

## Vocational Training An Alternative to College Degree



What happens when the children struggle academically and don't want to go to college? Our orphanage directors work with each child as they grow up to help them find their own personal skill sets. Skills such as carpentry, masonry, cooking and sewing are routinely taught. Two of our Sanga Muon girls are pictured at left with their mothers. On August 15th, they departed from the Imphal Airport for Uttar Pradesh, India, to attend the St. Joseph Technical Institute. They are training for jobs in catering and hospitality services. Both of these girls completed Class X but failed the State Board Exams, so they could not advance to Class XI. They opted to apply to St. Joe's rather than repeat Class X and retake the Boards next year.

## Boys in Nepal Pass Class X in First Division

Pastor Janga and his wife, Mercy, couldn't be prouder of two of the boys they raised at the Mercy Children's Home. They are pictured at right with their two daughters, congratulating Bikul Magar (Henry) and Ason Rai as their church celebrates the boys' accomplishment of passing their Class X Board Exams in the First Division.



## Update from Haiti

Pastor Lesly and the boys continue to live at the Mission House in Mirebalais. In spite of the ongoing obstacles in Haiti, the boys are attending school regularly and were all recently promoted to the next grade level. Due to the bad weather that they live in, they cannot have many activities with the children because it rains almost every day. This summer the boys planted a garden. They are growing black-eyed peas, corn and sweet potatoes. By the grace of God, they have already harvested peanuts (see photo at left) in their small farm in the mountains, so they can make peanut butter as a treat for the boys.

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