

Seeds on the Wind

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Dear Bethanians:

This is the time of year when Bethania gets involved with budgeting, so issues of stewardship and accountability are very much on our minds.

Many of us know well the Parable of the Talents, where Jesus took issue with the man who had been granted a talent of silver and unwisely buried it in the ground. Jesus commended the actions of two other men who prudently invested their money and realized a two-fold return. Good stewardship, as this parable instructs us, requires financial resources be used wisely and in a manner that is accountable to donors. See Mathew 25:14-30.

So how does Bethania make good use of the money and other gifts that you have entrusted to us?

Over the course of many years our Board of Directors has worked to develop a team of leaders in India in which we have the utmost confidence. Before we even consider a budget here in the United States, our Indian Board, under the watchful eyes of Dr. James Gnanakan and Godfrey Immanuel, carefully vets budget requests received from each of our projects. The Indian Board, comprised of Indian professionals and leaders of our Bethania ministries, then carefully reviews each budget proposal before submitting their formal request to our U.S. Board by the end of January. There then follows yet another level of review here in the U.S. before our Board of Directors approves a final budget to take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year on April 1. At each step of the way careful attention is given to utilizing Bethania's funds in the most cost-effective way possible in support of the children under our care.

Other important ways in which Bethania maintains accountability is through an annual audit of our books and records as well as filing an Annual Tax Return on Form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service. We were also pleased to be awarded just this past year certification by ECFA, a Christian organization established to accredit only those nonprofit charities meeting the highest standards of financial accountability.

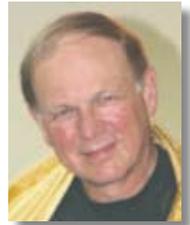
Perhaps of greatest importance is the fact that 100% of all donor contributions go to the direct support of our Bethania projects in India.

Of course, Bethania like any nonprofit organization, has a certain amount of administrative expense. But, since the very first days of Bethania's existence, this overhead has always been generously covered by our Board of Directors and, in more recent years, by our Board of Advisors.

And so we return to the Parable of the Talents and ask the question: How does Bethania measure up? No, we do not measure success by "financial returns" on the investments you have made to Bethania through your contributions. What we do have to show, instead, are literally thousands of young lives in India for whom Bethania has brought "wholeness and hope,... equipping them to share God's love."

Thanks be to God, and thanks to each of you!

Gene H. Hennig
Chairman

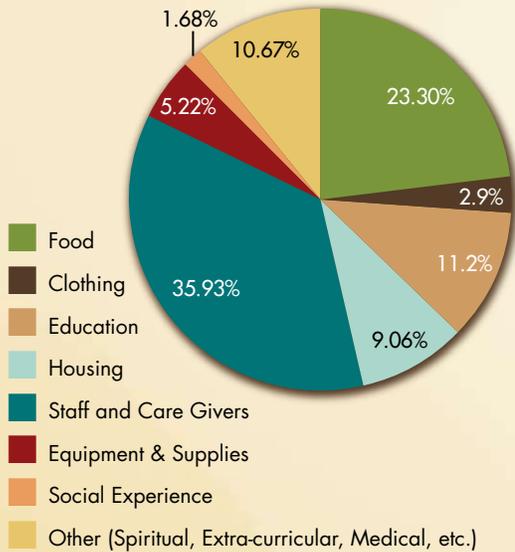


Bethania  Kids

How far do your dollars go?

BY TODD HEIDELBERGER

Total Budget for 2011-2012
\$353,700



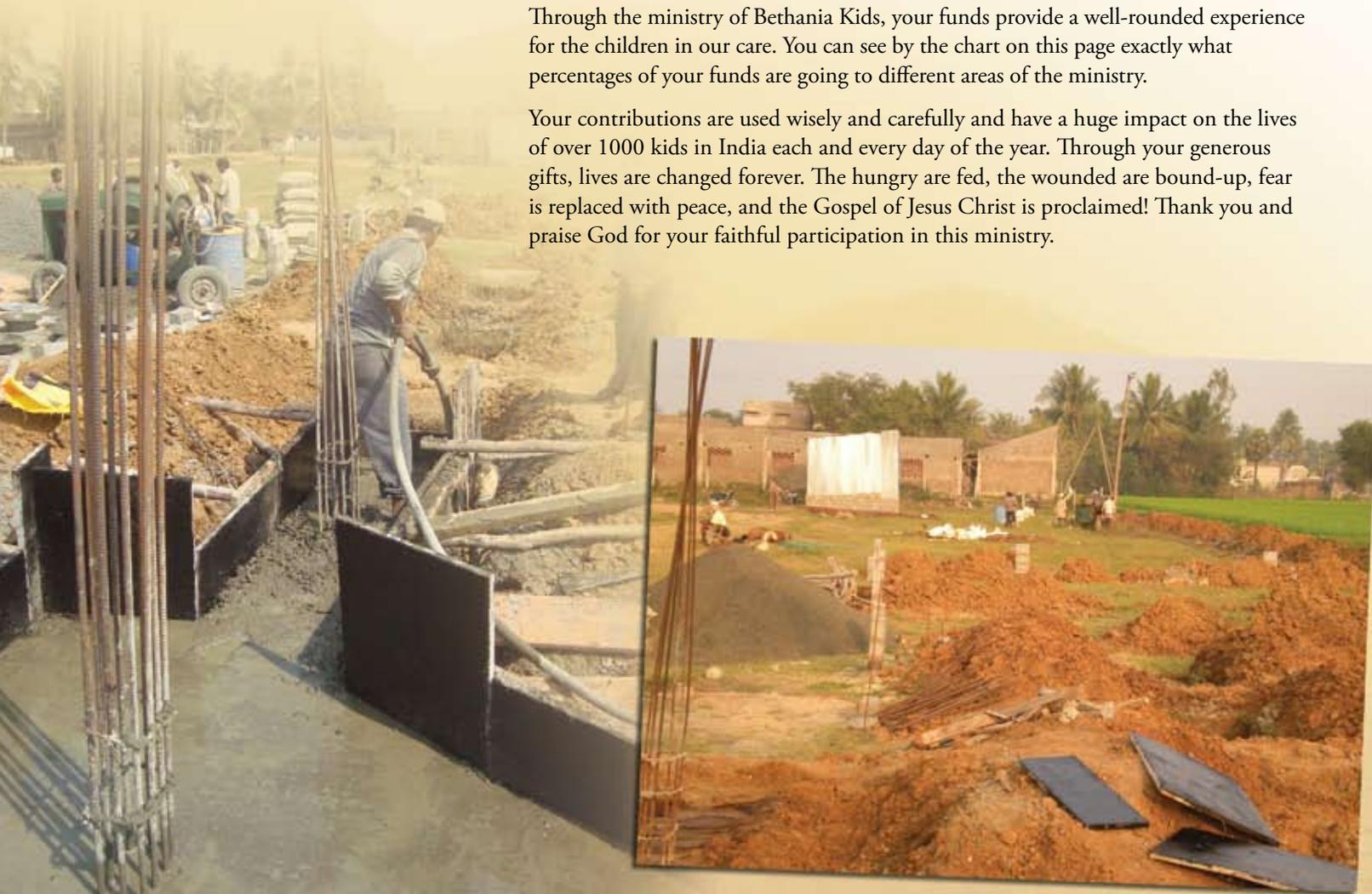
In the United States:		As compared to India:
A King-size Snickers Bar	\$2.00	Takes care of the medical needs of a child in India for two months
A Quarter Pounder Combo Meal at McDonalds	\$5.69	Buy a sleeping mat, a blanket, and a pillow for a child in India
Average price of a movie ticket and popcorn	\$12.70	Buy two sets of clothing for a child in India
Average cost of groceries per month for one person	\$112.25	Provides food for one child in India for six months
Average price of a new car	\$28,400	Provides a comfortable home and loving care for 40 children in India for one year

Although I love to go to the movies with my wife and children and to chomp down on a delicious snickers bar, occasionally I find it helpful to remind myself what the equivalent amount of money I use for those things would purchase in India. It kind of keeps things in perspective. Perhaps the same is true for you.

What a privilege to enjoy the luxury of living in the United States of America; excellent medical facilities, a multitude of educational options, and for most a warm meal and comfortable home in which to retire each evening. Indeed, in this country we have been blessed! These blessings put us in a position to impact the lives of children in India; and for such a small sacrifice.

Through the ministry of Bethania Kids, your funds provide a well-rounded experience for the children in our care. You can see by the chart on this page exactly what percentages of your funds are going to different areas of the ministry.

Your contributions are used wisely and carefully and have a huge impact on the lives of over 1000 kids in India each and every day of the year. Through your generous gifts, lives are changed forever. The hungry are fed, the wounded are bound-up, fear is replaced with peace, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed! Thank you and praise God for your faithful participation in this ministry.



New Digs!

Construction on the new permanent home of Bethania's Angel Home in Rajahmundry is underway! Our 40 "Angel" boys have been living in rented space in Rajahmundry since the home opened eight years ago. Although they have been comfortable, they have had to move twice within the past few years and both of the rented spaces have been right in the middle of the hustle and bustle of Rajahmundry. Because of the city location, play space for the boys has been limited, and if you have boys of your own, you know that they need ROOM TO PLAY!

The new home is being constructed on property that Bethania Kids purchased a few years ago in the small town of Narendrapuram. It is about a seven mile drive from the center of Rajahmundry. This location was chosen because it is close enough to school but far enough from the city to give the boys safe green space in which to study and play. The new compound is being built on one and a half acres and in addition to the dorm rooms and dining hall, will eventually include a community/multipurpose hall which will be used for church services, medical missions, and other community events sponsored by Bethania Kids. Within the compound walls there is enough space for a sports field, a large vegetable garden, an orchard, and even an area where a few small farm animals can be raised. Needless to say there is a lot of excitement amongst the boys and they are looking forward to moving in to their new "digs" as soon as possible.

Construction is costly and, as in the US, there are inevitable overruns. As funds become available we will continue with different stages of the project. Currently we are building the compound wall, kitchen, toilet block, and one dormitory. As soon as we are able, we will continue with a second dormitory, the dining hall, and the director's quarters. Finally we will tackle the community hall, staff room, and additional dormitories. Ultimately the home will be able to accommodate approximately 80 children.

If you, someone you know, or your local church or civic group is in a position to help fund all or any portion of this project please let us know. We would be pleased to honor generous contributions by naming a hall or dormitory after the donor or in memory of a loved one.

Please remember to pray for the project, the construction workers, craftsmen, and laborers who are building the facility, and for the entire plan to proceed without a hitch.

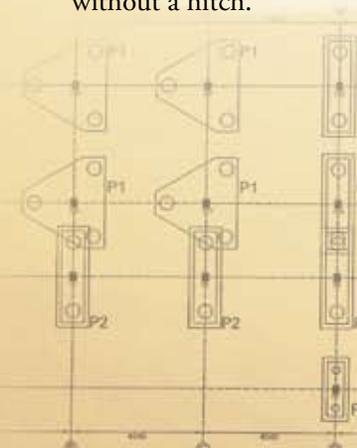
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Charles Haddon Spurgeon was a 19th century British preacher whose bold writings remain highly influential among many Christians the world over. The following is excerpted from one of his famous devotions.

Christian Liberality

*Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the
LORD will deliver him in time of trouble*

—PSALM 41:1.

To think about the poor and let them lie on our hearts is a Christian man's duty; for Jesus put them with us and near us when He said, "The poor ye have always with you."

Many give their money to the poor in a hurry, without thought; and many more give nothing at all. This precious promise belongs to those who "consider" the poor, look into their case, devise plans for their benefit, and considerately carry them out. We can do more by care than by cash, and most with two together. To those who consider the poor, the LORD promises His own consideration in times of distress. He will bring us out of trouble if we help others when they are in trouble. We shall receive very singular providential help if the LORD sees that we try to provide for others. We shall have a time of trouble, however generous we may be; but if we are charitable, we may put in a claim for peculiar deliverance, and the LORD will not deny His own word and bond. Miserly curmudgeons may help themselves, but considerate and generous believers the LORD will help. As you have done unto others, so will the LORD do unto you. Empty your pockets.