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Do you see eternity?

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An Important Letter from the President



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Dear friends,

Only two candles illuminate these words as I sit here in Pallangi, South India. It's 1:30 in the morning. As the light flickers on the adobe walls, I am moved to write to you exactly what God is placing on my heart. It's really a very simple message: His love for us is overwhelming and He is able to supply all that we need to continue His work through Bethania Kids.

Everywhere I travel in India I see the faces of small children and I make it a point to look into their eyes, for "the eye is the gateway to the heart." In these children's eyes is eternity. I can see no guile or selfishness, only simple longing. I see the face of one small child, and another, and then another. Each one is eternally precious.

And what name does He give to this little child? The name is "Wanted." It seems God says, "Dear child, I desperately want you. I have an all-consuming and passionate love for you. Your name is 'Loved.' I have always loved you. Your name is 'Cherished.' Come to me and I will fill you with healing love... and you will be mine for all eternity—secure and safe in my arms."

Such is the message that God is sharing through Bethania Kids. Tonight I have been praying on my knees for the resources for us to continue sharing this message of mercy and love with hurting children. We are not in a year in which a devastating tsunami has just struck, attracting the attention of supporters, and yet the tsunami children are all still with us. Our programs are bursting at the seams. God is steadily working through Bethania Kids, but because of budget constraints we turn children away every day.

We also have capital needs. We need to raise about \$250,000 for land, buildings, homes, centers, security walls, toilets and kitchens. Landlords, once generous immediately after the tsunami, are hiking up their rents. Therefore we need to buy property and build our own buildings. Would you consider joining us by sharing out of your abundance for a specific capital funds drive? You may earmark your extra contribution, "Capital Campaign."

Perhaps someday soon you will be able to come to India and see the changed lives. You should see these kids! They sleep on a stone floor with a small mat that is 1/8 inch thick. Their total possessions can fit in a small box. Yet, the joy in those eyes is unmistakable! The Holy Spirit is smiling out on us from within these humble children.

So friends, bring your churches! Bring your businesses! Bring your families! Jump on this moving train with us! It's heading north from Nagercoil to Rajamundry. Join us with a generous commitment. We're going to have so much fun over the next fifty years because I am absolutely certain that what we have accomplished is very little compared to what God has in store for us to do together.

As always, one hundred percent of your contribution will be used for ministry. Each year our board members give thousands of dollars to cover overhead so we can consistently make this promise. We have experienced God's mercy and love and we are earnestly praying for guidance, wisdom, courage, and humility. We need God's power, grace and provision to share His love with ever more hurting children.

In closing I share poignant words from a poem by Rabindranath Tagore:

This frail vessel thou emptiest again and again, and fillest it ever with fresh life.

This little flute of a reed thou hast carried over hills and dales,
and hast breathed through it melodies eternally new...

Thy infinite gifts come to me only on those very small hands of mine.
Ages pass, and still thou pourest... and still there is room to fill.

Friends, the work of Bethania is not large and spectacular in the eyes of the world. It is small, for we deal with one small child at a time. But in that small child's eyes is Eternity—and consequently it's a very big thing to God. Let's put our small hands together and be faithful in little things... and oh, what God can do with small hands faithfully doing small things with great love!

In Christ's love,

David Granner
President, Bethania Kids

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Sharing His Love