

## HELLO...YCH HERE!

Dear friends,

Warm greetings from Yuvajyothi Children's Home (YCH), Nagpur!

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Over the last few months the YCH witnessed a number of programmes and events. There was new vigour among the children to go to school, perhaps to learn something new or to meet their friends again after a break of almost two months. They have been regular to the



schools, learning new ideas and concepts, enhancing their skills and enjoying their school life. The children just completed their first term exam in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October and have done well.

We are very happy to inform you, that the YCH team was able to trace the family of one of the YCH boys, Nitesh Bais after many years in a place called Aamgaon which is about 168 kms from Nagpur city. Fortunately, he has two

older brothers (his parents are not alive) and they welcomed them with a warm heart. He was reunited to his brothers in the month of July. He has continued his schooling in his present location. In the same month, another boy, Roshan Uikey was also reunited to the family of his cousins in Nagpur city.

About 25 Make A Difference (MAD) volunteers, who began coming to YCH in the weekends since the month of July have created a big positive impact on the children. Being themselves young and vibrant, they have taught children to remain happy and grow with positivity. They engage the children for two hours each on Saturdays and Sundays. Another group of young people inspiring our boys below 10 years of age since a couple of months are the students of city based Center Point School, who visit them on Saturdays with their interesting success stories and sharing their experiences of the outside world. The YCH children also received a few glimpses of Indian cultures and traditions through a cultural evening on 14<sup>th</sup> August, the eve of Indian Independence Day organized by St. Charles Seminary in Seminary Hills, Nagpur.



The Vasanta Medical Clinic supported YCH in conducting haemoglobin test in the month of August in which six of the children were diagnosed to be below normal range. The children were provided with prescribed supplementary diet.

Sixteen children participated in a craft workshop in the month of October organized by a city based organization, namely Inner Wheel Club.



Twenty Seven of the YCH children celebrated Diwali festival with their relatives, as they went on a visit during midterm school vacations in the month of October.

The schools have been reopened in the last week of October and children are back on track once again with their regular schooling schedule.

Some of the boys have been asking me for 'Australian Didis' (Australian sisters) who usually come in the month of December! I have to tell them every time that they have to wait for one more year. The boys are also excited about the children's festival that is going to take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December with about 400 children together from our project areas. Thank you friends for being with us in our journey of making good human beings! God has given in our hands these wonderful children to be formed with great care and love. Please continue to pray for all of us that we may be always committed to this task.

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