From our HFC President

As I write this to all of you, we are enjoying a break from the heat and humidity of summer. Our HFC children are back into their school routine after an active summer.

In June, one of our girls in West Bengal was stricken with a viral fever, causing liver complications. Pastor Lalboi informed us of her need for medical treatment. Shabina is feeling much better now. We thank all of you who send extra money for our General Fund, as it is used for the children's medical needs, as well as wiring fees, and repairs to the orphanage compounds.

Please be in prayer for HFC Board Member, Jackie Illes, and her husband, Ed, who plan to travel to Northeast India at the end of September to visit the Bethel Children's Home and the Sanga Muon In Orphanage. They will be traveling with a couple from one of our sponsor churches, Kevin and Leslie Lesher. They will be preparing a report upon their return, which will be published in our Fall Newsletter. Mr. Mang Vaiphei, Bethel's Director, is arranging their housing and transportation. They will also visit the site where Bethel plans to build a new orphanage and school for the children.

Thanks to all of you for your faithful support. We recently wired a total of \$8454 to our orphanages in India and Nepal, which was totally comprised of the \$25 monthly sponsorship donations we received since June. Together we are helping kids who have lost mothers and fathers...to give them **HOPE** and a future.

Boys at Grace Children's Home in Haiti Enjoy VBS and Soccer

Pastor Lesly Bertrand, Director of the Grace Children's Home, reports that the boys have had a busy summer. They began the summer with a Vacation Bible School program. They enjoyed a Bible competition, where they divided into four teams, and the winning team received a prize. They participated in a soccer competition. Their caretakers were amazed at the boys' impressive soccer skills. Pastor Lesly organized a picnic for the boys at a local park. They have recently returned to school. Pastor Lesly has asked for prayer for HFC sponsor child, Enockson (pictured below), as he was promoted to junior high school this year and will be studying with the city boys.



(Left to Right) Kylain, Wiskender, and Enockson take a break from their soccer game to pose for a picture!

- Steve Lusky

Talita Cumi Children enjoy a two-week winter break

While we are enjoying the warmth of summer, the children at the Talita Cumi Children's Home in Bolivia are wearing sweaters and gloves! They just enjoyed a winter break from school, and are looking forward to their summer vacation, which will begin in November. During their winter break, they enjoyed participating in a reading club. They also used their winter break to reinforce what they have been learning in school.

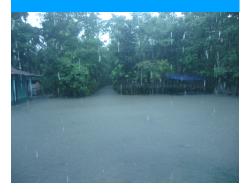


Heavy rains and flooding in West Bengal and Nepal

The month of August brought heavy rains and flooding to our orphanages in West Bengal and Nepal. Pastor Janga's new orphanage in Nepal sustained the bad weather without any damage. The boys were thankful for Mercy Home's new solar panels, bought with donations from HFC sponsors. Because of these panels, the home never lost electricity. Pastor Lalboi reported damaged school books and repairs needed around the compound. The HFC Board



Pastor Lalboi's home and orphanage flooded in August



wired \$250 from our General Fund to replace the children's school books and make repairs to the compound. Pastor Lalboi would like to build a new residence hall for the children under his care. He estimates the cost to be around \$10,000. A new residence hall would greatly improve the children's accommodations.



SHABINA IS FEELING MUCH BETTER AFTER BEING TREATED FOR A VIRAL FEVER IN JUNE