

Good News From Jyoti

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Hi everyone. Jyoti and Angela talked on the phone right now. We've been sending money almost every week because we want the home and school fully operational as soon as possible. The plastering inside is now complete and they are starting the stairs this week. We now have 90 students and 6 teachers at our school. Jyoti has been trying to send photos to us but the email host that she uses has not been working properly. As soon as the photos come through, I'll post them here.

Jyoti said that the next priority will be to get desks and chairs for each classroom. Angela was speaking with a person who is involved in the Edu Compass project between schools and individuals here and in South Africa. We'd also been trying to work out the cheapest and best way to send clothing, shoes, books, pens, paper, pencils and all kinds of useful things that are being discarded here but would be treasured there. We'd talked about the possibility of getting a shipping container to be filled and shipped over. This person has given Angela the information we needed to get this happening. We're hoping to set up a similar program between us here and Jyoti and the children in Muzaffarpur so that we can ship goods over to them cheaply.

We need everyone's input for this. Perhaps you know someone who runs a warehouse that distributes factory seconds. Furnishings for the house and school are needed. Blankets, rugs or doonas are needed for the children living upstairs. Winter will soon be upon them. Non perishable food items may also be a possibility.

Once the major construction, fixtures and fittings are complete, we can concentrate on the day to day funding of the children, their lives and their education. We'd like all the children at the school to have a good and nutritious breakfast or lunch. Maybe both.