

Freedom from nightmares



Kumaresan is a sweet and mischievous 10-year-old boy. Looking at him, it is hard to believe the nightmare from which he has escaped. He is one of three children in his family that hails from a small village called Dhevadhanam. His father was an alcoholic who beat his wife almost daily. If he came home drunk, he would drive all of them out of the house regardless of the time or weather. His mother was the breadwinner of the family but she was only able to earn a meagre INR 300 (USD 7) per month. The family had to make do without ever having the basic necessities. The children barely managed to go to school. When Kumaresan was studying in the 5th standard, he was brought to Divya orphanage. Taking into consideration his family background, he was accepted into the home even though his parents were still alive. Now, he is free to play and study knowing that he will not have to run out in the middle of the night in fear of anyone.

A Miraculous Life



Anbazhagan will perhaps never know what a miracle it is that he is alive. He is the youngest child of HIV + patients. His father, a lorry driver, passed the infection to his mother. Miraculously, he and his 3 brothers escaped the infection. His parents eventually died because of the disease but it did not affect him much as he was too young to understand the implications. After his parents' deaths, none of their relatives was willing to give them a home. They were wandering on the roads when they were brought to Divya Orphanage. He now lives there along with one of his elder brothers and is one of the happiest and most cheerful boys.

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.

Statistics:

No. of children at the beginning of January

34

Admissions

01

Restorations to Biological Parents

02

No. of children at the end of March

33