

Asharan Orphanage

New Delhi

Marching into a new home



The kids moved into the new Asharan building on 15 March 2008. Their eyes brightened up at the sight of their new home. They immediately went into their rooms, rolled on the beds, and slid under the holders on their bunk beds.



The boys liked the colourful bunk beds, the blue and orange laminates on their cupboard, the teddy bear curtains, and the wallpaper borders full of cars. The girls were very excited about the lavender colour that symbolizes power, wisdom, and dignity in their room on the second floor. They love the wallpaper borders with butterflies on it. They have a mural of an angel attending to Elijah when he was helpless.

The child-care staff liked the infants' room: the soothing green that symbolizes the colour of nature, freshness, growth, and safety, the beautiful wallpaper borders, the mural of King Solomon's

judgment that shows the heart of the birth mother who is willing to give up her own child in order to save the child's life.



The classroom is painted with orange and yellow colours that symbolize energy, creativity, happiness, strength, etc. The tables and chairs are decorated with fruits and vegetables paintings. The children had fun choosing a favourite chair for themselves. The bookshelf has colourful laminates that are the same as those in the activity room. Overall, the children were very happy and grateful to get such an amazing house designed specially for them.



The Inauguration Ceremony

The inauguration ceremony was conducted after the children visited the new Orphanage. Mr. and Mrs. Gimms Andrews, the CFO of HOPE foundation and the adoption officer of Asharan, welcomed the guests. Mr. and Mrs. Nanjundan, the chief guests, gave a speech

Quarterly Report

January - March 2008

Mission

Our mission, as a compassionate but non-sectarian international charity, is to change lives by harnessing the compassion and commitment of dedicated staff and volunteers to deliver sustainable, high-impact, community-based services to the poor and needy.

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about Asharan and expressed their gratitude towards all who were partners with them in Asharan's 10-year journey. Both of them are dreamers who were instrumental in starting the work of Asharan orphanage back in 1997.

Mr. Mark Templer, the CEO of HOPE foundation as well as Mr. R. Ramkrishnan, Program Director, solution management services team at SAP Labs, addressed the crowd. The SAP Labs employees organized the sale of paintings made by the children. The children from Tigri slum

school, a program of HOPE foundation and the children of Asharan orphanage entertained the crowd by performing dances.



Mr. and Mrs. Geevarghese, Senior Program Director and Senior Program Manager of Asharan orphanage gave the vote of thanks. The ribbon was cut by Mr. and Mrs. Nanjundan and Mr. Gimms Andrews. This was followed by the unveiling of the inauguration plaque by Mrs. Nanjundan in the presence of all Asharan's staff, friends, and well-wishers.



Statistics:

No. of children at the beginning of January

20

Admissions

1

Restored to biological family

1

Indian Adoption (Interim Custody)

0

International Adoption

1

No. of children at the end of March

19