

Tender Heart - Child Sponsorship

Dear Child sponsors

We want to say a big thank you for your support and prayers. Tender Heart now is running four Day Care Centres (pre-schools) and they are all doing really well. All the children that attend the classes are from very poor and underprivileged families and live in slum communities. The children are learning really well in the schools and their parents are very pleased with how they are doing.

The children are given a really good quality education. This education is changing children's lives and giving them a better future



Hope Centre

The new Hope Centre has three modern classrooms. A total of 110 children are taught in this school. Some of the families now attend the church that meets in the Hope Centre



The new Hope Centre



KG2 class (ages 5-6)



KG1 class (ages 4-5)



KG1 class (ages 3-4)

Margao Day Care Centre

This school is in the main city of Margao and the families live nearby in the slums



During the last year 53 children were taught in this school.



Ghataprabha, Karnataka - started June 2015

Ghataprabha is a most needy place, where most parents can't afford to send their children to school. Many of these children are sons and daughters of temple prostitutes. Tender Heart already made a big impact in the village. As with the other day care centres, the local pastor and his wife visit all the families of the children and give the families support. Some of the parents come to the church.



New Day Care Centre - started June 2016



Tender Heart started another day care centre in 2016. This school is run in a slum area near to Goa airport. They started with 17 children and more children will start in June 2017. For a district with nearly 25,000 people, this is the only school in this area. Your child sponsorship is helping to educate children.

Good quality education

The children in all the Day Care Centres receive good quality education. They learn reading, writing and maths in the medium of English. (Being able to speak English enables people to get better jobs) They also learn social skills of how to play together and be kind to each other. Children are given lots of encouragement and Tender Heart has regular award presentations where children are given out certificates for their efforts and achievements.

Spiritual development

Everyday the children hear a bible story and sing some Christian songs. Some of the parents have approached the teachers and have asked about Jesus, as the children have talked about him to the parents. Some of these families now go to a church.

Support for the children and their families

All the schools have parents meeting every three months. The parents are invited to the schools to see what their children have learned. The parents are very happy to see how well their children are doing. The parents are also given advice on health care for their families. Tender Heart arranges for the children to have their inoculations.

Tender Heart gives medical help to some of the children, who are unwell and cannot afford to go to a doctor.

At each Day Care Centre, a local pastor and his wife, who work closely with Tender Heart, visit the families of the children to give pastoral support and offer to pray for the family. Some of the families have joined the local churches. Altogether, there are three different pastors and their wives, who visit the families.



Moving on to mainstream school

After the children have finished the Tender Heart Day Care Centre education, they will go to the local Catholic School. This Catholic school is so impressed with the education given at Tender Heart, that they welcome children into their school. To enter the school, children have to do an entrance exam; the children from Tender Heart get very high marks in these exams.

Continued support for the children's education

Tender Heart continues to support children even after they have left the Day Care Centre. They help with buying school bags and school books

Children's holiday bible clubs

The children who have moved onto mainstream school, are invited to a three day holiday club in May and October each year. The children are taught bible stories, they sing songs, play games and have a picnic together. Around 70 to 90 children attend these special events.

I would like to say a big thank you to for your child sponsorship; it is making a huge difference for the children that you sponsor. Tender Heart's approach is a holistic approach that makes a real positive impact on the children and their families enabling them to have a much better future.

I personally visit the Day Care Centres every year. The teachers do an amazing work teaching and helping the children. The children really love attending the classes. The standard of the education and the care the children are shown is excellent.

I have visited the slums where these children live and they live in complete poverty. Your sponsorship is enabling children to have a better future, through education and Christian love.

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