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Dear Friends,

For two weeks in May, Kathy Nolt and her sister, Sandy Nelson, were in India to teach the girls in two of our homes. Lena Yoder joined them in Chennai at Agape Life Line Home. In this newsletter, we will hear their stories.

Kathy reports:

I am so thankful for the opportunity to travel to India. It was a good trip and I came back with such a grateful heart. One area I was grateful for is organizations like the Hollinger Foundation that have a heart for children. When you hear some of their stories, it just breaks your heart. But thank God for those who seek to help them. The Hollinger Foundation is doing a great job in giving these girls a home that surrounds them with people that believe in them. It can't be the easiest thing to be a parent to 12+ children, but the house parents in both homes have a heart to be the best "parent" they can be.



I was blessed to see the girls at Hope Family Home. They have grown so much. And the home had a real family feel to it. Kiran and Lydia (as well as their staff) are doing an awesome job. They have such a heart to "train up" the girls in the things of God. I had opportunity to teach a series of lessons on "Your Journey to Your Promised Land". They really seemed to take it in. It was especially interesting to hear what the girls got from the teachings as we did the reviews. We also gave the girls a personality assessment and a spiritual gift assessment. It was something to see their eyes light up as we shared about the personalities and giftings. You could actually see them "getting it" as they saw themselves in our discussion of the personalities/giftings. That blew me away. God is so good!!



I also had opportunity to share with the girls of Agape Home. We had a retreat for them, and this was the first time I had the opportunity to meet these girls. I enjoyed getting to know them as we taught the same things as mentioned above. It was a joy to see how God brought the teachings about in a different way so the girls could receive it and understand it. At the end of our sessions, the

girls were asked to share how they will change because of our time together. It was exciting to hear their answers. One girl, Glory, realized how important it is to know the Word of God; and several shared how they learned that obstacles will come but God will get you through each one if you persevere.

Again, I found God faithful and an awesome work is being done in the lives of these girls!

Lena reports:

It was great to go back to Agape Home, and see the girls improving and getting more settled into a family with Sam & Beena and their children. We had a lot of fun with the children during the retreat, and enjoyed watching them "really get" the things that Kathy taught. In our reviews after each session, they remembered each point, and they eagerly shared how they wanted to change. One girl said she told God that she didn't want to lie anymore, and several shared that they wanted to persevere through their obstacles.



After the retreat I stayed at the home for another day and a half, and spent a lot of quality time with them. I learned so much just by observing, listening, and interacting with them. Two years ago, the girls came into the existing home with Sam & Beena and their seven children, and they have struggled to blend in with them. On our last visit in January, Debbie spent many hours encouraging them and showing them ways to embrace each family member with their heart. I was happy to see an improvement as they worked and played together. My heart was touched as I saw Ruth and Elizabeth working with Danny for hours to fix a tire on their bike. We take things like this for granted in a normal family, but that stood out to me as a special incident that day.



We are continuing to encourage them toward a close family atmosphere in the Agape Life Line Home, in which the girls' emotional needs will be nurtured and they'll be able to blossom in the special plans that God has for each one of them.

We appreciate all the support we've been receiving to build a new house for Agape Home. We know we've been sharing this need with you for some months now. We have received \$15,667 so far. If you wish to help us meet our goal of \$50,000 for this project, we would be very grateful. Every penny will be put towards the efforts to bring the Agape Home family together in one building. Tax-deductible contributions can be made to Hollinger Foundation and mailed to Hollinger Foundation ~ 755 White Oak Road ~ Denver, PA 17517.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers!!

His name is the Lord. ...a father to the fatherless, a defender of widows. God sets the lonely in families. Ps. 68:5,6