

ASHARAN ORPHANAGE

(A program of HOPE foundation)

March 2006 Report

Jai's Joy

March has been a special month for the whole Orphanage, but in particular for one little boy named Jai. A native of Andhra Pradesh, Jai has suffered many setbacks since he was born in 1999 with numerous congenital deformities. His adoption this month, however, has been a wonderful conclusion to his many trials and an encouragement to all who know him.

Although the details are sketchy, it seems that Jai's parents, discouraged by his obvious disfigurement, simply left him in the hospital after birth. Jai then underwent five operations to repair his cleft palate, cleft lip and malformed pharynx, and experienced no small amount of trauma in the process. For the next five years he grew up in an orphanage in Hyderabad until the High Court ordered that he be transferred to Asharan to improve his chances of adoption.

After waiting another two years, young Jai's great dream was finally fulfilled on the 31st of March. After all the inevitable paperwork had been finalised, his adoptive mother and new sister arrived to take him to a new life and a new home in the United States. It was a bitter-sweet moment; Jai was so excited to be with his new family yet had become so attached to the staff at Asharan that he wanted to take us all with him. He asked that we all write to him and keep in touch regularly. For our part, we thank God for bringing such a perfect conclusion to a story with such a painful beginning.



Jai with his adoptive mother and sister.

Kidneys cause trouble

Sadly, the problems of our orphans do not end once they arrive at Asharan, and they frequently have many more concerns than simply finding a new family. Krittika is just one example. She was recently admitted to Garg Hospital after she stopped passing urine and her limbs began to swell. She was hospitalised for a week and diagnosed with nephrotic syndrome – a malfunction of the kidneys. Although now back at Asharan, Krittika remains on medication and we are praying for her recovery.



As a result of her stay in hospital, however, there are significant bills that have to be paid and we would appreciate any help in this regard.

Asharan Summary for March 2006

Admissions

Ajju: 5-year-old boy

Ajju was brought to Asharan by Nand Nagari police on the 13th of this month, but was restored to his mother the same day.

Ajay: 7-year-old boy

Preet Vihar police brought Ajay in on the 13th of March. He was restored to his uncle through the Child Welfare Committee exactly a week later.

Sandeep: 4-year-old boy

Brought to Asharan by Seelampur police on 24th of March via the Child Welfare Committee.

Abdul: 7-year-old boy

Abdul was brought to Asharan on the 20th by Farsh Bazar police through Childline.

Sarika: 4-year-old girl

Brought to Asharan by Nand Nagari police on the 30th of this month.

Restorations

A total of three children were restored to their biological parents or relatives.

Interim custody & Indian adoptions

Sandeep was adopted by an Indian family.

International adoptions

Jai and Pradeep were adopted by foreign families.

NEEDS

In the running of Asharan there are always many needs and we wish to thank all our existing donors for their support and prayers. Nevertheless, we are **falling short by about US\$1000 every month** – and that is before considering medical expenses such as those mentioned above.

We request that you kindly partner with us in meeting the needs of the kids.

Ideally, we ask that you consider sending us regular donations. Our contact details are provided below.

Asharan Orphanage Statistics – March 2006			
DETAILS	Boys	Girls	Total
No. of children at the start of the month	8	6	14
Admissions	4	1	5
Restored to biological family	3	0	3
Returned to Police (transfer)	0	0	0
Indian Adoption (Interim Custody)	1	0	1
Non Resident Indian Adoption	0	0	0
International Adoption	2	0	2
TOTAL AT THE END OF THE MONTH	6	7	13

Names of kids present

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Female

Sania
Varsha
Sormila
Pinki
Neha
Krittika
Sarika

Male

Rishi
Aman
Devinder
Mehroof
Sandeep
Vinod

Asharan Results to Date (31.03.06)	
Admissions	347
Restored to Biological Parents	179
Indian Adoption	59
Transferred to other Institution	56
International Adoption	19
NRI Adoption	04
Kids Present (current)	13
Boys	6
Girls	7

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Please make cheques out to 'HOPE foundation'.

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