



ANNUAL PROGRAM PLAN :: **2017**

In March 2016, by God’s grace, a marvelous thing happened: we broke ground to begin construction of Sparrows Nest, our new children’s campus! Many of you have visited, prayed for, contributed, and faithfully stood with us as we have trusted God to take this dry, barren land and bring it to life. As each brick has been laid, He has done just that! This year, the vision of Sparrows Nest will come to life!



The launch of Sparrows Nest enables us to radically challenge and revolutionize the norms of “orphan care” and to raise the standards of what has previously been considered “acceptable” when caring for the vulnerable. This site will bring best-in-class care, eternity-minded staff, top-tier academics, and high quality facilities all to one site. When

combined, it will allow us to raise up kingdom warriors empowered to lead for generations to come and to train other organizations to do the same!

We see each child in our family as a child of His, with the potential to make an eternal kingdom impact! Our mission is greater than merely rescuing the forgotten—it is to shepherd them for life—towards a deeper understanding of their God-given gifts and abilities so that they may achieve all that God has made them capable of. In short, so they may experience the joy of fulfilling their sovereign purpose.

Our other focus for this coming year is growth. With each visit that I make into vulnerable areas there is a stark reminder of the incredible abuse and destruction that awaits the most innocent children if we do not stand in the gap. By God’s grace, and with your help, we are finally to the point in our own journey where we can begin extending our reach. Our goal is to add 250+ more children into our care this next year! The goal is ambitious, yes, but achievable with your help and God’s grace!

You play an invaluable role in this process and we are grateful for your faithful prayers and partnership. We could not do this without you!

With many blessings,

Ralph Borde, Founder & CEO, As Our Own



REPLICATION

20,000+

meals funded for boys at a replication-partner site

30

boys’ education improved through tuition payments from As Our Own

4

boys attending college with tuition paid by As Our Own

1ST

college graduate who is a CPA



Deloitte job offer and acceptance by recent graduate



VISION

Transform the way the world cares for vulnerable children.

MISSION

Fulfill the sovereign purpose God has for vulnerable children in India, caring for them as our own, for life.



CARE

- » 22 daughters attended junior college, college, and graduate programs!
- » 100% of high school daughters participated in an extracurricular activity
- » 22 daughters given leadership positions at school by their teachers



3 college graduates

31

gold, silver, and bronze sport and school competition awards



39

daughters taking musical instrument lessons

9

college daughters had internships

3

surgeries for daughters with medical needs

5

daughters ranked in the top 10 of their class



100% of daughters' birthdays celebrated, with cake of course!

100%

of daughters in elementary, middle, and high school passed all their classes!



TRAINING

4,480

hours of educational training

400+

hours of on-site practical application per student

20

U.S. teachers taught curriculum for our staff by video-conference

- » Launched the **Child Development Institute** at Hope College, a master's degree program focused on clinically-sound and biblically-based child development practices.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

- » **Created and implemented specialized curriculum** covering biblical counseling, human development, trauma and resilience, care relationship theory and technique, marriage and family, adjustment and change, teaching and education models, sensory processing disorders, and more!



Launching a New Standard in Empowering Care & Education

Best-in-Class Academics Beginning June 2017

Offering curriculum taught entirely in English, the PreK–12th grade school will offer top-notch academics to prepare our daughters for the best colleges in India and internationally. During this initial phase of construction we'll complete eight classrooms, sufficient for grades PreK–6, with additional classrooms to be built in the future. Key administrators and teachers are being interviewed now. Classes are set to begin June 2017.



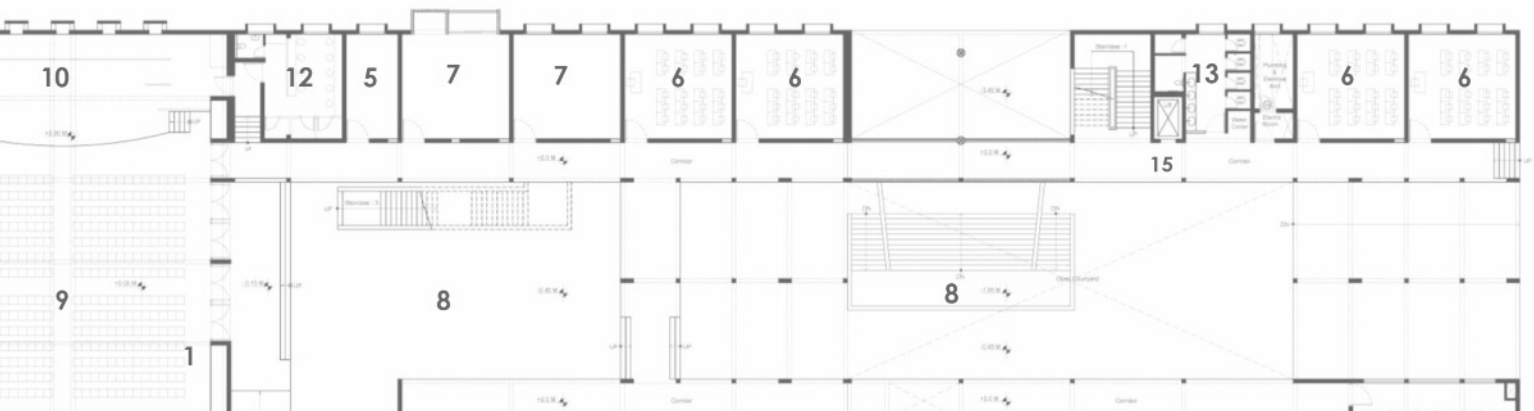
Premiere Staff-Training Facilities

Quality office space and conference rooms allow us to train our staff and the staff at partner orphanages. Equipped with video-conference rooms that facilitate teaching from the U.S., a library with in-depth resources, and comfortable overnight accommodations for guests, this site allows us to share our knowledge and expand our replication model to other group homes in India and beyond.

Fewer than 1% of Indian students attend this caliber of school.



10 people on staff will have Master's Degrees in Child Development, care for our daughters, and train others.





Family-Style Housing Opening April 2017

Small, family-style homes are being built to encourage family-bonding and individuality. Each child will have personal study and quiet space with just 12 children per home. The grounds allow for additional homes to be built in future years as our family grows.

Sports and Creativity Facilities

Leadership skills and perseverance are oftentimes learned through competition and creative pursuits. Both athletic and artistic gifts will be developed with on-site facilities including a sports track, tennis courts, volleyball nets, basketball courts, a playground, and an amphitheater for dances, drama, speech competitions, and musical performances.



caretaker-to-child
ratio in each home



SIMON

Father-Figure, Staff Administrator and Accountant, and Child Development Institute Master's Degree Student



"I just want to live a life worthy and in a manner that glorifies God."

Simon joined the As Our Own family in 2012 after completing his Bachelor of Divinity. Since then he has completed his MBA. He serves as a father-figure, helping guide and encourage our daughters. His education is an example of the caliber of staff that we hire in India, to set an example to our daughters of all they can achieve if they steward the opportunity God has given them through great education and a loving family.

What's your perspective on life?

Life is truly a gift from God and I just want to live a life worthy and in a manner that glorifies God.

Tell us about studying at the Child Development Institute and pursuing your Master's in Child Development.

This experience is really great, the education is really tough but it has challenged my perspective of how to parent. Each subject has

provided knowledge for better parenting and the field experience and practical sessions help me put my knowledge into action.

What is it like being a father-figure?

As with any parenting, it is challenging I think of it as more of a process where I'm continually working towards building a loving relationship with my daughters. It has ups and downs of course, but in the midst of difficulties we always have hope in Christ Jesus. I just strive to trust Him.

VARANA

Our Daughter, 20, Pursuing Bachelor of Science in Business



Varana joined our family when she was 5 years old. We've had the joy of parenting her through every stage of childhood and even now as she's off at college! She's currently studying business and pursuing her bachelor's degree.

What makes our family unique or special to you?

I receive great guidance and love, and they spend quality time with me, but for me this family and really each member of this family is very special. They accept me for who I am.

Are there any special moments that you remember that had a big impact on you?

The most impactful moment for me was after 10th grade final exams when I had high marks. To reward me for my hard work they bought a new guitar for me. Never in my life had I received a gift like this before—I felt so happy and thankful that I had worked hard and done well!

What's one of your goals for this year?

This year I want to get First Class ranking in my Foundations of Computer Science class at college!

Better Care for More Children, Today

The plight of many orphanages in India

With more than 20 million orphans and thousands of orphanages operating in India, the opportunity to replicate our model is nearly endless. A critical need for many of these orphanages is the staff training and financial resources to improve their care. Oftentimes facilities are run-down, a single caregiver may have 30 children to care for, staff is overworked and un-trained, and educational opportunities are limited. A child-marriage, a \$1/day job, or worse is “success,” though the end-result is a vicious cycle of abuse, neglect, and poverty for generation-upon-generation.

As Our Own can help!

250+ additional children impacted through Replication

Four group homes in our communities have asked for As Our Own to guide their operations by managing their facilities, training their staff, overseeing their care programs, and improving the school their children attend. They’ve seen the achievements of our daughters and want the same for their children, but they don’t have the financial resources or the knowledge to turn it around themselves. Through these four sites we’ll be able to care for boys and girls, impacting an additional 250+ children this year!



\$6,138 PER YEAR TO CARE FOR ONE DAUGHTER

To reach these 250+ children, we need to expand our operational budget so that we can train their staff and provide the resources to meet the children’s educational, physical, and emotional needs. It is our hope and prayer that the Lord will provide for this expansion through our supporters, including you! With a humble spirit, but the confidence of Christ as our advocate, we are boldly asking you to help us this year by increasing your support so we may add these 250 children. Please consider these sponsorships:

- » enough for a daughter’s food for a year (\$56/month)..... \$680
- » enough for a daughter’s school and college fees for a year (\$107/month)..... \$1,300
- » enough for a daughter’s holistic care for a year (\$512/month) \$6,138
- » enough for a family-group of 12 daughters’ school and college fees \$15,600
- » enough for an entire orphanage’s food for a year for 30 children \$20,400

You can transform the life of a vulnerable child, today! Help us invest in their future, so that the most vulnerable children may be empowered to achieve all that God intended them to be!



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