As we enter the New Year 2016, we acknowledge, with grateful hearts, that the year gone by was truly crowned with the goodness of God in our lives and in the lives of our children at Karuna Sharan.

We would like to share some of the highlights of the year with you, one of which is the numerous answers to prayer!

The children have been learning the valuable principle of trusting God for everything in their lives (and don’t we all need to remember that?!), as Jesus taught in Luke 12:22-32

“...Do not to worry about everyday life - whether you have enough food to eat or enough clothes to wear... Look at the ravens. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than any birds...”

“Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, yet King Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you...don’t be concerned about what to eat and what to drink. Don’t worry about such things...your heavenly Father already knows your needs.”.

Testimony of God’s Provision

One morning two of our Grade X boys walked into the office as we were discussing our list of needs for the month - and one of those needs was a printer for our office use.

It has become a way of life for us to take everything to God in prayer. We decided to all bow our heads and make the needs known to our heavenly Father.

A half hour later, while we were all still sitting there, a young man who had come with some gifts for the children walked into our office, and with a hint of uncertainty in his voice said, “I am not sure if you would have need for this, but since I have not been using it, I brought it along. Would you find it useful for the orphanage?” He opened a big box and out came a printer and scanner for the office. It was so good for our boys to see how trusting God works! Yes, God is so good to his children!
SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

ORPHAN BOY EXCELS IN INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Aashish came to us in 2014 with no formal education ever. In the same year he started attending The Ambassador High School (TAHS) and was selected to represent the school at 'The International Science Olympiad (SOF). Much to our delight, he stood 1st, receiving a gold medal, and stood 2nd at the State & International level. He is a bright and confident boy and loves to be a part of Karuna Sharan.

This just goes to show how much untapped potential there is in each of these orphan children!

THE FIRST JOB!

Rohit, our oldest, has completed his 12th standard exams. He scored a 1st class with 61%. He has found himself a job with 'Parle Elizabeth' as an HR Assistant.

He aspires to complete his degree, in a specialized polytechnic course or in a mechanical engineering diploma. He is loved by his colleagues and his boss for his high work ethic and diligence, and that is a tremendous testimony to the invaluable upbringing of the kids at Karuna.

We hope to support him in his journey to complete his education.

A GOAL IN LIFE!

Ashok came to Karuna Sharan in 2008. We soon discovered that he had many talents including leadership. He became the Head Boy of the school in grade IX and in 2014, was selected by TAHS to participate in the International English Olympiad. He won the 2nd position for the school. Currently he is in grade X, and is extremely focused on excelling in his exams with a goal to achieve over 85%.

His ambition is to appear for the NDA (National Defence Academy) entrance after his XII th grade.

We would like to raise up the funds so that he could reach his NDA vision.
FUN Events

The Karuna kids are talented in so many areas and some are very musically inclined. Some of our children have learned to play the keyboard and the guitar and two of them are in the school music band.

Sponsored by Reliance - It was an outing filled with sheer excitement for the cricket crazy kids. Oh how the boys love sports!

ISL Football Match - Sponsored by Serco. The kids were super thrilled to watch a live soccer match in a huge stadium. We have many ‘die hard’ football fans at Karuna.

Football Camp - Organized during the summer vacation. The kids learnt some awesome techniques to excel at the game. We have quite a few aspiring soccer players!

VBS - Vacation Bible Club for different age groups - filled with action songs, value driven skits and lessons to help the children discover how much they are loved by God and are a part of His big plan!

Picnic April 2015 - The kids enjoyed the water themed picnic spot, the rides and given a chance, would have stayed in the pool all day!

Friends, we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts, for partnering with us in our vision to give orphaned children a future filled with hope and to make every child count! Know that your generous and sacrificial giving has made a difference!

We would also like to thank the Karuna Board members for sharing their valuable time, input, wisdom and for their unity in vision and purpose to see this awesome work of God come to pass.

Have a wonderful and blessed New Year!

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The Karuna kids and the Karuna team