

*****An Urgent appeal*****

Extend your helping hand for a cause. A mind is terrible thing to waste - A humble request by Arya Pratinidhi Sabha America (Registered Office 5450 Daniels Dr., Troy MI 48098)

A tragedy could be an opportunity to lift ourselves above our routine as-usual thinking. A tragedy can make you look inside you to overcome all the obstacles and negativity and experience positive force to enlarge the circle of love and hospitality with no expectation of reward or recognition.

2001 Earthquake destruction in Kutch, Gujrat touched the hearts of many all over the world. Arya Pratinidhi Sabha America (APSA) also rose to the occasion to provide a place to the helpless babies and children left to them selves with no one to care for. APSA constructed a modern facility at Gandhidham, Gujrat that now homes over 160 boys and girls that were orphaned by the tragedy. These children are being provided everything their parents would have wished for, including the education and medical care.



Mr. Shekhar Agrawal visited these children in March 2005. He also had an open discussion meeting with 30 or so girls and boys of ages 11 yrs and older in one room. He was more than satisfied with their wellbeing. He commented – ***“If you take 30 children who are 11 to 15 years old from any section of our society and compare them with these 30 or so kids of "Jeevan Prabhat", you will find the Jeevan Prabhat's children to be much more healthier, happier***

and satisfied with their lives with their adopted parents. I cannot find a better gauge for their progress.”

Schools going age children are bused to the local schools, provided clean uniforms, books, stationeries, etc and helped with their homework. They have become high achievers and are among the top percentile of their class. With the help of many individuals and organizations this completed and fully function facility is a model of hope and hopefully beginning of the future possibilities.

2004 Tsunami in the Indian Ocean brought mass scale miseries in many parts of Asia including southern parts of India. APSA decided to build a facility similar to Gandhidham, but a bit smaller for the orphaned and extremely poor children. This Project is named Jeevan Prabhat Pondicherry. An amount of \$100,000 that was raised by different North America Arya Samaj centers at the time of Tsunami was used for the purchase of land and the construction of the boundary wall. The above ground construction for this project is already well advanced with projected January 2008 completion. Arya Pratinidhi Sabha America members have already contributed \$156,000 to this above ground Project. With escalated material costs, the project would need about \$230,000 to complete.



Our Jeevan Prabhat Pondicherry Children with staff and well-wishers

We need to fill this gap of \$74,000. For which we would need more helping hands. Otherwise the burden would fall on those who

extended their shoulders in the very first place. And that should never happen. As Mr. Mahajan, the President APSA has said, ***“We can provide the gift of education & lift them out of poverty cycle forever. Please help us for such a noble cause & donate generously”***.

It is one more shining star in Arya Samaj hat. Jeevan Prabhat Gandhidham is a living monument today. It gives me utmost satisfaction to see these children being given the right Sanskars. I see these children growing up to become proud citizens of India. Becoming Engineers, Lawyers, Doctors, Vedic Scholars and pracharak of Vedic Dharma. There is a tremendous need for these kinds of projects. Let us all come together and **offer our Ahuti in this Yagna.**

(All the Trustees of Arya Pratinidhi Sabha America hereby confirm that 100% of contributions for the project are used for construction of the facility and for the care of the children at Pondicherry.)

Mr. Devinder Mahajan - President APSA

Mr. Shekhar Aggarwal

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