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Our 10th Year :: *Our Biggest Year*



Dear As Our Own Friends and Family,

This year we are celebrating an amazing milestone in what the Lord has done in the lives of our daughters. He has given us the opportunity and the privilege of transforming the lives of vulnerable children for a decade! When we started we knew that God had a sovereign plan for each child, and that with the proper care—when cared for truly as our own—our daughters could thrive. By God’s grace and with your help, we have come so far.

Ten years ago we didn’t have a single daughter attending college, and this year we’ll have 22 daughters in college and junior college. Ten years ago we had just one caregiver for 32 daughters. Now we have father and mother figures for each child and 1 caregiver for every 4 daughters. The progress we have made, through God’s provision, puts our daughters on a path where their lives can bring glory and honor to Him who has claimed them as His daughters. As they gain professional careers we are excited to see the impact their lives will have.

I am also grateful to launch our Master’s in Child Development degree program in India this year. This training program further empowers our staff and enables us to expand our influence to multiple organizations involved in orphan care to reach thousands more children.

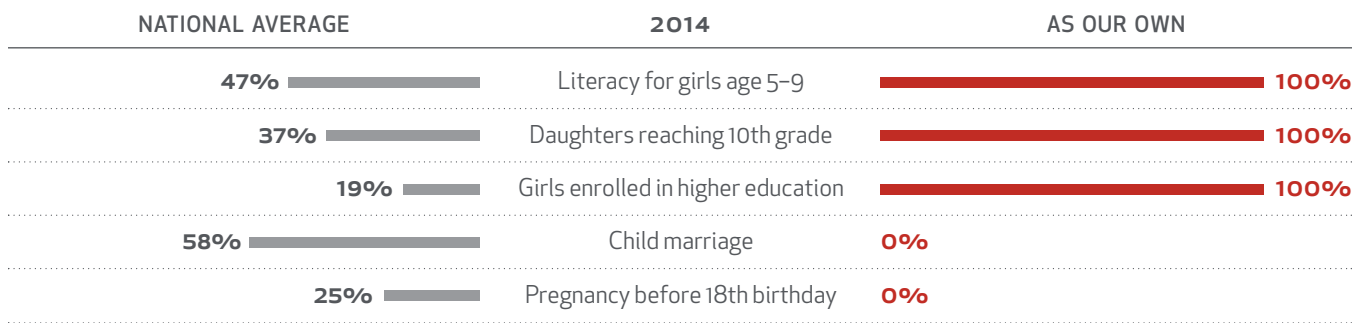


Through your prayers and financial support, the Lord has helped us to redefine the quality and depth of care our children experience. I cannot thank you enough for this. With that in mind, the investment in their lives isn’t a one-year activity, it requires continued investment each and every year. We’re seeking your help, so they may continue to grow and become all He has planned for them. We are so grateful to the Lord for enabling us to celebrate this milestone and can’t wait to see what He will do in the decades to come.

To God be the glory!

Ralph Borde, Founder & CEO, As Our Own

Our Impact :: Revolutionizing Orphan Care



VISION Transform the way the world cares for vulnerable children.

MISSION Fulfill the sovereign purpose God has for vulnerable children in India, caring for them as our own, for life.

Our Program



Care

Provide vulnerable children a lifelong family, an identity as our daughter, and as daughters of a loving Father, and high quality education through college to empower them to fulfill their God-given purpose. We are family—for life!



Training

Equip and disciple India's next generation of leaders and caregivers through the Child Development Institute which offers a Master's degree in Biblically-based and clinically-sound child development.



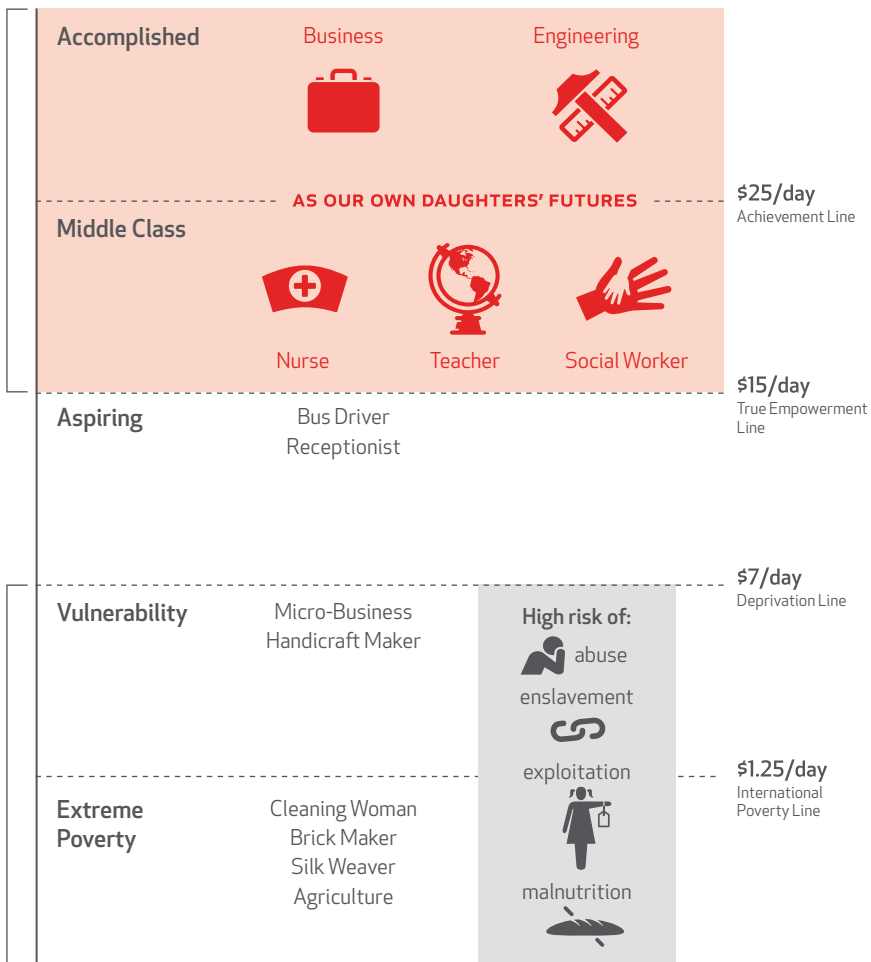
Replication

Empower, mentor, and equip other organizations to follow our lead and to elevate the quality of care in their group homes, replicating the As Our Own model.

Empowered to Achieve Her Sovereign Purpose

**TOP
15%**

of population
by income



**684 million
people**
2 times
U.S. population

Mita, 18

#1 female in the state

- » Ranked #3 of 35,000 students
- » Studying Software Engineering
- » Wants to use her position and income to give back
- » Dreams of getting her master's degree in the U.S.



OUR YEAR



College daughter graduations



22

daughters at college

Christmas program, celebration, and break



OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

Athletics competition

Virtue of the month: **gratitude**



Picnic

Competitions:
Debate
Math Olympics
Annual Achievements

Tutoring for state and national board exams

Caregiving Staff
CORE training

English Olympics competition

Family Movie Night



Camp
State and national board examinations

Tutoring for semester-end exams, especially math and engineering

CHILD DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE MASTER'S DEGREE

OCT

NOV

DEC

JAN

FEB

MAR

SEMESTER 1

- >> Caregiver: Daughter Relationship and Foundation
- >> Human Lifespan Development

SEMESTER 2

- >> Biblical Counseling
- >> Care Relationship Theory and Technique
- >> Trauma and Resilience



CHILD DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Deepak

Father Figure and Master's Degree Student at Hope College



Deepak joined the As Our Own family 10 years ago. In addition to his responsibilities as a pastor in the local church, he also serves as a father figure for six As Our Own daughters. Having received his Bachelor's in Theology he has a great foundation for understanding the father-heart of God and scripture, but now he is heading back to school to pursue a Master's Degree specifically in Child Development at Hope College so that he can be the best dad possible for the daughters in his care.

How do you see this program changing you personally?

"This program should strengthen my calling and further equip me to see

my daughters as God sees them. Please pray that God gives me wisdom and a heart of learning."

What are you most looking forward to learning through the Child Development Institute?

"This concept is so new in India—I've never seen a theologically-based advanced degree in Child Development. As a parent in Grace Home, I hope this training will provide me with the tools to better understand my daughters' hearts, behavior, and attitudes and also equip me to help teach others about how to care for children as our own."



College & Career Guidance Program
College daughter internships and summer classes



College daughters orientation and move-in at campuses

Tutoring sessions before exams

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Summer Break from school
VBS

Virtue of the month: **service**
Summer Camp

Virtue of the month: **cooperation**
Back to school!



English Speech Competition

APR

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUG

SEP

SEMESTER 3

- » Marriage and Family
- » Teaching and Education Methods
- » Adjustment and Change



Alisha, 23

Daughter, Junior in Nursing

Recent Learnings

No matter how dark or difficult your life might be, the Lord has placed someone to care for you—for me it is Ralph and the family at Grace Home.

Prayer Requests

- » To walk faithfully and finish well
- » Juggling classroom studies/exams and in-hospital training

My Future

I am really excited about the future—finishing my nursing degree and being able to care for others, especially new sisters who come into our family!

“As a child I never thought I would even see or know what graduating high school was . . . to be a junior in college and nearing my bachelor’s degree is a complete miracle!”



Valarri, 21

Daughter, Sophomore in Computer Engineering



Prayer Requests

- » To handle the cafeteria food! I miss the cooking at Grace Home!
- » To be able to get a good grade in Engineering Math (my toughest course right now)
- » College life/choosing the right friends, discipline, and discernment

Praises

- » Family guiding me even while I’m away at college
- » Being able to go to this great school

My Future

I hope to continue through my Master’s Degree in Engineering, then begin working and help needy children receive better education.

“My life, and what I am, would not be possible without God. I know what He has blessed me with and also what He has protected me from.”



5-Year Plan

Our vision is to transform the way the world cares for vulnerable children. By 2020, our 5-year plan allows us to impact more than 1,000 children annually with:

200

children
cared for in our
life-long family

50

professional child
development leaders
trained through the Child
Development Institute

10

orphanages
replicating our model
in India and beyond

2016 Goals

Care



80+ daughters being cared for as our own
20+ daughters attending junior college, Bachelor's, and Master's programs
8,000+ hours of security guards at our homes
All birthdays of our daughters celebrated
Specialized medical care, surgeries, or therapy for daughters with needs
Medical checkups for all of our daughters
3 balanced meals and 2 snacks
75%+ daughters learning music
20+ family gatherings throughout the year

1:4

caregiver-
to-child ratio

Training



100% of students study Theory & Technique of the Care Relationship
100% of students study Methods of Teaching & Education
400+ hours of in-home practical application per student
Hire and employ core teaching faculty

1,500

more than 1,500
hours of training

Replication



Provide monthly guidance/council to partner organization
Offer strategic planning and development to partner organization
Improve nutrition and care standards with partner organization
1+ organizational partner working under our wing

25

more than
25 children
benefitting from
partnership

WILL YOU HELP US REACH OUR GOALS FOR 2016?

"I am proud to say I am part of this family. I am thankful to God and all the people who are looking after me and have concern for my life."

—Kala, age 15



"I am so blessed to be in this big family—the best thing is how you accept me the way I am."

—Verana



"I want to take care of the vulnerable and bless them in the same way God blessed me. I know that one day that dream is going to come true and in all things, I want to glorify His name alone because He deserves all glory!"

—Prina

