As the year 2018 emerges, we are pondering on the things that have made 2017 so unique, that the freshness of it has lingered year long! Almost assuredly, on behalf of all at Karuna Sharan, we can say that the one special ingredient that has made the difference, has been the genuine motivation of the love of God! This love, pure love, right from the heart of God that never runs out, has given us a daily refill and has allowed us the privilege of pouring it into the lives of ones that God so loves – helpless and orphaned children!

There is a verse in Psalm 27:10 (Bible) that says, “For my father and mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.”

It is a tragic thing to be forsaken by one’s parents or family (as with orphans), but when that happens, the above verse tells us that God Himself takes the abandoned ones in and holds them close to Himself. He does this by using His people that will be an extension of His hands, feet, receive His love and express His heart of compassion to these precious children. This is what Karuna Sharan is all about!!

The down and out, lonely, helpless children of the world and of Karuna are on our heavenly Father’s heart. This is amazing!

We are extremely honoured to be able to care for 61 orphan boys at Karuna. There is nothing more fulfilling than seeing a child’s eyes glimmer with hope for the future. At the children’s home, our kids are encouraged to grow in faith, expect great things from God and realize their God given gifts and potential. We create an environment of love and acceptance where children can bloom. Someone said, “Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do, but how much love we put in that action.” We are thrilled to see how our children’s lives are shaping up. They are growing up to be young men with great values, who we know will make a difference in the world.

Are we grateful? Yes!! Firstly, for our children, and then for our hard working and devoted team – our superintendent, home parents, staff, cooks and teachers. We couldn’t do it without them! We are also deeply thankful for our Board of Trustees, for their wholehearted and personal involvement to keep the vision going. The real miracle is not that we do this work, but that God gives us the joy to do it

Lastly and most importantly, we are so thankful for you – our dear donors who have stood with us, sacrificially shared from your resources, sponsored individual children, shared birthday meals, offered encouragement and given in kind in so many ways.

Blessings,

Pastor Karl and Suzan Silva

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Our children at Karuna are given opportunities to develop their talents and skills in every area of life, whether academics, sports, music, or art - along with great role models besides them, to help mentor and counsel them in challenging areas. However, top priority is given to teaching them who they really are in the image of God, so that they can learn to walk in the ways that are pleasing to Him.

Thank you to all our Karuna partners once again for your involvement in our vision to make the lives of orphan children count! When God puts love and compassion in our hearts towards someone, He is offering us and opportunity to make a difference in that person’s life. It is our prayer that our kids will follow this kind of love.

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

- This past academic year, three of our boys completed Grade X with great success.
- Twin brothers Nikhil and Mikhil Das are now pursuing Science with Electronics.
- Manoj Kalalu has taken up Science with Biology.
- Our Ex Karuna boy, Rohit Sahu has been blessed with a wonderful job as Assistant HR and Administrator at a private oil recruitment company.

**TESTIMONIES**

“I came to Karuna in 2009. My grandparents and aunty brought both my younger brother and me to live at Karuna Sharan.

Initially when I came, I was homesick and felt like going back, but soon, because of the love and care given to me by everyone I started to feel secure and cared for. I came to know that God hears our prayers and He never fails us. I learned to pray to my Father in heaven. In my 6th grade in school, I failed in 5 subjects and I prayed to the Lord to help me in my academics. He heard my prayers and today, I am in the 8th grade. I have not failed in a single subject since then. God is faithful and He answers us when we call upon Him.

At Karuna, I get the best of everything. My dream is to be a sportsman in life. I want to thank all the staff at Karuna for taking such good care of me. Thank you!”

Om Sathe

“Karuna has been my home for the past 9 years. I came to Karuna in 2008 when I was nine years old. I was brought by God to Karuna at the right time. My mother was suffering from a terminal illness and she passed away in 2013. I am loved here at Karuna Sharan and living here has been a wonderful opportunity for me. The greatest thing that I have learnt here is about how much God loves me.

I have successfully passed my 10th grade and now I am pursuing my higher studies as an engineer at the Bhausaheb Vartek Polytechnic in Vasai. I am so thankful to God for adding me to this wonderful family at Karuna. He has remained faithful to me in my life. I believe that I am a part of God’s great and perfect plan. I want to be a vessel for God and I desire to be greatly used by Him.”

Ashok Shah

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