

Månadsrapport Augusti,

Greetings from Mumbai! How are you? Trust and pray that you are all fine and everything is well at your end.

We too are fine here, and the children at the Shelter Ark Orphanage are also fine and doing well. Some of the children and staff suffered from cold, cough, fever and boils, and by timely medications and rest, they have all recovered. The children attended school and had their first unit test of this academic year. They are expecting their results in September. They have settled into their routine, preparing for their tests, completing their homework and school projects and assignments, and their domestic chores as well.

The children celebrated our country's Independence Day on August 15th at the School along with the local students. It was a national holiday, but the children and school staff gathered at our ground to hoist the Indian flag. One of the local prominent leader was invited as the Chief Guest, speeches and patriotic songs were sung by the children, and our children enjoyed and had a happy time with their friends.

We had good and continuous rains during the whole month of August. Due to this, a portion of the boundary wall behind the Girls building collapsed. The walls were built in the year 2001 and were quite old. Behind the walls are grass fields, and open to insects and snakes entering into our compound. We are praying that the walls will be rebuilt as soon as possible for the safety of the children. The children spent their play time playing indoors and running games on the terrace, and watching television.

Six year old Angel Waghmare joined us in June 2017. She comes from a broken family, her father was addicted to alcohol and tobacco, and did not hold a steady job to take care of the family. They lived in the slums of Kalwa on the outskirts of Mumbai city. He would spend most of his time with his company of friends drinking, and neglected his family. Angel has two brothers. Her mother was a housewife and struggled to feed herself and the children. The children were not sent to school. Her father passed away some months ago due to alcohol

related diseases, and her mother with no formal education does domestic work to support herself and the children. The local Church in Kalwa referred this child to us, and we accepted her in our Orphanage. Angel is a happy child and loves to go to school. We are happy to take care of her and watch her grow physically with good and nutritious food, and all her needs being met.

We are very thankful to you for making this possible to every child who comes into our Orphanage. May the Lord God Almighty pour out His blessings on you, and continue to keep you in good health and prosperity.

