

Månadsrapport September,

The children at our shelter Ark orphanage are also fine by the grace of God. Though there were minor illnesses like cold and cough and sores and itching, the Lord's hand of protection covered them and kept them safe. They all attended school regularly. The results of their first unit test was declared on the Open Day, and most of the children had done well in their tests. The children were encouraged to do even better in their studies, and the dates of their first semester exams to be held in October were declared. The smaller children also celebrated 'Green Day' where our children had to dress up in green clothes, and they had to collect small plants in pots, and present it in their classroom. They were also taught the importance of preserving plant life.

We had good rains during the whole of September. There was water flooding everywhere in the city and lots of power cuts in Panvel area. The School was closed for ten days due to a Hindu festival. Due to the rains, the children played indoors and enjoyed themselves. They had singing competition and acted out skits and dramas and showed their talents. The bigger children assisted the kitchen staff in cooking and preparing new dishes.

Eleven year old Tarannum Mohammed came to our orphanage two years ago. She comes from a broken family, her father deserted the family nine years ago and never came back. Apparently he went back to his hometown and remarried and settled down there. Tarannum has four siblings. The family lived in a slum in Kalwa, one of the suburbs of Mumbai city. Her mother is illiterate and she supported the family by doing domestic work in other people's houses. Because of the family's poor economic conditions, Tarannum was not sent to school. She had never been to school till she came to our Orphanage, and didn't know to read and write. With special coaching and tutoring, she is now attending the first grade. She has learnt to read and write English alphabets and numbers, recite English poems and rhymes and sing songs. She is very happy to dress up each day in her school uniform and go to school.

Once again we are very thankful to you for your support and prayers that are enabling many children like Tarannum to dream of a better life for their future. We are indeed grateful to our Almighty Father for His care and comfort, and for His faithfulness in fulfilling their needs.

