



Feeding of the poor and fight against hunger INDIA

Fear for one's survival, debt and suicide determine the lives of many farmers in India. Many farmers escaped the debt trap by the **"fight against hunger programme"** in **Vuyyuru**, a small town in the Krishna district in the south-east of India, the programme began three years ago with 540 Indian male and female farmers. Here, they were trained by agricultural engineers in the cultivation of new products and the sale of their crops. In addition, they were explained to use organic fertilizer and to dispense with pesticides.



More than 450 female farmers are still in the process after three years. One of them proudly reports: **„80 percent of the women use their plots of land attached to their houses and huts for" kitchen gardens „and have grown so many pumpkins, cucumbers, tomatoes, aubergines, curcuma, beans, papayas (see photo), guavas and physalis that it is sufficient for their own needs.** In addition, our crops have now a very good reputation in the market."



The women not only have regularly repaid their loans for the seed, but also paid 100 rupees into a joint account every month. They have established a joint cooperative with all 18 villages. They give the saved money as small loans for medical treat-

ments and school supplies for families need from the villages. A successful model initiated by Christians to help people help themselves in a Hindu environment.

What is it about?

Non-performing, socially-vulnerable families, especially children and mothers, are supplied by these feedings of the poor in Mumbai, Kolkata and Nellore with the necessary foods. In addition, in many villages, hundreds of farmers get support through training, seed and micro credits, so that they can provide themselves and their families independently.

Prayer requests

- For the 450 female farmers in Vuyyuru and that even more people can be helped to lead an independent life through this programme

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EBM INDIA Children's homes

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Child labour, parents' loss, abuse and violence are an everyday occurrence in many children's lives in India. Hopelessness, frustration and anxiety affect their lives.



Our children's home „**Ananda Nilayam**“ (House of Joy) tries to counteract to these processes and offers a home to a total of 70 orphans and half-orphans, but also to children from very poor fishermen and peasants families. Here, they get the psychological care they need to regain new courage, strength and joy for their lives.



The children's home is located on a campus, which also includes a kindergarten, a preschool and a vocational training centre. In a loving environment the children receive an education and may later even graduate in the areas of sewing, computer and electrical engineering. In the church nearby, they receive spiritual guidance.

We remember **Vandana, an orphan girl** from the children's home who could finish her training as a nurse successfully at Christian Medical Centre in Pithapuram last year. She has even been employed there on a permanent basis and is leading an independent and satisfied life.

What is it about?

Our 15 children's homes provide a home for orphans or half-orphans that come from diverse difficult backgrounds and have no reliable parental home. Here, they experience loving attention and care as well as school education and they attain better opportunities for their future.

Prayer requests:

- For the 70 children and the staff from the children's home in Tallarevu
- For Vandana and her future at the CMC Pithapuram

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Medical Work INDIA

Poverty, malnutrition and infections are causes of most diseases in India. Many people do not have the necessary means to go to the doctor.



In the **Christian Medical Centre (CMC) in Pithapuram**, a small town in East Godavari district in the south-east of India, indigent patients are offered free medical treatments. They experience not only physical but also emotional healing and caring. In addition to general medical care, the CMC has now its own eye department, which is very popular. Furthermore, the eye team is doing an excellent job. Besides, several eye camps are conducted: yearly, thousands of people in remote villages are examined; the sick are transported to the hospital and are operated on free of charge.



Boda Kondayya (photo) was diagnosed with cataract at the age of 45 in such an eye camp and treated in the CMC. Due to a congenital leg deformity he cannot walk. And through the cataract he was completely dependent on others' help. Thanks to the eye surgery he can now lead his life more independently, despite his leg disability.

What is it about?

Medical aid is an essential component of preserving life. EBM INDIA supports hospitals, eye clinics, eye camps, and leprosy colonies so that free medical treatment, nursing and care can be provided for the poor and underprivileged.

Prayer Requests

- For Dr. Serene and the entire medical team at CMC Pithapuram
- For the many people in need experiencing help and healing in the CMC Pithapuram

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