

PRECIOUS HANDS –SUMMER UPDATE – JULY 2022

Dear Partners

It is a privilege for us to once again share with you another summer update of Precious Hands. We have something to celebrate! Precious Hands school / centers are now free from all Covid restrictions! Children are now able to come freely to school and be in a normal environment where they can interact, learn and play together. We are aware that Covid is active and will continue to be a force to deal with but the crisis has passed and with vaccinations and herd immunity societies and communities are able to live and go about normal living once again. Because of this we are excited about the new school academic year of July 2022 and all the activities and programs that we will be freely conducting without restrictions.

MARCH - APRIL

In the month of March final exams were conducted from the 21st – 26th and the results were declared on April 1st. On the basis of the results children were promoted to their next class. From April 4th -23rd new admissions were taken and children were enrolled for the new academic school year of July 2022.

MAY

In the month of May we conducted our Summer Camp in our 3 school / centers from 10th – 14th. The children had a variety of activities during the five days of the Summer Camp. They participated in games, action songs and moral lessons taught to them through parables and stories. But the most enjoyed activity was the art and craft sessions.





JUNE

In the month of June the schools are closed and the staff of Precious Hands is also on their Summer Break. Most of the staff return to their families in different places and spend time relaxing and have a time of fellowship with their families. We

are very thankful for our dedicated staff of Precious Hands who reside in the villages. Life is not easy in these remote villages. There is harsh vagrancies of weather. The summers are extremely hot and winters bitter cold. During the monsoons there is flooding in these areas snakes and scorpions come out at this time. Distances to local markets and medical facilities are far. The staff living in the villages of Baithkwa, Hardon and Shankargarh are the backbone of Precious Hands. Please do pray for them. They are reaching the unreached and sharing the Love of God.

Our Precious Hands staff of Shankargarh has done a commendable job in the month of June. The Shankargarh Precious Hands Center was in bad condition. It needed repairing and a new roof. This could only be done when the center was closed. Our staff worked tirelessly in the heat of June and got this work done. A new roof, repairing of the walls and a new floor has been laid. All this had to be done before the monsoon season and before the opening of the center in July. The work almost complete and the children will have a new Precious Hands Center when they return.



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JULY

Precious Hands School / Centers have reopened for the new academic year of July 2022 – 2023. This year we are so happy to begin the school year without any restrictions of masks, 'Handy Classes' and constant social distancing. We are looking forward to a year of redeeming the time lost during the pandemic and excelling in educating children. 🙌



DIRECTORS - POINT OF VIEW

During the past years I have had the privilege to work with Precious Hands Project Coordinator, staff and children. Through the Child Sponsorship Program hundreds of children have been able to attend Primary School and further their education. We have been able to reach out to children at risk with awareness programs on child abuse, domestic violence and child labor. We have also worked with children in the area of health and hygiene, annual medical screening and during the Covid pandemic we reached out to them and their families with preventive methods to protect themselves and also helping many with food supply. I have learned much during these years. One of the greatest lessons I have learned is to never give up. Development work among children is not an overnight process. It takes years of sowing the seeds of education, watering the seeds and then trusting what you have sown to bear fruit. One of the greatest rewards is when years later you meet one of your children and hear their story of how they have been able to pursue their education and are now earning members of the community sowing the same seeds into their children.

I would like share with you how I met one of our Precious Hands students while traveling on the train.



I had boarded the train from Prayagraj to New Delhi and was getting settled in my seat. The conductor was checking our confirmed tickets and seat number. Suddenly a young man comes to me and begins to thank me for helping him. I of course could not recall who he was until he started sharing with me. He said

he was student from the Baithkwa School many years back. After he passed out of our school he continued his studies and went on for his higher education. He applied for a job in the railways and was selected. He is working as one of the assistants in the train. He has secured a very good job in the railways. He is married with a family. He shared with me that because of the school in his village Baithkwa (at that time it was the first school established in the village) he had the opportunity to study. His parents had never studied and they could not read or write. He was the first in the family to receive an education. There must be so many other children that we are unaware of. This is the reward of investing in the lives of children and giving them an opportunity to go to school.

Dear partners because of your partnership and support past and present we are able to continue to invest in the lives of children and give them a hope for a better future. We are very grateful for your faithful continual support.

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