



Field News – March & April 2005



Amit the day he came back

1. The number of boys Recent Developments

at Ashray Bhavan is 29 now. We had two more additions in these past two months. Amit one of the boys at Ashray Bhavan ran away in the month of January. He was picked up from the streets of New Delhi more than a year ago. He had gone away three times earlier but was brought back. This time it was not done but we prayed for him to call us, which he did after four months. Now he is back and has joined school again.

Ramesh Kumar from Meja Khas district of Allahabad has joined as warden at Ashray Bhavan. Ramesh will undergo training to become effective in the work here by the SOS village children training programme .



Amit before he ran away at Mc Donalds with rest of the boys.

2. Haryana Government is likely to consider our request for a grant in aid for funds to meet the daily maintenance needs and they will consider further grants for the expansion of Ashray Bhavan. Haryana Government has asked us to increase the strength of Ashray Bhavan to forty for them to consider our request for grant. An additional room and toilets and baths need to be constructed to achieve it.



Mr Sultan Singh from Haryana Govt at Ashray Bhavan.

Ministry to Refugees



SPIN centre at Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi has become a hub of all the activities for refugees which includes, song practicing, script writing for Radio ministry, worship and Bible study. A teacher is required to teach English language to refugees; which will be an equipping way for them to settle down in other countries. Ibrahim is busy in mobilizing and discipling the refugees. Dr. Siddiq who has cancer is very sick and weak. SPIN is helping him undergo Chemotherapy and other medical needs. The cancer has spread to his bones and skin. His wife and four children need encouragement and prayers. Pray that their paper for immigration for Canada comes through soon. Planning and preparations initiated for heart check up camps in Afghanistan in partnership with St. Stephen's hospital, Delhi.



Cooking a community meal.



Child Development Programme (CDP)



Sunny

- New Academic year began from the 1st of April.
- All the boys were vaccinated for Hepatitis and Tetanus.
- Deepak who came joined in April is six years old and is from Delhi. His father left him and his mother without any means.
- The latest to join is Sunny a Punjabi boy who lived in the slums of Delhi with his grandfather who is 82. He is almost 10 yrs old but has the growth of a 6 year old. He is suffering from Malnutrition and has an enlarged liver. His father is a drug addict and his mother left the family when he was very small. He is very weak and not able to eat much.

- All the boys went did a session of yoga as one of the visitors a yoga expert spent some quality time with them.
- Best thing to happen was Amit's home coming, with a confession that he will never run away again.



Cross Cultural Orientation and Training (COT)

- Rev. Hial will be attending the Advanced Missions Leadership Training being conducted by India Missions Association (IMA) for three weeks from the 23rd July at Hyderabad. Rev Hial who was a COT trainee with SPIN now works for SPIN in tribal Orissa. Rev Hial is being sponsored by SPIN so that his skills and lessons can be utilized for improvement of future COT courses.
- Jai Narain in Allahabad and Pastor Sharma in Rae Bareilly are labouring in their respective fields developing worship communities in different remote villages.
- Two singers from Church of Pakistan visited Ashray Bhavan and taught some very good Christian songs. And had some very good interaction with the boys.



Singers from Pakistan at Ashray Bhavan

Community Development

- The Eye camps are again gaining momentum. An Eye camp was held in month of April where more than 70 people attended and about 20 people were sent for cataract surgery to St. Stephen's hospital.
- The Homeopathy doctor comes every Tuesday and many people come from nearby villages to avail the benefits.
- Poor families in the surrounding villages of Badouli and Bathola are being visited and are also called to visit Ashray Bhavan. After getting a right picture of their poverty and miseries they are recommended to the concerned departments of the Haryana Govt. for necessary assistance. Prayer support is needed for wisdom to handle each case to its merit and condition.
- Plans are on for setting up a dental unit at Ashray Bhavan.





PARTICK HARDY FROM HYATT HOTEL WITH CHANDY & THE BOYS



PARTICK PLAYING CRICKET WITH THE BOYS



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- Mr Patrick Hardy from Hyatt Hotels specially came and met with boys from Malaysia, who used to frequently visit and play cricket with them when he was based in New Delhi some years back.
- All the boys have done very well in their school exams. Nine out of the 28 are position holders in their class.
- All the boys have been vaccinated for Hepatitis and Tetanus by Dr Brijesh and his team.
- We harvested some amount of wheat for the first time from the land adjacent to Ashray Bhavan.



- The total number of boys have increased to 29, the highest ever.
- We are working towards increasing the numbers to forty.



Harvesting & Threshing of Wheat at Ashray Bhavan

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For Praise & Thanks Giving

- Praise God for all the boys who are in their new classes.
- Praise God for Amit who returned after almost four months on the streets
- Praise God for Ramesh who has joined as Warden in Ashray Bhavan.
- Praise God for the Eye camp and Homeopathy doctor who visits Ashray Bhavan. Many villagers have got relief for their many ailments.
- Praise God for the SPIN centre at Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi and all the Afghan and Iranian Refugees who receive the Lord there.
- Praise God for the two new boys Deepak and Sunny who joined Ashray Bhavan recently.
- Praise God for the new relationship which is developing with the Haryana State Govt.



Pakistani singers with Chandy

We specially thank all individuals, sponsors and corporates who are supporting us as we are convinced that Ashray Bhavan is a result of effort and support from the with in the community and abundant Grace of God Almighty.

For Prayer

1. Pray for Sunny, the new boy who needs healing. He finds it hard to adjust to the life here as he has been roaming around in the lanes near the slums that he lived.
2. Pray for Amit who has returned after so long that the Lord would give him a stable mind.
3. Pray for all boys and all others at Ashray Bhavan that the Lord would keep them safe from the severe heat of the summer.
4. Pray for the grant from the Haryana Govt. to come through.
5. Funds requested for the purchase of plot of land lying adjacent to Ashray Bhavan is still awaited.
6. Pray for Dr. Siddiqi who is suffering from cancer. Especially for his wife and children who need peace and grace.
7. Pray for the Lord's leading in deciding to expand Ashray Bhavan and for the necessary funds for it.
8. There have been frequent request from various quarters about a possibility of starting a home for underprivileged girls. Pray for guidance and finances.