

Together we can Help a Child

Massey's New Zealand Tour.

Dates, Times & Venues:

Friday April 24 7.30 pm: Auckland region:

Reformed Church of Avondale, 63 St. Georges Rd, Avondale.

Saturday 25 April 7.00pm: Hamilton Region.

At The Hukanui Reformed Church 159 Rototuna Rd, Rototuna, Hamilton.

Tuesday 28 April 7.30 pm: Reformed Church of Hastings, 903 Florence St, Hastings

Thursday 30 April 7.30 pm: Manawatu Region- Harmony House, 541 Ruahine St, Palmerston North

Friday 1 May 7.15pm Reformed Church of Masterton. 37 Herbert St Masterton.

Tuesday 5th May 7.30pm: Wellington Region. At the Reformed Church of Wainuiomata, 98 Wainuiomata Rd, Wainuiomata.

Wednesday 6th May 7.30pm: Reformed Church of Nelson, 15 Burrough Place, Enner Glen, Nelson

Thursday 7th May 7.30pm: Christchurch region: Reformed Church of Christchurch. 63 Cornwall St, St Albans, Christchurch.



I want to **Help a Child** by:

- Sponsoring a child for \$ 20.00 a month
- Sponsoring a child for \$ 45.00 a month
- Sponsoring a family for \$ 80.00 a month
- HIV/AIDS care projects for \$ 5.00 a month
- School Books \$ 5.00 a month
- Donating to **Dowry Fund for Manjula**
- Donating to the **Massey's NZ Tour**
- Donating \$ _____ to a Project
- Donating \$ _____ to Administration

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"Do not neglect doing good and share, for with such sacrifices God is pleased"

Hebrews 13:16

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Dear supporters,

On behalf of the Help a Child NZ Committee, I welcome you to yet another edition of this newsletter. And what an exciting issue this is!! We have so much good news to tell you! But first, we would like to convey our appreciation for your ongoing support. We appreciate your prayer and generosity for the work of Help A Child. Without your support, there would be no Help a Child.

As you probably know, HaC NZ is involved in sponsoring all the girls in the "Joyful Children's home" in Dharwad, India run by Arun and Shobha Massey. Our exciting news is that they are planning to visit New Zealand from 23 April to May 9, 2009 DV.

As well as spending a little time in our beautiful country, they would love to meet some of the sponsors and talk to you about the work they do. We are planning a tour of all the major places in New Zealand, the dates and venues are as advertised elsewhere in this newsletter.

This is a great opportunity to hear firsthand about the work in India and of Help a Child. If you would like to help in any way, please contact us. We have had to combine several churches of the RCNZ to fit it all in. This may mean you have to travel a little distance to attend this evening, but just remember, it's a lot less than travelling to India, and the Masseys are looking forward to meeting with you all.

Keep an eye on your church bulletin keep you up to date about this exciting event.

Greetings in His name,

Heidi Hendrikse



Manjula is getting Married!!!

The good news just keeps coming! Manjula is getting married! So why am I so excited about that? Only those of you with a very good memory will remember the sad story of Manjula and her sister. Her father she never knew, her mother - a temple prostitute - was killed by a customer or perhaps a relative. Her life was one of hardship, poverty and despair before she came to live in the "Joyful Children's Home" in Dharwad, India. [If



you want to refresh your memory, please visit www.helpachild.co.nz and read about her life on the photo gallery and stories page.] About 10 months ago, having worked in a missionary hospital after completing her Nurse-Aid training, Manjula came back to Dharwad, to be with her adopted family. While helping in and around the home, she met Balash, a student, attending the Bible College also run by the Masseys. They liked each other, and so recently, Arun and Shobha talked with his parents. They arranged the marriage, and set the date for April 14, 2009 DV. Arun and Shobha are content that Manjula is marrying in the Lord; Balash will have completed his 2-year diploma in Theology by the time they get married and is willing to be sent wherever needed. His parents are also satisfied and have agreed to contribute towards the wedding.

In India, it is the custom that the bride brings a dowry [bride price] to the family of the groom. Usually the groom's family sets the dowry, which can be extraordinary high in some instances. Apart from this dowry, it is the responsibility of the Bride's family to pay for the wedding and the initial set up of the new household.

Help a Child NZ has started a Dowry fund a while back, for just these reasons. The girls in the homes have no family, no assets and no income. When the house parents and HaCNZ is happy that the girl is marrying in the Lord and starting a Christian household, we would like to contribute towards the wedding and marriage costs.

The total cost for the wedding and set up house cost was quoted at NZ\$1,100.00, and HaCNZ is assured that this is a very reasonable amount. We will contribute \$250.00 towards the wedding.

Several times now, the Ladies fellowship in Silverstream has contributed generously towards this fund. Each time a wedding takes place in their church, they freely supply the afternoon tea after the ceremony but ask the couple to donate towards the Dowry fund. We also have had some individual contributions towards this fund .

And now Manjula is the first of the girls to get married! After all her hardship, we hope that this special day will be truly wonderful for Manjula. We are so excited for her and wish her and Balash the Lord's blessings over their union. We pray that their lives begun under His Guidance, may continue to be lived for His glory, so that many people may see their light shine in the darkness around them and come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

If you would like to contribute towards replenishing the Dowry fund, please earmark your donation with the word 'Dowry fund'. If you would like to send a card to Manjula and Balash, please send it care of, or hand it to us at our information evenings that we having near you.

Mr Arun Massey

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