



# Trips with a Mission

## Helping the Least of These



**FROM THE FRONT LINES**

**August 2005**

Several years ago we opened the Least of These Children's Home in Relli, India. At that time we didn't have funds to build a facility and we were able to find a very small bamboo house available to rent. The house has one main room and three additional rooms; a girl's bedroom, boy's bedroom and a tiny room for the caretakers.

Once we opened our doors, we expected to start with about 12 children - no more than 20 because the building was so small. The need was so great that we had no real choice but to pack the children into every nook and cranny until we had 55 children!! Now it's impossible to take even one more child into the home. Many children are on a waiting listing hoping for an opportunity to become part of the LOT family.



The cement slab where the children could play.

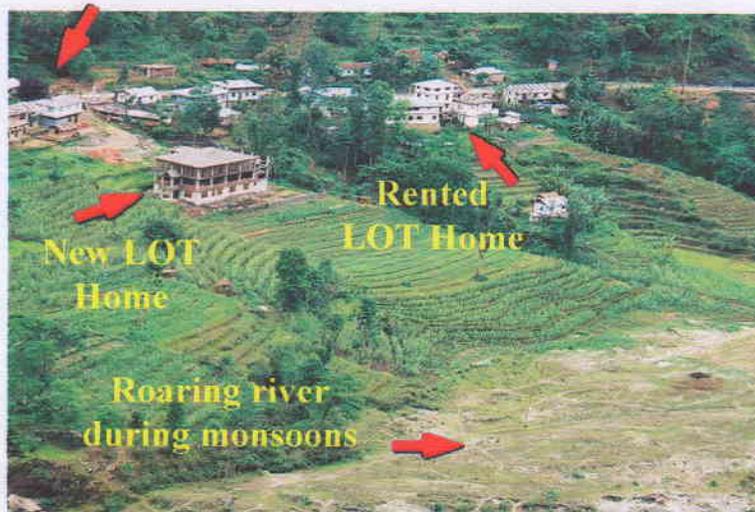
In those first years there was no yard where the children could play but at least there was a cement slab which allowed the children to get outside and stretch. Recently a house was built directly in front of our rented home, blocking the light and totally occupying the play area. Presently there is nowhere at all for the children to play.



The new house built in front of our home.

A couple of years ago we were able to purchase a piece of land down the road from the rented house. By God's grace we were able to raise enough money to get started on the construction, though it didn't begin as quickly as we had anticipated. Record setting monsoons set-in washing out roads, making not only outdoor work impossible but also obtaining construction materials. Praise God the construction has progressed thus far this year without many difficulties.

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## Sangar Singh's Story

*Sangar is 10 years old. His home is at the LOT Home in Relli, India..*

“BEFORE COMING HERE to this place I lived near Indian border. Many rich people from Kalimpong go to the plains to find workers for their home. My mother is widow. She could not get job. She was told to go to the hills to find work. I stayed at uncle's house. My mother did not come back. She is working at man's house washing clothes. I was separated from my mother for 5 years while she works. My uncle did not want to keep me. I did not have other relatives to keep me. What to do? No one want me.

My mother's employer supplies sand and gravel for construction. He was selling gravel for construction of children's home in Relli Valley. He was passing that construction every day. That man told my mother about children's home. My mother came and got me. I was very thin, dirty and had long nails. My skin was very dark. She dropped me at the home. I watching her leave. She never looked back at me. Not once.

I don't remember father. My mother does not want me. I do not want to be with uncle. I do not want to be with mother. I want to be here where I have opportunity to study. Now also I have friends and food.

When I lived with uncle my stomach was never full. I would eat one chapatti, dry popped rice and little tea. My uncle would beat me if I was naughty. The house where we lived was a jute house with tin roof. Seven peoples live in that house.

I feel better living here because I can study and become big (respected) man. If I stay at uncle's home I will become naughty man. If I stay in uncle's home I will be with bad company. I went to Bengal school for a little but I never learned alphabet.



This story is told in Sangar's own words. He is grateful to have a loving home.

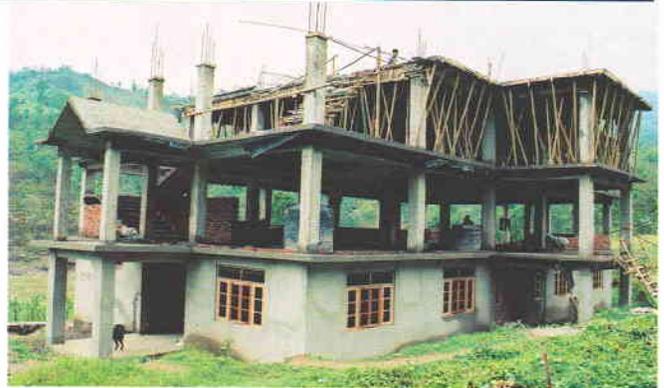
## The Least of These Children's Home - Relli, India (continued)

Construction of the home began the first of this year. Construction is slow in Third World countries because everything is done by hand. Sand and gravel is carried in dokos (baskets) on a person's back and no electric or big machines are used. Foundations are dug by hand and window and doors are hand crafted.

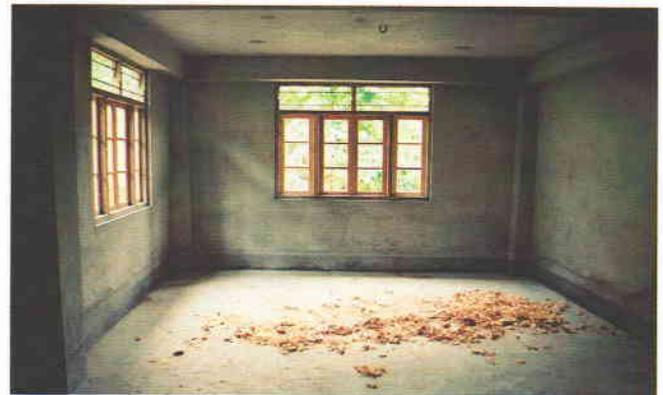
Sadly, we had to recently tell Jonathan that we totally ran out of construction money. We received these e-mails from Jonathan, the director our the home and school.

*June 13:* "By the way, I am really sorry for making you send money for construction. But you know the present old home is not suitable to stay in any longer. Therefore, I am really trying to complete the new one immediately, and which need money. I have used all the materials on credit and I need to pay them so I just look for your financial help. I am also keeping all the problem with our Lord and surely we will have special answer in coming day."

*July 7:* "Everything is fine here, our construction work is still going on. The laborers are still working and I don't know what I am going to do this week as I need money to pay them all. I can't send them off just in the half done work. I need to complete at least ground floor immediately. Now it is raining since 20 days and I need to shift whole stuff to new building. I really understand your problem. You too, have no much money as you had already told me but I have no alternative then just to share our joy and problems together with you. I know I am in bad need of money but you have already told me that you have no money. But I would be grateful to you if you could do something for this juncture as I am really, really in need of money. I am writing this with all shame within me even after you have wrote me that you have no money. I kindly apologize for asking you for money even though I understand your situation. I am writing even though my heart tells me not to write. I am really sorry for this headache to brought to you. I sincerely look forward to an e-mail soon with all positive answers."



*Top:* The LOT Home under construction. Bamboo poles support the cement slab roof. The first floor is nearly complete. *Bottom:* Interior of a room on first floor.



LOT Mission School's Parade Team won first prize in regional competition.



LOT Mission School's Football (Soccer) Team. The first prize trophy is above the ball.

*We desperately need your help. If every person who receives this gave something the work would move forward!!!*