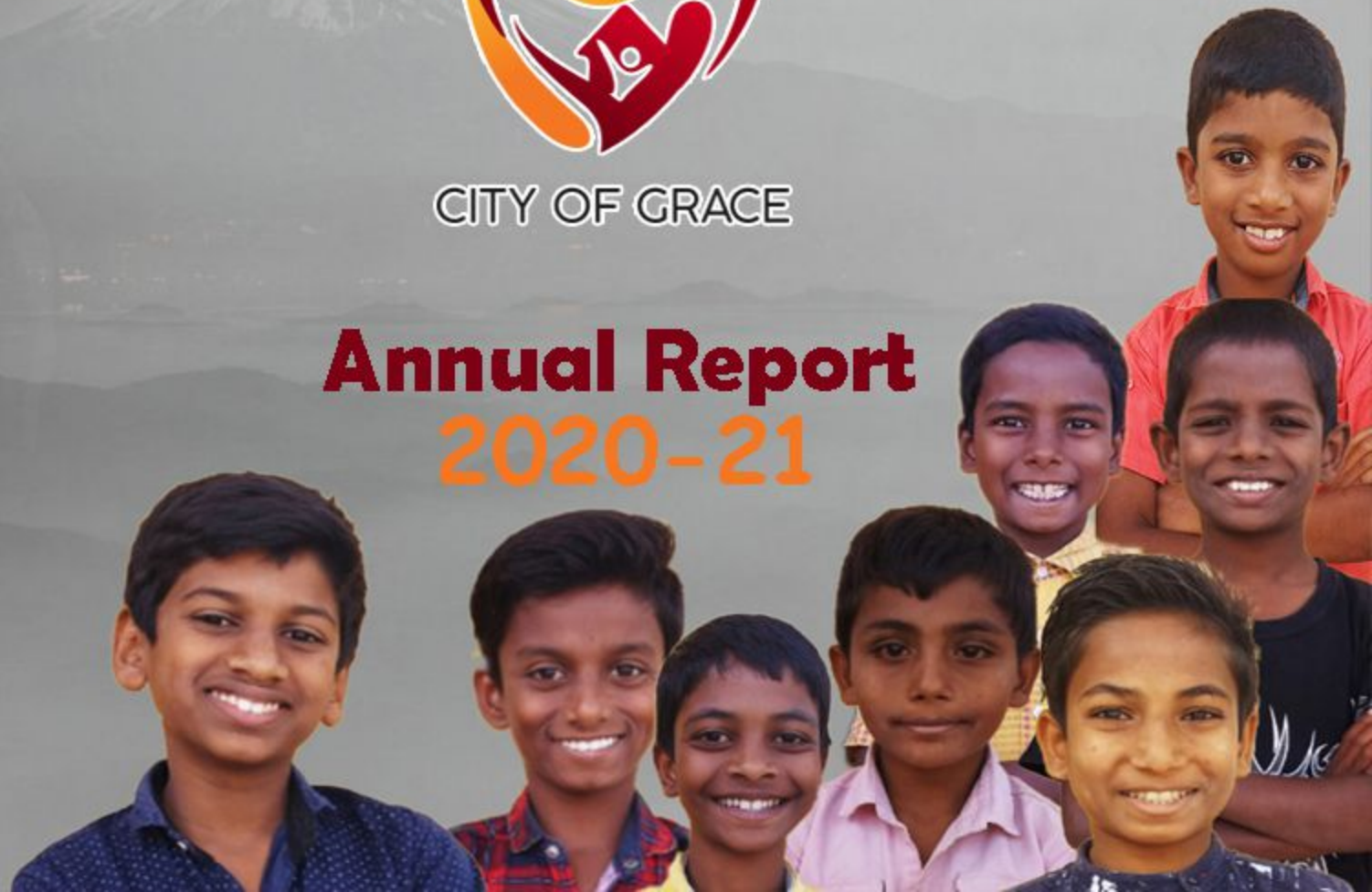




CITY OF GRACE

Annual Report **2020-21**



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Who we are

City of Grace is a non-governmental organization started in the year 2018 which brings hope to the vulnerable communities in the society.

Our Vision

Providing a safe environment where abused or neglected communities find healing, discover hope and experience unconditional love of God.

Our Mission

Preparing the underprivileged communities to have the confidence, wisdom, encouragement, and resources they will need as they cross the bridge of life.

Our Core Values

Rescue
Restore
Hope for the future

Since 2018

130

Rescued Children

05

Projects

350

Families Benefited

1100

Homeless Fed

In 2020-21

350

Meals Served

950

**Provided Groceries
(Lockdown)**

35

**Caretakers Families
Reached**

23

Slums Reached

From the Founders

At the outset, thank you for your continued love and support throughout the year 2020-21 has been an enriching and eventful year for the City of Grace family. Our children have made us proud with their hard work and achievements, thanks to our staff, sponsors, and volunteers who worked persistently to help the children.



In this edition, you will read about the recent developments that have taken place in our ministry. To strengthen our strategy, When India was on a total lockdown, COG has begun a collaborative partnership with Asha Kiran and Dream a World Foundation for accomplishing a greater success. We could reach many communities and also provide groceries within India and got to hear from many families that were been blessed with COG.

In 2021-22, we will continue to focus on getting better individual care, education and enhanced settlement for our communities. Each of us brings something valuable to the table. We must work together and harness our unique capabilities and collective strength to make this year even better for our communities. We believe extraordinary things can happen when people come together and ask, "How can I make a difference?" This co-operative spirit has been the key to our progress. With your continued support, we can confidently announce that we will continue to change the lives of our communities in our surroundings, by ensuring that they get to enjoy the basic needs like food clothing and shelter through us.

Together, we can ensure no needy community is unreached!

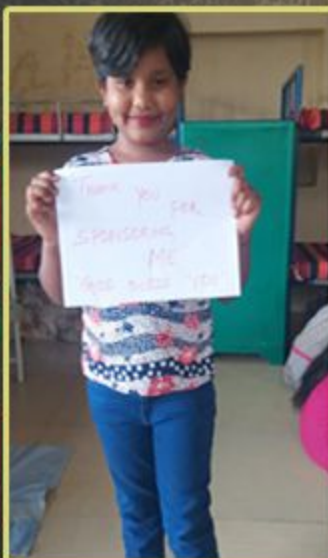
Blessings
Sam & Marloes



Asha Kiran Children Home



First of all a BIG thank you for all our monthly sponsors who have been a great support for our orphanage home in this year 20-21. All our Children have promoted to their next grade in their academics and we are very proud of it. In this year there was nothing much happening as schools were closed and there was a lockdown but our children had online classes as it was challenging but yet we managed to make sure all our children at the home attended their online classes with the help of extra mobile phones from our donors. Apart from online classes we also had many good activities like drawing, singing, indoor and outdoor games and celebrated all our children's birthdays. For the Christmas celebration we could buy new dresses for all our children and we also prayed for our sponsors, India and the rest of the world.



Studying



Playing



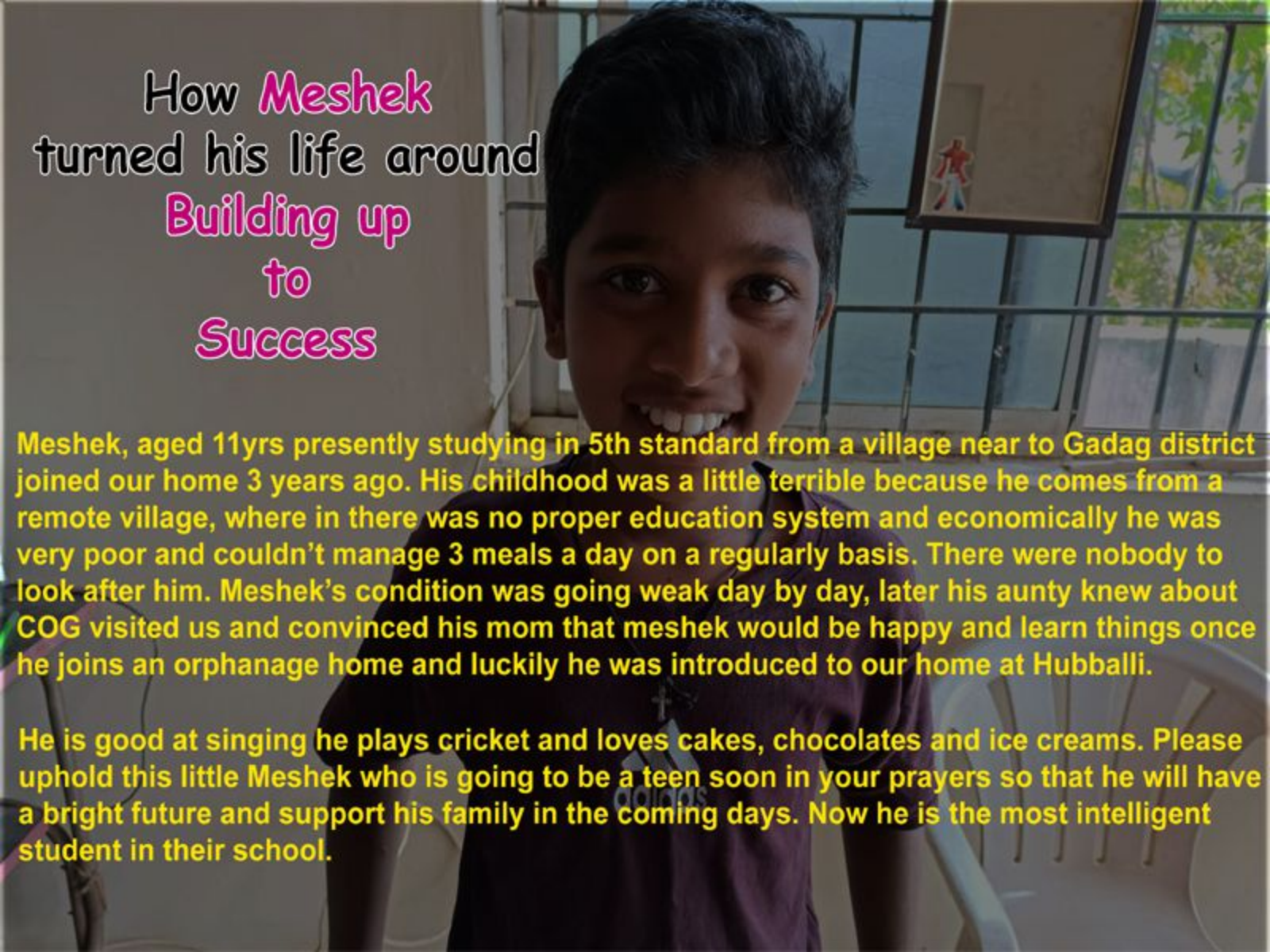
Today's children are the leaders of tomorrow
and we want to equip our children
to have control of their lives and
the ability to make things happen.

Going to school



Eating





How Meshek turned his life around Building up to Success

Meshek, aged 11yrs presently studying in 5th standard from a village near to Gadag district joined our home 3 years ago. His childhood was a little terrible because he comes from a remote village, where in there was no proper education system and economically he was very poor and couldn't manage 3 meals a day on a regularly basis. There were nobody to look after him. Meshek's condition was going weak day by day, later his aunty knew about COG visited us and convinced his mom that meshek would be happy and learn things once he joins an orphanage home and luckily he was introduced to our home at Hubballi.

He is good at singing he plays cricket and loves cakes, chocolates and ice creams. Please uphold this little Meshek who is going to be a teen soon in your prayers so that he will have a bright future and support his family in the coming days. Now he is the most intelligent student in their school.

Guess whose our Master CHEF
at the Orphanage?

Shanthamma

Shanthamma aged 35 started her journey with us since 2015, she had a mother who was a senior citizen but she passed away due to illness so shanthamma had nothing where she could eat, drink or stay. She was introduced by one of the volunteer at our home; she used her talent to help the children as a cook. She has been cooking for our kids in the children home since 5 years and has been the best cook so far. Children love her variety of dishes she makes and they also taste delicious. When we asked her how she felt being at our children home this year she was with tears and said when her mom passed away she thought even she may end her life soon but God had a different plan in her life as she could be a blessing to so many children. Just like Shanthamma there are so many women in the society who are in need of something as a team we will try to reach and rescue more talented women so that they will have a hope for their future.



Care for Caretakers

Who is a CARETAKER?

A person who guards the independent houses or apartments of people living in a community. He is generally called as Watchman.

What did CITY OF GRACE do?

In the month of September 2020 we raised some funds to make sure all these families received groceries, through City of Grace this campaign was successful. The families were happy and pleased with the help we did for them and as an organization we would like to still continue to help them in the future and maintain a good relationship with all these families.



Homeless Help

In our surroundings like near railway stations, public bus stands, and outside religious places we see so many homeless people looking for a meal. They live from what people give them while passing by. That is not much and therefore seeing that need we as an organization reached out to them in June and August with 350 food packets. And in the times of winter season we did blanket distribution for the homeless i.e in Nov and Dec 2020 more that 150 blankets were distributed. In the future we want to help them as much as we can, once our financial income grows. For now we only go a few times a year.



Reaching Slums

We work with slum residents, like children, women, youth in urban and rural areas. It addresses multiple needs of the socio-economically vulnerable with solutions, through which slum residents have access to basic services for holistic growth. City of Grace started to work with slums and have helped more than 150 families since its establishment. In this year 2020 we have reached 23 slums with the help of our partner organizations. As the pandemic hit the poor and needy very badly, we as an organization realized their needs and started to help these slums first with food packets and later with basic needs like rice, oil, lentils, soaps, dal and other basics.



The Backstage Heroes



COG
Lockdown Special
Edition
**Provided 900+
Grocery
Kits**



Our Partner Organizations



Jabalpur MP



Hubballi KA



Bethesda Seva
standing in the Gap

Karimnagar AP



**Able Bharat
Society**

Gannavaram AP

We have been working in partnership with Asha Kiran Trust from South India and Dream a world Foundation, Jabalpur from Central India since 2018. In the year 2020 we also collaborated with Bethesda Seva and Able Society as we all share the same vision of reaching the unreached communities with basic provisions. Our main focus is on 3 states: Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. Our main objective with children is to rescue and restore, to educate children and to give them hope for the future. Our main objective with women is to develop leadership among disadvantaged people and to uplift the poor by socio-economic development programs. In future we want to engage with more organizations like this and want to reach the unreached areas and be a blessing to them.

City of Grace Future Projects and Goals

Before 2023 ends

- Start a women's training center
- Start a day-care center

Before 2025 ends

- Buy a land, construct buildings and have different projects in one land such as:
 - Orphanage home both for boys and girls
 - Day care center
 - Women's training center
 - Counseling center
 - Old age home





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