

Dear Friends,

AUGUST '08

PRAISE GOD WITH US FOR

1. The friends and supporters of our work
2. **Aunty Margaret's** special contribution at Mizpah
3. **Banu's** recent admission into Mizpah



PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR

1. Our girls – that they may truly settle in well at the new school
2. The daily safety and health of our children
3. The issuing of the 12A registration certificate

Greetings in Jesus our Rock and our Redeemer!

Your prayers have supported us in these extra busy days at the beginning of the new school year. This year the senior girls had to be moved from the CSI Gell Memorial Girls School to the Bethlehem Girls School which is much nearer to the Home – making it more convenient for them and us. All the children are happily attending school regularly. They have been freshly equipped with every necessity such as new uniforms, footwear, books, stationery, etc.

Everyone here at Mizpah were happy to have **Mrs Margaret Van Basten** – a retired nurse from Australia – who volunteered to render her services to the children at Mizpah. 'Aunty Margaret' (as the children loved to call her) helped the children with reading skills, grammar, knitting, group performance activities and gardening to mention just a few of her activities with the children! The children looked forward to her coming to us each morning. She had a pleasant smile, a gentle touch or a quiet word for all who came her way. Mrs Margaret left with happy memories of her days with the children at Mizpah Home.

The children enjoyed an outdoor activity with the Wallace's dorm from Hebron School. A fun day in the sun was what was planned and looked forward to. That's exactly what we got that happy Saturday! Be it flipping a coin to decide a left or a right turn at a crossroad; singing a birthday song to a goat; hunting for a given number of animals or finding a baby in a hat, the organised activity had the children walking the streets with happy purpose. The aim of the organisers was to also get the children hungry enough to feast on a fine picnic lunch! Whether or not they succeeded may be left safely to your imagination!

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We have the added joy of introducing our newest member to Mizpah Home – **Jabru Banu**. She is from Tirupur in Tamilnadu, and now an orphan. She is a healthy girl in all respects, except for the fact that she was born without thumbs on both her hands. Her father deserted the family when she was just three years old and her mother died when she was nine. Banu lived with her aged grandmother who was herself supported by her unmarried daughter. A labour woman who works in the field near Mizpah informed the grandmother about Mizpah Home. Banu was brought to Ooty and admitted into Mizpah by the grandmother's neighbour – since she was too old to take the journey in person. Banu is quite able to do things for herself in spite of her deformity. Banu has been admitted into class 8 in the Tamil medium school. She is settling in well with the other girls at Mizpah.

Thank you for your prayers and your support for the work here. We wish you every blessing of God in Christ Jesus. **Trusting you will find true delight in doing God's will.**

Jenny, Mohan and all at Mizpah