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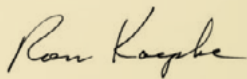
Education: A Pathway from Poverty to Hope

President's Letter

Dear Friends,

The children served by Bethania Kids come from difficult circumstances, yet **education can open doors** to opportunities they may never have imagined. In this issue of *Seeds on the Wind*, discover how education is woven throughout Bethania Kids programs, helping children learn and build brighter futures. **Would you consider making a special gift to help continue this vital mission?** We are deeply grateful to God—and to you—for making a lasting difference in the lives of these children.

In His service,



Ron Koepke



For many of the children who come to Bethania Kids, life has offered few opportunities and little hope of escaping poverty. Circumstances beyond their control can easily become a cycle that continues from one generation to the next.



But we believe that **God has a purpose and a promising future for every child.** Education is one important way we can help children develop the gifts and abilities God has given them. By investing in their education, we are helping these children open doors to a future in which they can break the cycle of poverty and become a blessing to others.

Education Begins Early: Daycare Centers

Our daycare centers in Kodaikanal prepare young children for school through **singing, dancing, action rhymes, games, and other activities** that develop language, coordination, social skills, and a love for learning.

Because children cannot learn well when they are hungry, the centers also provide **nutritious meals and snacks.** For some children, this may be their only reliable source of nutrition.



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Growing in Confidence: After-School Care

Our after-school programs provide help with subjects such as English, Tamil, and mathematics. Children are encouraged to **read the newspaper** and share interesting articles aloud, thereby strengthening reading skills, vocabulary, and general knowledge.

Learning extends **beyond academics**. The children learn to play musical instruments and participate in singing, poetry and drawing competitions. Special projects on engaging topics such as earthquake alarms, water purification and the human circulatory system encourage curiosity.



Opening Doors: Weekend Tutoring Center

Mabel's Supportive Care Center provides weekend educational support for children from our care centers and other needy children in the community.

Activity-based sessions use language games, wordplay and puzzles to make learning fun.

A variety of activities round out this program. The children are encouraged to perform **science experiments**, which helps develop analytical thinking and problem-solving skills. Origami challenges students to follow instructions, and a **spoken English** summer course empowers these young learners with vital communication skills.

We are encouraged that two graduates have recently gone on to college programs in anesthesiology technology and computer science—a reminder of what is possible when children are given opportunity and support.



Changing Expectations in Odisha: Child and Mother Care Centers

In Odisha, Bethania Kids is helping change long-held attitudes toward education. In this tribal region, many children historically do not attend school, and **illiteracy** remains widespread.

For more than a decade, our centers have provided school supplies, nutritious meals, and academic support. Today, children who once rarely attended school are achieving **perfect attendance**.

As the children age out of their local school at 5th or 8th grade, Bethania Kids provides for transportation and, when necessary, room and board so they can attend schools in more distant villages where education continues to a higher grade level.

The results are encouraging: **literacy is replacing illiteracy**, and young adults from these communities are now attending college.



Learning for Life: Programs for Children with Disabilities

Following Christ's example of compassion, Bethania Kids provides community outreach to children and young adults with disabilities. We also partner with the Church of South India Rehabilitation Centre in Kodaikanal. Through these programs, children receive tutoring, special education, and help with daily living skills in addition to medical care.

At the rehabilitation center, older students participate in vocational training that **promotes independence** and prepares them for employment. The staff reflect Christ's love by offering dignity and opportunity to these vulnerable children and young adults.

Preparing Children for Their Futures: Residential Homes

Education remains central to life in our residential homes. **Tutors** help children with their lessons and homework, giving extra support to those who struggle academically.

Beyond their academic studies, the children benefit from a variety of other educational activities. **Field trips** provide opportunities to discover history, culture, and the world around them. For example, the girls from Grace Home recently visited Udayagiri Fort and the Padmanabhapuram Palace, historic sites in India.

The children are also encouraged to challenge themselves through **competitions**. This past school year, boys from Angel Home presented their river-cleaning robot at a science fair, and girls from Grace Home took first, second and third place in a public speaking competition.

Career guidance helps older students prepare for life beyond high school. For many, **higher education is becoming a reality**. Bethania Kids currently supports 62 college students from our homes studying in fields such as nursing, computer science, education, and engineering. The funding helps with fees, transportation, examinations, and other needs.



A Legacy That Continues: Our Alumni

Our graduates are becoming nurses, police officers, teachers, repair technicians, engineers, and other self-supporting professionals. They are building families of their own and truly breaking the cycle of poverty.

One of the most encouraging signs of transformation is seeing **graduates return to encourage younger children**. Alumni from Angel Home often return to share their experiences and remind the younger boys that a different future is possible.

Recently, Mr. Sujith, an alumnus from a Bethania Kids care center, returned to share his electrical expertise with the children. He demonstrated how electrical circuits and fuses work with hands-on activities. Like other alumni, Sujith is grateful for the opportunity to give back to the center that once supported him.

Education, Faith, and a Future of Hope

At Bethania Kids, education is about more than earning good grades or obtaining a degree. It is about helping children recognize their **God-given potential** and equipping them to use their gifts with purpose.

We cannot do this work by relying on our own strength. We trust God to guide each child, sustain them through challenges, and lead them in the path He has prepared for them.





Nurturing and equipping the children and women of India to change their world through Jesus' love.

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Call to Action

Investing in God-Given Potential

Education is a powerful way to break the cycle of poverty, giving children the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to build independent lives. At Bethania Kids, we believe every child is a child of God and worthy of being loved and given the opportunity to learn and grow.

We invite you to partner with us in this mission:

Will you pray with us? Pray for the children we serve, for the teachers and caregivers who walk alongside them, and for the alumni, as they begin life on their own. Pray that God would give each of them wisdom, strength, perseverance, and guidance for the road ahead.

Will you consider giving? Your financial support provides children with an education and the resources they need to develop their gifts and pursue new possibilities. You can send a check in the enclosed envelope or donate by scanning the QR code or visiting bethaniakids.org/donate/now.

Together, through prayer and generosity, we can help children experience God's love and equip them for the future. **Thank you for investing in these precious children of God.**



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