that they are worth nothing. As our girls grow up into womanhood, pray that they will come to know the God who loves them with an everlasting love and who sees them as more precious than rubies.



With our love

John & Eileen

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