

HOPE FOR THE CHILDREN NEWSLETTER

Thanksgiving Messages from our Sponsor Children

In this season of giving thanks, one older child from each orphanage was chosen to share whatever they wanted to about their lives, including their hopes and dreams for the future. Their personal stories and words of appreciation are the perfect prelude to begin the 2022 Holiday Season.

Joel was born out of wedlock. His father abandoned him and his mother escaped from her home fearing her parents and society. She was sheltered by a Christian woman until Joel was born. The woman brought Joel to the Mercy Children's Home when he was only 2 1/2 years old. Recently he returned to his native village during a school break. Here is his reflection on his visit:

Joel - Mercy Children's
Home, Nepal



"Overall, it was a good experience to go back to my village. I stayed at a relative's house. One afternoon, my grandfather came to see me. I was surprised that he came all the way to see me. What surprised me more was the reason for his visit. He asked me to write an official application letter. He said, "Joel, I heard you go to an English-speaking school. No one in the village has studied as much as you. No one understands or can read or write in English. Could you kindly write this application letter for me?" He has such high regard for me and I am only a Grade 10 student. I was speechless. With my limited knowledge, I wrote the application for him. He returned home happily. Right after he left, something struck my mind. I realized the importance of education. I am grateful for all that my parents (Pastor Janga and Mercy) have done to bring me where I am today. My father kept on stressing, and sometimes scolded us when we would fail in our

exams, when we would neglect studying. I am beginning to see the significance in his words. I am also grateful to my sponsors, whose prayers, love and support helped me in my education thus far. The incident in the village has left a huge impact on my life. After I complete my education, I want to go back to my village and start a school. I could be the principal maybe? I hope and pray that God will make this dream of mine come true. Kindly keep me in your prayers as I write my 10th board exam in the Spring. To be honest, I am only an average student. However, my dreams are big because my God is big. In Him, nothing is impossible! - Joel



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Hauthianmuan (bottom row, far right), a **former HFC sponsor child**, returned to the Bethel Children's Home with two large bags of rice for the kids. He gave an impromptu pep talk to the children about the importance of education, which touched many of them. After graduating from a government college in 2015, Hau opened a Common Services Facility (CSF) in the Hill-Town area of Churachandpur and supports himself by operating the Facility. CSF's are internet access points for the delivery of essential public utility, social welfare, healthcare, educational and agricultural services in rural and remote areas of India.

Praise and Prayer Requests

1. We raised \$500 for our Education Fund through the Boscov's 'Friends Helping Friends' Fundraiser. Thanks to all who supported this event!
2. Please pray for the safety of our boys in Haiti, that they can return to school soon. Pray for the return of law and order in Haiti so they can return to their orphanage home in Bellanton.
3. We have received \$600 in donations for the construction of a girls' latrine at Bethel. We still need to raise \$2900 for this vital need.
4. Praise for the matching pledge of \$10,000 to raise money for our 2023 Annual School Admission Fees and school expenses (bus fare, uniforms, books, supplies). Pray for us to meet our goal of \$25,000.