

DEEP GRIHA USA

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Dear Supporter of Deep Griha,

This letter is to thank you for your support of Deep Griha and provide a short report about Deep Griha activities. Consider attending Dublin Community Church's Deep Griha Dinner on December 3, 2010 from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. The fundraiser will be held at Tadka Indian Restaurant, 3535 West Dublin Granville Road, Dublin, Ohio. The cost is \$30. Reservations can be made by emailing Betsy Smith at blehsmith@yahoo.com.

Bhaskar Onawale Memorial Fund

A service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving celebrating Bhaskar Onawale's life and ministry was held at St. Mary's Church in Pune, on May 4, 2010. A Memorial Service was held at First Community Church on June 13. A memorial fund in memory of Bhaskar was established and over \$9,200 was contributed. The funds were sent to Neela to replenish funds used for Bhaskar's final medical expenses. Neela continues as Director of Deep Griha Society, but new staff positions have been added in anticipation of her retirement.

122 Kids sponsored by Columbus sponsors!

A record 122 children were sponsored in the Adhar Kendra Child Sponsorship program in 2010 by members of First Community, Dublin Community, and First Congregational Churches. The sponsored kids, usually orphans or from single parent families that cannot support their children, would not be able to attend school without the sponsorships. Many children are sponsored year after year and complete their schooling. Those that sponsored kids in 2010 will be asked to renew their sponsorships in 2011.

Sponsored children receive a meal each day for a year, health checkups, medical treatment, and other assistance such as school supplies, uniforms, books, guidance, counseling, and family help. Sponsors are encouraged to communicate with their child. Each sponsor receives a photo of their child taken at Deep Griha and a report on his or her progress during the year. Some of the children live in City of Child, the Deep Griha orphanage which now houses 66 children.

School Van Donated by Columbus couple, Scholarships Established

Deep Griha Academy is the proud owner of a bright yellow van due to the generosity of Dean and Judy Reinhard of First Community Church. The bus is being used to transport children from home to school and back. Travel to school is one of the major challenges to students. Some students travel over ten miles from home to school and the brightly painted bus doubles as an advertisement for the school.

Deep Griha USA is building a scholarship fund for volunteers to Deep Griha. Scholarships will be awarded to adults, students and other high school graduates who volunteer for 3 or more months. Volunteers will be asked to plan their volunteer service in advance and to help represent Deep Griha upon return to the USA. Applicants should contact Deep Griha USA for details. If you would like to help build the Scholarship Fund, send donations to Deep Griha USA.

Deep Griha USA Trustees

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Deep Griha Has Many Local Partnerships:

City of Child, located in the village of Kasurdi, is partnering with the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) for periodic special health camps and a regular health clinic each week. Twice a week Masters Degree students from 3 area universities visit Deep Griha as part of their practical assignments. Doctors such as Dr. Salvi and Dr. John provide eye clinics four times a week. The Shiamak Davar Institute of Performing Arts leads dance classes at Deep Griha. Deep Griha works with the ILS Law College to conduct 'Law Clinics' in two slums. Prashant Cancer Center organized Pap-Smear screenings for women at Deep Griha. Ophthalmologists hold four eye clinics a week at the Family Welfare Center, and Deep Griha operates a mobile eye clinic with Bharatiya Vidyapeeth Medical College, testing over 3160 individuals last year. Since 2007 Project Concern International (PCI) has partnered with a DGS team of 16 to improve maternal and newborn health in slums of Pune. Dr. A. Bharadwaj arranged 22 free cataract surgeries last year. Satyam Computers, a consulting and information technology provider, collaborates with Deep Griha in the Youth Inspiration Center. The Center provides skill training for employment of underprivileged youth, and Satyam provides teachers and 35 computers in a Deep Griha classroom. Weekly outpatient clinics for HIV and AIDS patients are conducted by Dr. Madhu. DGS also runs HIV and AIDS programs in rural areas once a week.

"Our" Deep Griha (rural school) Academy

Deep Griha Academy expanded by adding second grade classes in June, and served 66 children in 2010, up from 31 in 2009. The number of girls in the classes increased from 5 girls (16% of enrollment) to 20 girls who now account for 30 % of enrollment. The school is an English speaking school and an additional grade level will be added each year. Two additional teachers were hired in 2010 to ensure a high quality of teaching. A volunteer trainer conducted training for the teachers on weekends. Columbus donors raised over \$145,000 to build the school in 2008.

New Deep Griha USA Trustees

Pavan Peter and Valerie Stichter have been elected Trustees of Deep Griha USA. Both Pavan and Valerie are members of First Congregational Church at 444 East Broad Street.

Visit India! Your life may be changed. Planned 2012 Visit to Deep Griha and tour of India

In January, 2010 Deborah Lindsay, minister of First Community Church, and her son Phil visited India.

Deborah reported: "Deep Griha began in 1975, with the Onawales' conviction that they (a minister and a physician) could "do something" in the slums of Puné. Today Deep Griha provides meals, childcare, education for children and adults, medical and dental care and a whole host of services to thousands of the world's neediest people.

As we welcomed 2010, we sat in a lovely grey frame church, built by the British in the early 1800s. For a period of time, Bhaskar served as pastor here. This night the sanctuary was shimmering with candlelight, towering flower arrangements and the glow of the women's saris, woven with brilliant colors and fine gold threads. It was magical.

At midnight, we sang one of the old hymns, Great is Thy Faithfulness. In that moment, sitting between these two people whose life's work is rooted in their trust in God, the words of the hymn came alive:

**Morning by morning new mercies I see,
All I have needed thy hand has provided."**

Deborah has agreed to serve as "Spiritual Leader" of a planned January, 2012 visit to Deep Griha in Pune, India. The trip will also include a tour of major India attractions. The trip will be planned by participants and Deep Griha USA. If you would like to learn more about the tour, please call Judy Reinhard (614) 486-2262 or Sandy Wood at (614) 486 0827.

Thank You! You are Making a Real Difference

Your contributions make it possible for Deep Griha to help some of the very poorest children, men and women in the world. You give them a chance to help themselves. According to India's representative to the World Food Program (WFPA) in 2009, India is home to the largest number of undernourished people in the world, and malnourished children under the age of three are pegged at nearly 44%, compared to the Sub-Saharan average of 25% in Africa.

Thank you for helping and Namaste!