

# New Generation Church

*To See Every Man Complete in Christ'*

## Works report

### Sahaitha Street Kids

#### Saidullajab

- After the summer holidays we suddenly grew to twice our number to have eighty children! The word about us obviously spread far and wide! Ruth says, "We have had to turn some children away because they only come on certain days and not daily. This has been hard to do but with such a large number of students we want to give the regulars as much input as possible."
- It was very exciting when seven students passed the open school exam. They have all been promoted to class five. We now have nine children who will sit for the class 3 or class 5 examination.
- Before summer we started a crèche for children below three years. Renuka from the Atulya home looks after the eleven children in this program.
- We started visiting families of our children every Thursday. This has been good as we have developed some strong relationships. Some of them have begun to share their struggles with us. We offer to pray for them and many come for a once a month Sunday evening time of prayer together. We hope that they too will be touched by God!
- We have recently started an older girls group that meets every Thursday after school. Our aim is that the girls would learn to be women of God. They come from homes in which they are looked down upon, and abused. We have been looking at topics such as 'self-esteem', 'caring for ourselves', 'sexual health' and 'saying no',.
- Sunita and Tina have left - Sunita as she had a baby, and Tina as she had moved from Delhi. Currently we have Renuka, Sheetal, and Uzma (Atulya girls) and Rajinder (Ujalla boys) coming everyday to teach and help in making the food and setting up the school. Jaiser has recently joined us as well. He enjoys teaching and we enjoy having him in our family. We are praying for more teachers.

#### Sangam Vihar

- Our school initially met in a field under a tree. Now we meet in two proper rooms which has given the school far more stability.
- Our students in Sangham Vihar decreased in the first half of the last year, but steadied to about thirty five by the end. When we shifted many of our old students, whose homes were around the field, left us. We are pleased that they are coming again.
- Harsh is responsible for this school. He teaches here with the help of Sanjay, from the Ujalla boys home. We are hoping to build strong relationships with the parents of these children as well and visit their families every week.

#### Christmas Programme

We had our Christmas program on Dec 18. Children from Sangam Vihar and Saidullajab performed dramas, songs and dances for their families and friends. We see this as an opportunity to share about the love of God through the stories that their children enact. After the show parents, children and teachers and others chatted over some hot chai and snacks. We also gave our children Christmas presents which they were very pleased with. All in all we had a good day.

## PVR Saket

PVR Saket was where we first began working with street kids in Delhi. Children who attended then were beggars as well as shoe-shine boys. When we moved to Saidullajab the shoe-shine boys were unable to come because they had to work.

Peter joined our church last year. He came with a deep desire to work with boys on the street. After working with Ujalla as well as the Rafa School (where he still works) he felt like God was leading him to reach out to the young boys in PVR. Now every evening Peter, Harsh and James go to teach the shoe shine boys. The boys are very excited about this and have begun joining us for Sunday meetings.

## UJALLA

### Ujalla Home



From left to right: Back Row – Shriram, Awmtea, Sylvie, Rajinder  
Front Row – Sunil, Mukesh & Samuel, Sanjay, Jaypal

### *Awmtea and Sylvie say:*

At the end of last year we moved out of Paharganj so that we would be closer to the rest of our church family. We also wanted to open a residential home, for our boys, which was away from temptation and their old life. In March we found a flat that was just opposite to ours, two steps away.

We started off with five boys. This was a big step for them. They had to learn to come into a family, live by rules, and be considerate of each other. The first few weeks were very intense as we were building a foundation for the boys and us.

It was a very special time in the beginning of April as three of our boys were baptized. Sunil,

Anand, and Shriram decided to take this big step into a new relationship with God. We thanked God for the work He had done in their lives over such a short period of time.

At the end of April two more boys joined us. Since then there have been many ups and downs with physical fights, boys storming out, running away, coming back crying.

### **Carers**

Bobby has been working with us for 2 1/2 years now. The boys know him well. For some time we had been praying for more carers. We were delighted when in October, Jaipal, from the New Generation Church in Sailakui, decided to come and become a part of our family. The boys love having him around as he is a great spiritual support.

### **Jobs!!!**

It has been difficult to find work for our boys. We want them to get jobs and learn to become self supporting. Rajinder has started to work in the Saidullajab School. Sunil and Shriram have been taking computer lessons and we hope that the skills that they acquire will find them a good job. Sunil also works on a part time basis as a carer for an older man. Shriram is still looking for a job. Sanjay has begun to work as a teacher in the Sangham Vihar School.



## Case Study – Rajinder

*Awmtea and Sylvie say:*

We knew Rajinder for three years. He was one of the first boys who came to our school in Pahar Ganj. When we first met he was very sick and we had to take him to a hospital. In our school he learnt about Jesus. One day he stopped coming because he had got a job. We kept him in our prayers.

*Rajinder says:*

I feel that God brought Awmtea and Sylvie into my life. I was very grateful to them for what they had done but I had to stop going to their school because I needed to earn money. As life became harder I turned to alcohol and ganja (cannabis). Finally I turned to God and asked for help. This is when I felt strongly that I should go back to Awmtea and Sylvie. When I came to Pahar Ganj I found that the day care centre in Pahar Ganj was not happening anymore. I prayed and asked God to let me meet Awmtea. The next day I was walking down the streets and I met him.

*Awmtea and Sylvie say:*

Rajinder has grown so much and he is taking the right steps in his life. Our prayer for Rajinder is that he will continue to grow in every way.

Awmtea and Jaipal have been visiting Paharganj twice a week in the evenings. During this time they meet with some of the street boys. Together they have dinner, study as well as learn about Jesus. Two of these boys seem to be ready to take the next step in their lives and will join the Ujalla home soon.

The New Generation Church wants a fresh vision for Paharganj. We believe that this place is a part of our inheritance and we want to claim it! We have been going to Paharganj to pray, have divine appointments, and receive prophetic words so that we are able to move forward in the way that God wants us to.

## **ATULYA** beauty4ashes

The Atulya home is for girls who have been rescued from the sex trade. Our aim is to create a safe place for them in which they can be healed, and build relationship with God as well as with others.

### **Changes:**

- At the beginning of last year Atulya moved location. The new house is in the same area but is brighter and cheaper too! Louise says, it is great because now we are much closer to the rest of our church family.
- In March Sheetal an 18 year old girl joined us. She came with a history of abuse by her family as well as her husband who was physically and mentally challenged.
- In April 2006 Srisha, Uzma and Renuka were baptised. As they gave their testimony and declared their love for God we realised how much they had changed. We are amazed at what God has done in their lives and thank Him again and again.
- Fairy and Christina are a part of our church family and needed somewhere to stay. We have opened our Atulya home to them. It has been great for the girls to have two older sisters to hang out with.
- In terms of our everyday schedule Uzma, Renuka, and Sheetal go to help in the Saidullajab school everyday. Soniya is getting trained as a teacher in the Rafa boy's school. Srisha helps in a crèche in the Rafa boys school. In the evenings the girls study with the help of different teachers.
- Louise and Srisha are going to get married!!! Louise is engaged to Andy, who came out from England to visit India at the end of January last year. Shirisha and Harsh (from our church) are going to get engaged on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January.

## **RAFA**

### **God is our healer**

Our Rafa home has six little boys who have full blown Aids. James and Esther parent them. We want our boys to be healed of this disease and have been praying for this. Our desire is that they would grow in their relationship with God as they continue to learn about Him.

#### **Changes in Rafa:**

- There was a new addition to the Rafa home on the first of March. Esther and James got the desire of their heart and had a little baby girl. Kripa is now five months old and very cute.
- In March we were happy to have two more boys join us, Mohit and Nitesh. They have fitted in very well and have become an important part of our family.
- We found that our boys were getting very tired. They would wake up early in the morning, get ready and then travel for an hour to school. While they enjoyed school the teachers did not look after them in the way that they needed. We were worried about how tired they got and how frequently they were falling sick. In April we rented a room below the Atulya home and started a school for them. Esther, Dil, Sonia (volunteer from Atulya) and Peter teach the boys here everyday. Now they don't have to travel at all, they have teachers who look after them and make their classes fun. Pankaj says he likes his new school way more than his old one.

## **CAFÉ**

Our church has been longing to reach out to youth in the city. We have been conducting workshops in schools as well as creating a hangout place in our basement with rock concerts. While these were fun and somewhat successful we realised that they were just one off events. Schools appreciated our input but we were not satisfied with just going in – we wanted something of our own that would bring the youth to us.

For some time we dreamt of opening a café. A place in the heart of the city, where youth hangout - a safe and attractive place where we went beyond the cafe business to engage with the youth in other creative ways as well. Our dreams required resources that made this completely impossible. We prayed and left the matter with God.

And God moved! Sara, a young businesswoman who is part of our church caught the vision. She and some of us have been working on the café and hope to start sometime in mid 2007. More on this as we develop the idea, start a business, and get the licenses – all this is already underway!!

## **CHURCH RETREAT**

### **New Wineskins**

In November 2006 the Delhi church packed up bags and bundled on to a train to Sailakui, where our Dehradun church community welcomed us. It was lovely to get away from the city for this weekend (17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>) and to be with each other to encounter God. We believe that God wanted to pour out His new wine into us and that we needed to be working with Him to change our patterns to be new wineskins.

We had an amazing time! The Spirit flowed, and while we did have speakers leading us, we all participated! It was no longer just one person talking but all of us together bringing the word of God. We came back to Delhi refreshed, and very excited about what God had promised us. We believe that we will see His power moving in the coming year in unimaginable ways!

The retreat made an impact on the church especially the new believers. They are moving out in a way that they have never done before. Its really heartening to see them come up to the front and speak with such passion about God!