

NAGALAND OUTREACH CHILDREN'S ORPHANAGE HOME



Dear Family and Friends,

We are sending everyone a big hug in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. During this time of quarantine may we come closer to God than ever before! We're serving the Great God! By the grace of God we are doing well and we pray that you all are keeping well and safe also.

I apologize for not sending the newsletter for a while. I have been very busy getting the children's schoolwork and preparing them to complete it. When we first heard about CoVid 19 we heard so many rumors about how it was spread. Now that we know what is going on we can take the precautions necessary to try to stay safe. We haven't been outside the orphanage for over a month but that is what we have to do to avoid this deadly virus. We are stocked up on essential food and we are allowed to go buy a few necessities but because of the hygiene of the third world country we feel it best to not venture out too much. We know God is in control. We rest upon Him.

The children have been home from school for a little over a month. School closure has now been extended again and we do not know when they will return. We have been very busy tutoring the children at home, especially the two new children. Because of the school closure we have not received the test results for the 2 older children who took their State Exam.

We have been praying that the Lord would send us more children. We are blessed to welcome 2 precious girls into our home. Please lift Yanpo and Mercy up in prayer as they are transitioning to a new home. I can see a change in them in just the few months they have been with us. They have a smile on their faces and that gives us so much peace and joy.



Left—Right— Yanpo, Mercy, they play very well together

Yanpo is from the Kachari tribe in New Tssori village. She was born on September 15, 2009 and was raised by her maternal grandparents from childhood. Her father left her mother before she was born and they have never been able to find him. Her mother did remarry but did not take Yanpo. Her grandparents could no longer take care of her because of their health. Yanpo worries about her grandparents but we prayed with her and encouraged her to trust God to take care of them. Yanpo is a very energetic and outgoing person. Her favorite games are football and running races. Her favorite color is pink and her ambition is to run a shelter home for poor people. She is a 5th grader. Please keep her in your prayers as she is very new to everything. She is starting to adjust to living at the orphanage.

Mercy was born on January 11, 2012. Her father was a taxi driver. We were told he was an alcoholic and was very abusive to his wife and to Mercy. In 2015, he left Nagaland and never returned home. Mercy's mother and her family tried to find him but they never did. Mercy's mother remarried and left her with her maternal grandparents. They are getting very old and could no longer take care of her so they brought her to our home. When she first arrived she was so sad and would not smile, as you can see by her picture. She is slowly trusting us and doing much better. Her favorite game is soccer and her favorite color is red. Her ambition is to become a missionary. She is in 3rd grade. It is amazing how similar their stories are. I think they will become great friends.

In the midst of this time of uncertainty we are so blessed to have wonderful families and friends praying and encouraging us. We are having service at home on Sundays and family prayer meetings every night. We pray for you all every day; for God's protection and good health. The children lead the praise and worship, Bible reading, and choreography of songs.

During this time of staying home we are enjoying being together. The adults sometimes get very tired because the children have so much energy and never seem to tire! We are adjusting to a new routine at home during this time. After the children complete their schoolwork they have chores. After that is done some children play soccer and some play games inside. They stay very busy!



Cleaning up the yard



Helping with construction

Ajan and Lothungbeni appeared for the State final exam. Ajan is in 10th grade and this will determine if he can go to 11th grade. Lothungbeni is a 12th grader and the test will determine if she can go to college. Fortunately they were able to finish their exam the 1st week of March before the country was shutdown. They are blessed! Praise God! We are waiting for their results to be out but we don't know when that will be. Please pray for good results for them. They have studied very hard.



Ajan & Lothungbeni

The renovation on the study room is not yet complete. Due to the shutdown the workers have not been able to come. Hopefully work will resume soon. This is what it looks like so far.



Here are a few pictures of us boating and picnicking before the shutdown. It was enjoyed by all!



We thank God for your earnest prayer and support. Because of your faithfulness these children are learning about God and getting an education. May the good Lord bless each and every one of you. We love you all dearly!

Thank you,

Because of Him,

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