



January 3, 2017

Subject: Fourth Quarter Report, October through December, 2016

To All Board Members and Donors:

As with 2015 our fourth quarter of 2016 was again the highlight of the year! We collected just under \$12,000 and our Donor base grew by 52% to a total of 61 for 2016. The foundation has been completed and we are now poised to begin final construction. The only missing item is CASH! As presented last Quarter, we are short roughly \$90,000 to finish the building with slightly over \$4,000 in our bank account. A recent reach out to Father YL's many friends in the states may prove beneficial in the first part of 2017, but the ongoing support from our corps Donor base will be the essential ingredient for a successful completion of our home. With God's blessings and the continued communication from everyone to friends and family we will have the ingredient necessary to accelerate this process! (Included at the end of this report is a suggested letter you may wish to pass along.)

Of particular note is that our total contributions for this quarter exceeded our initial estimate of monthly expenses of \$3,000 per month. With this long term goal now being achieved, we should be prepared for running and maintaining our facilities once construction is completed. Additionally, the number of website visitors continues to grow and we have now passed the 500 mark. While our consistent donors is only 12% of the total group, in today's climate, this may well be a large positive factor going forward. If we can reach the 1000 mark by year end 2017 and maintain this same percentage, we will double our donor base! This would assure a comfortable flow of funds to India and allow for those unexpected emergencies.

A recap of our income and expenditures is found at the end of this report. However, during the year ending December 2016, we collected \$37,395.05 and wired \$40,000.00 to Father YL for construction and a 2010 Toyota Van. All future collections will be directed to finalizing construction.

The Foundation Board of Directors has changed as of 2017, with our Vice-president Judge Edward James "Jimmy" Gaidry stepping down due to personal reasons. We are currently seeking his replacement and two additional members. We are specifically

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looking for a Doctor of Pediatrics, an IT specialist and a CPA (necessary when we reach “990” status with income over \$50,000). Until these positions are filled, we would entertain any recommendations from any of our website visitors as well as our donors. As mentioned in virtually all our written correspondence, these are NOT paid positions! Our entire cost of operations is based on the needs of the home and the care of the children once operational.

In a similar fashion, Father YL has brought on board a young Priest, Father Manti Mariadas, as both back up support and long range planning. His bio and contact information should be on the website shortly!

The news media in our area continues to be extremely supportive and “The Maverick Magazine” has been running ads for us without charge! Additionally, our local paper continues to be interested in putting out additional promotions once we go live. All future articles will be posted on the website as soon as they are made available. As mentioned before, should any of you have connections to publications of value, we will be more than happy to spend time with them, either by phone, Internet or personal interviews. It would be a huge step up were we to get a syndicated newspaper or radio in our corner.

Our venture into the Social Media scene is still floundering! We still believe that this can be the most efficient way to attract future participants in the House of Onions, but we appear to be missing a “hook” to land our new friends! Many of you may well be the key we need to penetrate this phenomenon and are all invited to share your thoughts about us via your own personal expertise on Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc. The important thing is to maximize our exposure to all ages for continued support now and into the future. Our primary job is to do everything in our power to build a support group for the House of Onions to assure a secure future for these needy children in the worst of situations.

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

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