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Feeding Little Bodies

If you or I miss breakfast on occasion, it is probably because during our morning rush, something had to give. So we give up breakfast, knowing that we will eat at lunch—or have a midmorning snack, or catch a latte and muffin on the way to work.

Some parts of India are fast-developing, to be sure, but most Indians are not enjoying a fast ride to prosperity. Far from it. Among those most neglected are the rural poor. And children. According to UNICEF and the World Health Organization, nine percent of India's children die before they reach their fifth birthday. **That's 6,050 children**

each day. This quiet tragedy is like witnessing 240 kindergarten classes (of 25 kids per class) die every day of the year:

240 classes yesterday, another 240 classes today, 240 tomorrow.... Most of these children die from malnutrition, preventable diseases or unclean water.

Orphans Faith Home (OFH), a partner organization of India Partners, is addressing this need. OFH runs a free Christian mission school called *Karunamaya*, meaning God's Grace. Many of the children arrive at *Karunamaya*



Without adequate nutrition, what will his future be?

with hungry stomachs—not because of any morning rush to get out of the door of their meager

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huts, but because there is little—if any—food at home that morning. They must beg for food on their way to school.

The *Karunamaya* school teachers and the local village pastors want to start a feeding program for these kids. Our *Hungry Child Project* will feed 100 hungry *Karunamaya* school children one meal per day, five days a week, 52 weeks a year. Each nutritious meal costs just 84¢,

and includes rice, dhal, an egg, vegetables, buttermilk, and occasional goodies. These are 100 kids who will enjoy the benefits of at least one square meal every school day. "Healthy bodies, sound minds," the saying goes. We agree.

Please give generously now, using the tearoff form below. Your donation will provide our most basic physical need—food—to little bodies that truly need it. God bless you!

Monthly Giving Ideas

- Your family could fast one night a month and donate the proceeds to the Hungry Child Project. Your skipped dinner becomes their meal!
- The Children's Sunday Schools at your church can donate one offering each month for hungry children in India.
- Skip one latte and muffin per week. Forward those funds to the *Hungry Child Project*.

I want to help feed little bodies and minds.

- \$30 = 36 meals
- \$60 = 71 meals
- \$125 = 143 meals
- \$250 = 298 meals
- \$500 = 595 meals
- Other _____

- Hungry Child Project*
- Where Most Needed
- Other _____

I would like to sponsor a friend in India for \$30/mo.

Note: for teachers and pastors, shared sponsorships are \$30/mo; full sponsorships are \$60/mo.

- child
- widow
- teacher
- pastor

I'm enclosing a check payable to India Partners.

I authorize India Partners to withdraw my gift of \$_____ per month, beginning ____/____/____, from the account on the **enclosed voided check**.

Withdrawal on: 1st of the month 15th of the month

Signature _____ Date _____

I understand I can have my automatic withdrawal stopped at any time.





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Mission Statement:

Partnering with the people of India in ministry by cultivating relationships, sharing resources, and encouraging self-sufficiency, through the compassion and wisdom of Jesus Christ.

India Partners is a Christian international development and relief organization committed to supporting self-help ministry projects in India.

We believe in helping the people of India help themselves, with God's grace. All are served regardless of caste, religion, gender or creed.

Activities include orphanages, schools, literacy programs, church support, Bible training, disaster relief, vocational training, medical ministry, livestock loans and agricultural projects.

India Partners also manages short-term teams, speakers and sponsorship programs.

India Partners pledges to use your gifts in the most efficient way possible to help suffering people, and to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

Our annual report and independently audited financial statements are available upon request.

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Pastor Isaac Benarjee to tour U.S.

India Partners is pleased to announce that Pastor Isaac Benarjee, Director of India Abundant Ministries, will tour the United States this spring. India Abundant Ministries (IAM), one of our partner organizations, is involved in activities that range from widow sponsorship to church-planting to its Sheila Tailoring School for women. For a fuller description of IAM's history and programs, please visit



Pastor Benarjee

our website, indiapartners.org, and click on "IAM." As of press time, Pastor Benarjee is being scheduled to speak in churches and other venues in Washington, Oregon, California, Texas, Virginia, New Jersey—and perhaps where *you* live. If you would like Pastor Benarjee to speak to your church or other group in May or June, contact Brent at India Partners toll-free 1-877-87-INDIA (877-874-6342).

Staff Opening: Development Associate. For information, go to indiapartners.org.

Bring Hope to One Child's Future

India Partners' Child Sponsorship is our most popular program—and for good reason. Through your financial support of \$30 a month and your prayers, *you* pave the way for one deserving child in India to get daily food and shelter, clothing, a Christian education and basic medical care. Join the hundreds of others sponsors across the globe who support a child each month. Or if you prefer, you may support a widow, pastor or school teacher instead. For more information, call us or go online to indiapartners.org and click on "Sponsor a Child." Thank you!



Gonthupala

for them, Gonthupala and his sister were hungry—until OFH took them in some years ago. Now Gonthupala is in good health and doing well in school. Like other Indian boys,

Gonthupala Suresh is in ninth grade. He lives at Orphans Faith Home (OFH) because his father, who used to labor in a vegetable market, got injured and could not work. His mother is chronically ill. With parents who could not provide

he enjoys playing the game of cricket. He attends Sunday School at OFH, where he learns Bible verses, stories and songs. He asks us to join him in prayer for his parents.

You can support Gonthupala or others like him as he finishes high school and prepares for a productive life. Would you consider sponsoring Gonthupala or another high schooler now?

Chinnakesavalu Mani's history is similar to Gonthupala's: her parents are both alive, but they are not able to work. Her father used to sell flowers until he sustained a hand injury, and her mother is ill, so OFH took Chinnakesavalu into the orphanage where she is now in fifth grade. She does well in school and likes to play *kho-kho* (a run-and-chase game between two teams of players). OFH also tends to her parents, providing them with medicine at the Dhya Health Center.



Chinnakesavalu

Please sponsor Chinnakesavalu or other elementary students like her. With your help, she will continue to develop into her fullest potential. God bless you.

Holiday Matching Fund Drive Best Ever

India Partners' 2006 Holiday Matching Fund Drive was the most successful in India Partners' history! Gifts to our Where Most Needed fund that were received between November 1 and December 31, 2006 were matched by a generous donor. A total of 111 donors contributed a total of \$97,592, including the matching funds. We thank everyone who responded to the Drive. Through your generosity, India Partners will be able to reach out to more people in 2007. Thank you and God bless you.



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I would like to use my credit card to help:

Visa MasterCard

Expiration Date: ____/____ Amount: \$ _____

Card No. _____

I am interested in:

- Joining a **volunteer team** to India
- India Partners' **Charitable Gift Annuities**
- Inviting a **speaker** to my church or club
- Learning more about being an **Advocate**
- Receiving India Partners' **prayer letter**:
 - via email via surface mail
- The **free biography** of Dr. Iris Paul, *Pioneering on the Pinda*
- The **free DVD** on India Partners' ministries

Or you may donate securely online using your Visa, MasterCard or Amex at www.indiapartners.org

I have included India Partners in my will

