

Shaw Family Newsletter

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Celebrating 10 Incredible years! November 29th will mark 10 years in Calcutta! We vividly remember that day, arriving at the Calcutta airport and being greeted by many cows and beggars. With our two sons (eight and five years), our daughter (two and a half years), our ten over-stuffed suitcases, five carry-on bags, knapsacks and a whole lot of faith, our journey began! We thank God for calling our family to Calcutta, the place that we now call home! It has been a wonderful adventure and our faith journey continues as we press on to build God's kingdom in the most unexpected places!

This month, 100 Huntley Street interviewed Stewart on their ministry work and life in the city of Calcutta.

If you missed it, please copy the links below and paste on your browser to view the 2-part video.



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Children's Home Dedication: A New Day for Sonapur!

Oct. 17th was an exciting and historical day in the rural village, as we gathered together with our special friends from abroad, our staff, board members of At the Well Ministries, church friends and many of our children from the train station. We had a brief ribbon cutting ceremony at the main gate of the Children's Home. Our special guest, Pastor Charles Price, smilingly attempted to cut the ribbon (with our very dull scissors) and unveiled the dedication plaque. Following, in the upstairs meeting hall, we sang heart-felt praises to God for all that he has done to make the Children's Home possible. The open windows offered us a cool breeze and a beautiful view of the vast green fields and tiny houses in the distance. As we soaked everything in, we realized that for the very first time, God's presence and light was filling not only our Children's Home but the surrounding area. It is a new day for Sonapur!



One of the highlights of the program was two of our youth, brothers who played guitar and accompanied Maria, one of our volunteers during the worship time. These boys have invited Christ into their lives and are growing in their faith. They live in the red light district. We often visit their home and have a Bible study with their younger sister and widowed mother who is a brothel manager. We have no doubt that God has a wonderful plan for this family!

The best part of the program was when our children from the train station sang off-key with all their hearts and with their most beautiful smiles. Pastor Patrick, from our local church in Calcutta closed in prayer with a bit of a choke in his voice. He, himself, has grown up in a Children's home and knows personally the benefits of having a loving, caring place to call home where there is a bed to call your own, food to eat and books to bring to school each day. Perhaps one day, one of these children will grow up to be a teacher, doctor or pastor too!



Thank you for being a part of this
journey with us and seeing lives be transformed!