

Greetings from Mumbai. Trust that you are all fine and doing well. We too are fine and doing well by the grace of God.

Truly the month of March has marched off very quickly. The children were involved in their regular routine. They went to school regularly. The smaller grades oral exams were conducted. All the children were engaged in studying and revising their lessons for the exams which were to begin from April 2nd.

The children suffering from measles, cold and fever have recovered well, and are back on their feet. We had a dental doctor come to our Orphanage and had a check up for the smaller children's teeth. The reports were good, one child needed to have some treatment for her teeth. They were advised on how to take care of their teeth, brush teeth regularly after food, drink good quantity of water etc. The doctor will be returning again another month to continue with the dental care.

On the 30th of March, the children observed Good Friday. They had a special service on that day. The weather has changed and the heat has started. The temperatures are going up to 41 degrees!

Santhoshi Pawar is a 9 year old girl who came to our Orphanage in June 2016. She is from a Hindu Maharashtrian background. Her father is addicted to alcohol, and due to his drinking habits, he lost everything. He is jobless and sickly and unable to go for work. This family was living on the footpath with just a plastic sheet covering their heads, in Pune, a city about 100 kms from Mumbai. Her mother is illiterate, and does domestic chores in peoples home to support her family. Santhoshi is the oldest, she has two younger brothers and one sister. She had never been to school before she came to us. They were living in poverty, with a few belongings. The children were begging on the roadside for some money and food from the passersby's. Santhoshi's cousin, Swati came to our Orphanage a few years ago. She was also in a similar state. Through Swati, her cousin Santhoshi came to our Orphanage. Now she is happy to be with us, enjoying good food and health, and having a clean place to sleep. She will be appearing for her first standard final exams next month.

We are very grateful to you for your continuous love and care showered upon these children, through which the children are living in safety and peace. May the Lord richly pour out His goodness and blessing upon you and upon the sponsors. The Lord be with you!

With love and prayers,

