

# Together we can Help a Child

## New Website

By the time you read this, our website has been up and running for a couple of months! Have you had a look yet?

[www.helpachild.co.nz](http://www.helpachild.co.nz) We are so excited! Our dream has become reality, thanks to kind people such as....  
The Hoyt brothers at [www.micropledge.com](http://www.micropledge.com),  
Christine Hirter from [www.cjconsulting.co.nz](http://www.cjconsulting.co.nz)  
Tony Arcus from [www.ai.net.nz](http://www.ai.net.nz),  
and many people who freely gave of their time, money and pledges! Your help was great, THANKS!

The website displays a lot more information than we can give in a newsletter. Printing is so expensive. We looked at printing a similar newsletter in size and outlay as another child sponsorship organisation, but at the cost of approx. \$2.00 each, we decided that money was better spent on the children. So we stuck with a simple format for the newsletter and encourage you to spend some time navigating the website to familiarise yourself with the works of Help a Child New Zealand.

Our website pages give the following information: Our mission and vision, How we work, News, Information about Sponsorships and Projects, What you can do to support HaCNZ, Past Newsletters, Overseas Information, a special page for kids and a photo gallery with real life stories of the people we help. With this website, we hope to be informative and gain a broader circle of supporters.

We would value any comments or ideas you may have for subsequent pages.



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
- Getting involved
- Promoting the organisation in my area
- Donating \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to a Project
- Donating \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Administration

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*"Whoever is kind to  
the needy honors God"*

Proverbs 14: 31B

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### Dear supporters,

The Lord enabled me to spend almost a month travelling with Alette Mijnheer, intern for Help a Child NL. Ever since my trip to India, the pictures of what I have seen are seared in my mind. Now when I pray, "Lord, be with those who have so much less", a vivid picture comes to mind of a woman sitting hunched on the street, all her belongings in a plastic bag, bare feet and begging [see photo next column]. When thinking of the hungry, I again see people rummaging through rubbish bins at dungy looking food stalls, because even the few rupees you pay for a paper plate full of food is unaffordable for them.

But I also see the faces of the children in the Bethel Baby Home, who came running up to us as soon as we entered, showing off their [often broken] toys, telling us stories in a language we didn't understand, but with eyes and body language that spoke volumes. We hugged their slight bodies, touched their beautiful hair, watched their dancing, participated in the singing and prayed together. And when back in our own room, we were very quiet, sometimes with crying hearts, but always giving thanks to God for the lives that are being touched in His Name, with His Love and [Lord Willing] by His Spirit.

We were very impressed with the Christian love, commitment, compassion and care of the native workers looking after children, caring for HIV/AIDS sufferers, running projects and managing centres. We wholeheartedly recommend them to your prayers. They need our support, they do a wonderful job under difficult and sometime dangerous circumstances. Please renew your zeal in praying for Help a Child NZ and all the partners involved in helping these precious children.

We thank our sponsors for caring, and for your support. Thank you for your willingness to share your 'food' with those who are poor and have nothing. You make a big difference in the lives of the children. You have given them the opportunity to hear the Gospel, respond to it and, by the grace of God, to have eternal life, a wonderful future and certain hope for those who are secure in the love of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Beside is an article of the work we observed. Your support for our work is most welcome.

### Greetings in His name,

*Heidi Hendrikse*

### Fight against AIDS, for the children:

Vanitha [ photo next Column] lives in a small house close to Madurai, South India . Four years ago her father died of AIDS. Her mother,



Selvi, is HIV-positive, but isn't sick as yet. She is on medication in order to stabilise her health. Vanitha is only 10 years old and is already very concerned about

her mother's health and what will become of her should mother pass away. Selvi works for 6 months of the year on the land for 20 rupees a day [75 cents]. During some of the other months she tries to find wood, which gives her a small income. She would love to own a cow, or a goat, so she could sell some of the milk it produces. Her future looks very bleak.

This is just one person. There are 5.7 million HIV infected people in India, and it is predicted that by 2010 this number will rise to 10-15 million. So many patients, so many widows/widowers, and so many orphans. Our partner organisation, CARE, with our support and input, fights against this crippling disease. A fight **against** AIDS, **for** the children.

CARE was established by Paulus Samuel. He is the HIV/Aids co-ordinator for HaC in India and Africa. CARE works with a relatively small staff. But there are very many volunteers who give of their time. Often they themselves are HIV-positive.

Citra [23] is one of them. Out of her love for Christ and her fellow men, she encourages those infected by the disease by telling them that it is not always an immediate death sentence. Some still live for a long time and there is still a lot they can do. Citra visits AIDS patients 3 days a week, she advises them on nutrition and hygiene and also makes sure that they take their medication....



Selvi & Vanitha

CARE works mainly with poor families. Widows are usually given extra food; some are supplied with a chicken or a goat which supplies food and with which they can also earn some extra income buy selling the produce. This way they can provide for themselves and their children.

AIDS is not a subject that is easily talked about in India. CARE wants to change that. They have decided to do this by using students who volunteer to go into the villages to educate the people about HIV/Aids. CARE receives a lot of support from the churches in the areas where they work. They are given the opportunity to address the congregations during the church service.

Paulus knows the effects of the illness. People think that it is their own fault if they contract AIDS. This is not always so, there are many innocent victims. For example the women who are not aware that their husbands are infected, and children who are born with it.

CARE helps 2000 patients in the area of Madurai and 1600 patients in Darmapuri. Millions of others are still in need of help. **Can you help us help them?**



Paulus Samuel  
Co-ordinator  
HIV/AIDS  
India and Africa