



Trips with a Mission

Helping the Least of These



FROM THE FRONT LINES

February 2007

Last year was a banner year for us at **Trips with a Mission**. God has worked a ‘work in our days which we would not have believed, though it were told to us’ Habakkuk 1:5. St Devi’s Academy, our flagship project, has grown tremendously over the past year. The main structure is 4 stories, with an attached 2 story wing. Behind the main building is an adjacent 3 story building. As our needs have grown, so has the facility. The first 6 children who were brought into the home, have multiplied to 120. The children living in this home are wonderful, well-behaved children who love the Lord.

The Least of These Children’s Home in Relli, India, has also very recently completed construction of a 4 story facility. Thirty new children were brought into this lovely home in the past 12 months. Several of our children have completed primary school and now attend secondary school. Praise the Lord! It’s truly amazing to watch the children metamorphous from scared, thin, little creatures to delightful, self assured, young people.

We have 2 small home orphanages in Belarus. Our caregivers are doing a fantastic job with these beautiful and talented children. Last fall the government gave our Polotsk home, which was the first home we opened in Belarus, an award for exemplary work.

We are very excited about the progress at Larry’s Sunshine House, in Ghana. Not only is the construction on the home finished, there is a small playground complete with swings, sliding board and merry-go-round, *and* we will open a small primary school in March! We have a 4 person volunteer team in place who will work in the new school for 3 months during the launching period.

The new project in Malawi, Africa - a home for both orphan children and unwed mothers, pregnant due to rape, is under construction again. This is such an exciting and important project and I thank those who donated so generously. It’s nice to hear the sound of construction again after the silence when we sent the workers home.

Neena’s Home and School in South India is doing well. Praise God the children are healthy even though recently the area has been plagued with disease and flooding. Many people in the village died and 6 of the older ladies who live at Neena’s died also. Please keep them in your prayers.

This article was written by Suzy Sims, Director

We have so many people to thank that we found it necessary to dedicate this page to them.

First, we want to thank all of those who sent letters for us to take to Nepal and Relli, India. You really have no idea how much the children love to hear from you.

Thanks also for the sponsors who gave extra money for birthday or Christmas gifts for their sponsored child.



Thinking of sponsors - we thank you all for being so faithful in your sponsorship. Just yesterday our bookkeeper told me that we are most fortunate because most of our sponsors pay on time.
Praise the Lord!

We thank those of you who donated your airline miles so some volunteers can spend time working at the Least of These Children's Home in Ghana.
Your generosity was most appreciated!!



We thank Caroline Ravenel who, instead of getting gifts for her 10th birthday, asked her friends to bring gifts for our orphans in Africa.



Special Thanks to Brad Thorp, president of the Hope Channel, for airing Suzy Sims's interview with Pastor Mark Finley several times last year. It was very helpful in raising awareness of this ministry.

Many thanks to Ben Foster for giving of his talent and time to make a sculpture to be used as a fundraiser for Trips with a Mission. Thanks also to Larry and Kathy who have worked behind the scenes to make this happen.

Thank you, Ana Kauffman and InsureMe, for your dedication to raising money for a van.
We know how much time and work went into your efforts.



Thanks to Mark Bowers and your firm, Architectural Workshop, for your continued dedication to raising money for the clinic in Ghana.

Thanks to the St. Philip in-the-Field Episcopal Church for not only sewing skirts for our orphan girls in Nepal and India but giving us a generous donation. We were blessed by you.

Special thanks to Judi Phipps and Milt & Jo Phelps for their volunteer work in our LOT Home in Ghana.



Judi, left and Milt, right



Thank you, Paulette Miller, for all the volunteer hours you dedicated to us in November and December.
We couldn't have gotten the work done without you.

Special thanks to ALL OF YOU for all that you have done to help God's children. **It is only because of you that we are able to continue with this special work that God has entrusted to us.**



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See our Trip Photos

If you are interested in seeing photos on the web as we visit our projects, please go to the following website:

www.flickr.com/photo/twamphotos



We will download photos every day or 2 as we travel.

Gopi's Song

Farewell to all of you.
Today, at this moment,
Remember all of us always.
Even for your whole life.
Wherever you go
Remember all of us.

We are all the family of one God.
Do not think of us as strangers.

After meeting,
there is time for separation.
This is how life goes.

If it is God's will,
we will meet again.
It is all up to God.

Our separation is just like a garland
of flowers broken,
If we cannot meet in this world,
we will meet in heaven.

Song translated from Nepali to English by David Tamsang

Our Current Travel Calendar

February 9 - February 27

St. Devi's Academy, Nepal
LOT Children's Home, Relli, India

March 19 - April 2

LOT Children's Home,
Ghana

NEEDED:

We urgently need a loving Christian couple willing to spend 9 - 12 months at our Children's Home in Ghana, West Africa. We need spiritual people who love children and possess good leadership skills. For more information please call:

303-660-8866 or e-mail:
twaminfo@yahoo.com.

Gopi came to St. Devi's Academy as an older child. She had been hungry, beaten, and abandoned. Gopi had received little schooling and did not excel academically at St. Devi's. Even so, she persisted and her cheerful personality was a blessing to those around her. Gopi was very helpful and it wasn't long until Devi gave her responsibilities to assist some of the younger children at the home. God has given Gopi musical talent. She has written many spiritually moving songs which the children love to sing. Gopi wrote the song on the left, which was performed by a group of our girls, as a special farewell, when we last visited.

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Tell Someone



**There is a child in need - somewhere.
Who will help?**

**There is a child hurting - somewhere.
Who will provide comfort?**

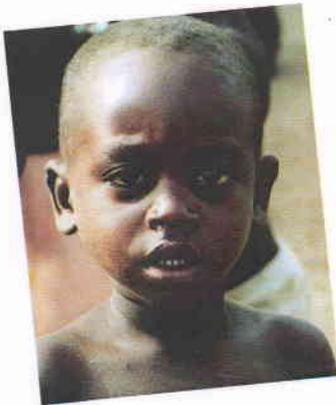
**There is a child hungry - somewhere.
Who will provide food?**



**There is a child being abused - somewhere.
Who will come to the rescue?**

**There is a child sleeping on the cold street - somewhere.
Who will take him in?**

**There is a child without hope - somewhere.
Who will tell her about Jesus?**



**There is a child crying - somewhere.
Who will wipe away the tears?**

**Can you feel the hurting of a child -
the hunger of a child?**

**Can you feel the abuse of a child -
the hopelessness of a child?**

Can you hear the crying of a child?



Do you want to receive a very special blessing?

'Throw out a life line' to a child today by either sponsoring or finding a sponsor for one of these forgotten, hurting, little ones.

We have 15 children who need sponsors so they can live in one of Trips with a Mission's warm, loving, secure homes, where the warmest blessings of God will be theirs and yours.

If you don't help, who will?

Poem written by Jo Phelps