



April 1, 2016

Subject: First Quarter Report, January through March, 2016

To All Board Members and Donors:

Our first quarter of 2016 got off to a slow start! We collected just over \$7,500 and our Donor base grew by only 15% to a total of 46. Construction has been delayed by continued issues in obtaining permits from government inspectors, but we still believe to be on schedule to be operational by Monsoon Season in late June/early July. An additional \$10,000 was transferred to Father YL in February and we will need approximately \$5,000 more to complete the construction phase.

As you are probably aware, several not for profit organizations have come under scrutiny for misuse of funds in the past few months. From the extreme such as well known public officials using 95% of donations for “operational expenses” to, most recently, “The Wounded Warrior Project” spending millions of dollars on perks for staffers. I would like to reiterate today that ALL donations to the House of Onions have and will continue to be used strictly for the construction and running of the orphanage once operational. Your generosity will not be misused in any way. We are all in this for the children now and into the future.

As mentioned in our last report, Mrs. Candelaria and I have been interviewed by the Editor of “The Maverick Magazine” as a follow up to our trip to India last November for the April 2016 edition and we should have a copy posted on the web site next month. Additionally, as previously discussed, should any of you have connections to publications of local or countrywide notoriety, we will be more than happy to spend time with them, either by phone, Internet or person.

An exciting new item for us was the adding of a “Visitor Count” mechanism to our web site. From the start up date of February 7th, we have had 104 hits! With only 46 donors, several not on email such as my Mother and some older friends and relatives, this could lead to essential new players for our foundation. I am certain that many of these folks

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were referred to our site by each of you and we wish to thank everyone and ask you to keep up the good work! We estimate it will take at least 100 regular monthly donors to meet on going expenses once the children start arriving, so we are almost half way there. One of the new site visitors expressed concerns about our goals and motivation and it seems appropriate to share this in today's report, along with my response, should any of you have similar questions. The lady's name is not included, but it seemed important to share this with each of you in our first Quarterly Report of 2016.

“As the adoptive mother of two HIV positive children I find your mission either highly shocking or suspect. Are children in India not offered ARV therapy treatment for HIV? There is no need for children with HIV to be dying young!!! My children have a normal life expectancy, and are expected by their doctors to live long (75 years) lives because of the daily medications they take. Why is the story any different for the children that you are caring for?”

My response:

“First let me thank you for visiting our web site and raising this question and may God bless you for taking on such a huge responsibility. Our goal is to do similar work under very different circumstances.

I hope you had an opportunity to read the article I posted following my trip to India last November, but let me take a moment to provide you with additional information.

The poverty level in India is incomprehensible to one raised in our country. There are 300 million of the 1.1 billion population below poverty level. This is not poverty based on our understanding of the word, but these people literally live from day to day. Many live without such things as running water and sanitation for this group is pathetic at best. There is no government assistance. One either works or starves.

The children we are wanting to give aid and comfort to are orphans due to both parents passing from the AIDS virus and come from this extreme poverty group. While the government provides some level of prescriptions, in many cases there is no one to monitor the medication unless a facility such as ours can fill the role of a dedicated parent. While there are hospitals, the one we visited was overcrowded and under staffed, with people sitting/laying in the hallways. There have been some successes from the various facilities we visited, with children living longer, but our goal is to simply provide care and comfort to as many as possible over the coming years.

If, in the future, there is a "cure" that becomes readily available, there will still be a need for hostels such as The House of Onions in India for years to come.

I hope this answers your questions, however, should you wish additional information, I can be reached by phone @ [\(928\) 245-1388](tel:9282451388).”

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Just received some excellent news from Father YL this month about acquiring a much needed addition to our Board in India. Father Manti Mariadas was brought into the Priesthood by Father YL several years ago and will be assisting him in overseeing the various programs now and into the future. Mrs. Candelaria and I had the good fortune to meet Father Manti on our trip and believe he will bring much to our organization. We hope to have a short bio on him added to our web site shortly. Again, as a Board member, Father Manti is not a paid employee, but simply another volunteer seeking to bring a measure of love and comfort to these children encumbered with unbelievable circumstances far beyond their control.

In summary, any and all questions and suggestions are appreciated. I can be reached by:
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Sincerely,

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