



**Orphans First Update March 2009**

Dear Orphans First Partners,

I rarely watch movies but I did see *Slumdog Millionaire!* Since this movie is about orphans in the slums of Mumbai, India where we helped street children years ago (such as the boys in this photo), I just had to see it. The film transported me back to my first visits to India, and the birth of Orphans First, some thirteen years ago. It seems fitting, therefore, to feature our oldest and largest children's home—Grace Home in Guntur, India—in this newsletter.



Nothing compares to India's suffering and sheer weirdness. Hinduism's false proclamation about karma—i.e. bad things happen to you in this life to pay for your sins in your past life—is the main reason impoverished children are left to wallow helplessly in a merciless system of suffering. Perceived as garbage, scum—slumdogs—they are often abandoned, mistreated, exploited and even maimed by evil slave-masters before being sent out to beg for them. (Maimed children bring in greater profits.) These children receive no education, and thus remain stuck in poverty's grim cycle. That's why our work in India is vital. We provide food, shelter, a loving home, and a stellar education—thanks to your gifts. You're helping change the destiny of "slumdogs," making them feel like millionaires as they learn Jesus loves and values them. And each year we reach more children . . .



When I first visited India, Grace Home had only 49 children—all from poor backgrounds with no hope for a future. Today we have 90 children (pictured here) and their future looks bright. As I've shared in previous newsletters, many of our children dream of impacting the world for Jesus when they grow up. They already participate in evangelistic endeavors as they share the love of Jesus in the villages. Some of our older children are now pursuing a higher education; others have gone on to serve God in India. Changed lives—thanks to God and to your partnership.

Find more info on Grace Home and our work in India on our website: [orphansfirst.org](http://orphansfirst.org). Or read Orphans First related posts on my blog here: <http://janey-demeo.blogspot.com/>. Thank you for helping the children.

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