

HOUSE OF JOY

The Child Care Institute of Cross Mission Ministries

A Father to the Fatherless...

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James, the half-brother of Jesus emphasized that true Christians are "doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22). He wrote, "Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world." Throughout the Bible, believers are called to support and protect the fatherless and widows (see Ex 22:22; Deut 14:29; Ps 82:3; Jer 7:6). The prophet Isaiah warned that God would not accept worship unless His people repented and sought justice, defended the fatherless, and pleaded for widows (Isa. 1:10–17). This reflects God's own character as "a Father to the fatherless and defender of widows" (Ps. 68:5). Thus, a key measure of pure religion is how we aid the helpless in our communities.

Cross Mission Ministries and The House of Joy embody this mission by providing a safe, supportive environment for orphans. However, they cannot do it alone. While they are rich in love, faith, and service, they need partners like you and I to help support their ministry and fulfill God's commands to care for the vulnerable.

If you are already a partner, thank you for your vital support in saving lives, both physically and spiritually. Please consider sharing this newsletter with others who might be interested in joining this mission.

If you are not yet a partner, would you prayerfully consider joining us today? Visit www.CrossMissionMinistries.com to learn how you can contribute or click on the **Sponsorship Needs** to the right.



Prayer Requests

- Pray for Shravya and Baby to trust in Jesus.
- Pray for Manoj and Khosla to be baptized.
- Pray for our 10th graders as they prepare for their final examinations.
- Pray for the Lord to provide the resources to purchase solar equipment for the House of Joy so the children can have reliable power.
- Pray for Rohith- he was recently hospitalized due to Dengue Fever.

Sponsorship Needs

Monthly Sponsor

\$80/ month will provide one orphan child the following.

- Food & Clean Water
- Medical Care
- Education
- Clothing

House of Joy Sponsor

Your donation to the House of Joy will help fund needed repairs and upgrades to the living quarters for the boys and girls homes. Please prayerfully consider giving a **one-time donation** to the House of Joy.

Zion School Sponsor

Your donation to Zion Christian School will help fund needed repairs and upgrades to the the school building and individual classrooms. This gift will also help other children afford a Christian education in India. Please prayerfully consider giving **\$50, \$100, \$250, or \$500 donation**.

WEC Sponsor

Please prayerfully consider giving \$10/ month to support a Widow and our Women's Empowerment Center which trains ladies in sewing and other career skills.

CHECKING IN WITH OUR GIRLS...



Buhuvaneshwari
8yrs - 3rd grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I enjoyed dancing in Christmas service the most.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to get good grades in school.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

Pray for my family. There are many problems.



Blessy
9yrs - 5th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I enjoyed the Christmas sermon in the Christmas Celebration.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to grow spiritually in the Lord.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

Pray for my parents- they have been separated for a long time.



Mythili
9yrs - 5th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I participated in the action song in the service and enjoyed it the most.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to study well for my classes.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

Pray for my mom- my dad left her and she is all alone.



Swapna
9yrs - 5th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I most enjoyed the candle light part of the service.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to read the Bible every day.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

To do math well.

CHECKING IN WITH OUR GIRLS...



Ekshitha
10yrs - 5th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I liked the action song with my friends the most.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to serve God in church services.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

To study well.



N. Meghana
11yrs - 7th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I enjoyed the candle light and song during the service.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to do math well.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

I want to know God more.



T. Meghana
11yrs - 7th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I enjoyed the dance and the candle light portions of the service.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to be first rank in my class.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

Pray for me to study for my science class well.



Sravya
12yrs - 7th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I enjoyed seeing more people come to the celebration.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to speak English fluently.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

Pray for my parents who are separated and having problems.

CHECKING IN WITH OUR GIRLS...



Baby
13yrs - 6th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I enjoyed being in the action song in front of all the people.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to get better at playing badminton.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

Pray for me to improve in math, it is a difficult subject for me.



Srija
13yrs - 8th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I enjoyed the Christmas Eve message.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to study well for my classes.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

I want my father to know Jesus (my mother died).



Lovely
15yrs - 9th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I liked the new worship songs.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to be an encouragement to others and lead them to the Lord.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

I want to study well and become an engineer.



Sonali
15yrs - 10th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I enjoyed the sermon and the action songs the most.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to get a good class rank in 10th grade..

How can we best pray specifically for you?

I want my father to know Jesus and get baptized.

CHECKING IN WITH OUR GIRLS...



Sridevi
15yrs - 10th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I enjoyed the sermon on Christmas Eve.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to get good grades in 10th grade.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

I want to grow Spiritually.



Babli
16yrs - 10th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I enjoyed the Christmas decorations and the sermon.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to share the Gospel with someone.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

Pray for my 10th grade final exams.



Satya
17yrs - 12th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I enjoyed dancing in the Christmas celebrations.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to make good grades in my 12th grade classes.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

I want to grow spiritually and get a good job.

CHECKING IN WITH OUR BOYS...



Banni

4yrs - Kindergarten

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

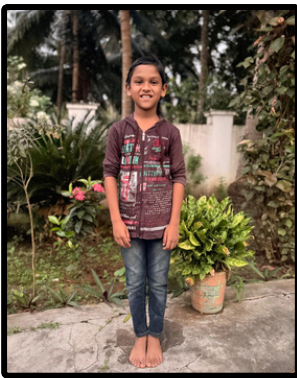
I enjoyed dancing so much.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to do well in school.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

Pray for my mom- she is all alone.



Prince

7yrs - 1st grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I enjoyed reciting Bible verses the most.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to go to church every Sunday.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

I want to be a good boy.



Moresh

11yrs - 6th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I liked the lighting for the Christmas celebration.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to serve in Sunday School to help others.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

Pray for my relatives to be saved.



Rakesh

11yrs - 10th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I really enjoyed the food at the Christmas celebration.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I don't want to fall into sin in anyway.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

I want to preach the Word.

CHECKING IN WITH OUR BOYS...



Sumanth

12yrs - 7th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I enjoyed the worship songs and music.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to study the Hindi language well.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

Pray for me to study well and get a government job.



Uday

12yrs - 6th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I enjoyed worshipping Jesus and the food.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to learn English.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

I want to be a good boy and meet with God everyday.



Chaithanya

13yrs - 8th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I really enjoyed dancing in the Christmas celebration.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to play cricket well.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

Pray for me to concentrate in my studies.



John

13yrs - 8th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I enjoyed dancing and the candle light service.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to learn to play the drums.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

I want to read the whole Bible- pray for me.

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Amit

14yrs - 8th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I enjoyed serving food for people.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to learn to play the keyboard.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

Pray for my father who is an alcoholic.



Narendra

14yrs - 8th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I enjoyed the worship songs in the Christmas Celebration.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

To worship Jesus everyday.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

Pray for my studies and my ability to learn Hindi.



Rohith

14yrs - 10th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I enjoyed the dance in the Christmas celebration.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to study well.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

Pray for my health as I am suffering with Dengue Fever.



Aravind

15yrs - 10th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?

I enjoyed worship and the LED screens on stage.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

I want to sing for Jesus wherever I go.

How can we best pray specifically for you?

Pray for my 10th grade final exams.

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Manoj

15yrs - 10th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?
I enjoyed the dance and the sermon in the Christmas Celebration.

What are you looking forward to most this year?
I want to get a good rank in 10th grade.

How can we best pray specifically for you?
For me to follow through and be baptized.



Prince Khosla

15yrs - 8th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?
I enjoyed the dance and serving water to people.

What are you looking forward to most this year?
I want to learn to play the keyboard

How can we best pray specifically for you?
Pray for my studies and for me to follow through and be baptized.



Charan

16yrs - 10th grade

What did you enjoy most about Christmas Service this past year?
I enjoyed the music and the dance.

What are you looking forward to most this year?
I play the drums but I want to get better at playing them.

How can we best pray specifically for you?
I want to make good grades for 10th grade final exams.



“Making disciples among the unreached and unengaged people groups in India.”