

Shared Sponsorships

Some of us have been talking about the difficulties that can arise when trying to come up with a spare \$50 per month to sponsor a child in Muzaffarpur, India. This amount is too much for me (Wendy), and possibly too much for many others, especially for people who have other commitments and children to support. Usually we recognize that and stay away. My giant blunder recently announcing the \$15 per month sponsorship of a child was maybe not such a bad thing. We've met lots of people who are very eager and would make excellent families for Jyoti's children; but who would not have \$50 spare each month.

Angela came up with the idea that each child could be sponsored by several people. This would have the advantage of giving the sponsored child an extended family of parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandmas, grandpas and so on. Remember that most of these children are almost alone in the world. They do have each other now and that's an excellent start.

Jyoti and Angela present a formidable team and together they have provided home, nurture and education for children whose lives would have been very different.

So, if you would be interested in sharing the cost of sponsorship with others, then the sponsored child will have several people interested in, and contributing to, his or her welfare.

From the 1924 Geneva Convention of the Rights of the Child and the 1959 United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights: All children are entitled to grow up in an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding,

Children should be fully educated to live an individual life in society, and should be brought up in the spirit of the ideals proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations, and in particular in the spirit of peace, dignity, tolerance, freedom, equality and solidarity. In sharing love and support as well as making financial contributions no matter how small, or how large, we can ensure these things for our Indian children under the guidance of Jyoti and her team of teachers and others.