

# NEED, Inc.

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## Christmas 2009

### REFLECTION

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He is the one who provides seed for the sower and bread for the eater and multiplies back to us our seed sown. Let us remember that we don't have to worry about the future, but that He asked us to just trust Him one day at a time so He CAN deliver us. Let us remember that He hastens to perform His word on our behalf and He CANNOT and will not fail us. And let us take the time to thank Him for what He has done for us in the past, because it builds our hope and expectation for what He will do for us today and in the future. May God bless and prosper you and give you health and bring you His peace.



...student receiving gift...

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Reflection on our lives and on Jesus Christ our Savior
- Christmas at Hope Academy
- Mission Trip to INDIA
- Year-end giving to NEED, Inc.

All contributions made to NEED, Inc. are tax deductible



### CHRISTMAS AT HOPE ACADEMY

As we do every year, we are asking those of you who would like to, to send a special gift to NEED, Inc. for the children you sponsor at Hope Academy. Each child will receive a gift at our Christmas celebration. For our new donors, we ask that you not send gifts in kind, but rather the

financial contributions. Gifts must be purchased in India as gifts sent in the mail are often stolen before arriving there. If any of you would like to make an extra donation for the unsponsored children, you know we will appreciate every penny you so lovingly and generously give. Once again

we will be having a Christmas program which produces a large community turn out during which time the gospel is presented to all in attendance. THANK YOU in advance for your prayerful support.

## MISSIONS TRIP TO INDIA

In November we are blessed to have a missions team from Arizona Hills Church come to visit Hope Academy. The team will be repairing the playground, guest teach in some classes, and provide training to the teachers. We are looking forward to their help, and our children are looking forward to our visitors and the stories and music and love that they will be bringing. Please pray for the team's safe travel, health, and that God will use them each in a special way to bless the students and teachers at

at Hope Academy. Also pray for their families here. The team is raising their own support to go and help the school. Thank you so much AZ Hills Church for partnering with us and supporting our cause.



*Missions Team from AZ Hills Church*

*I want you to trust me in your times of trouble so I can rescue you and you can give me  
glory Psalm 50:14-15 LIV. BIB.*

## OPERATIONS AT NEED, INC.

Please be in prayer about a special end of the year gift to NEED, Inc. for our operations and our general budget. We are very frugal with our spending and use volunteers whenever we can. However, due to the financial status of many people, some of our donations and support for our children at Hope Academy have dropped off. Most of our donors only contribute to the support of their sponsored child, and we are so grateful for that support because it is life changing to each child. As you know, we don't take any state money in Kolkata because that would restrict us from being able to teach the Bible to our precious children. Nor do we charge tuition and take in children of well to do families in order to support the school. There are plenty of schools that do that. We minister to the children of parents who have no means to purchase education for their children. Remember, in India, good quality English education is not free like it is here. So unless your parents can

purchase it, you don't get it. These are the children whose lives you are changing. Our children receive the best education, which is recognized not just in West Bengal, but nationally all over India. So **YOU** are our **ONLY** means of **SUPPORT**. But we also need to have general operational funds for travel, office supplies, one full time and one part-time staff in the US, accounting services, printing, postage, toner and paper for the fax and printer, computer, phone, fundraising expenses, and newsletters, etc. We are hurting in this area and we rarely make pleas for contributions to our general operating fund. So we are asking that if you are able to contribute an extra amount for the general fund, which ultimately supports our program in India, we would be greatly honored and most appreciative. **We have some of the best sponsors on earth in you.** Thank you in advance for your prayers, your financial support, your kind thoughts and words,

for your volunteer hours, for your ideas, and for your word of mouth campaigns for our program. You are God's gift to us. May God richly bless you in all areas of your life. Have a blessed Christmas.

In His unending love and faithfulness,

*Bonnie*



*...Aasana Parveen admitted to Hope Academy in May 2009...*