

I-CONNECT NEWS

Panarwar Boy's Hostel

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I-connect and Panarwar

In March 2012 I-connect trustees visited Panarwar boy's hostel in the remote hills 3 hours south of Udaipur . The pictures below show the cramped living conditions that we encountered. From this point we made improvements to the boy's home as the main priority for our fundraising in 2012-2013.

Panarwar Boy's Hostel

Panarwar is located in a sparsely populated, and extremely poor area of Rajasthan, inhabited by people known as "tribals". traditionally looked down upon by caste Hindus.

The home was founded 30 years ago by our partners NMM, to take in boys whose families were destitute or lived too far away from a school to ensure their education. However demand for places has led to overcrowded conditions, with the boys living in small rooms in a tin-roofed hut which was too cold in winter, baked in summer and leaked in monsoon.



The hostel in 2012



Panarwar Area

Fund Raising Target

The cost of a new accommodation block for the boys is £ 17,000 .

I-connect has donated £ 6,000 towards the accommodation

Kris and Chris and their friends/supporters have raised about £ 7,000

To complete the fitting out of the building a further £ 4,000 is needed

You can help by supporting the Bollywood Night or going to :-

www.justgiving.com/i-connect (put Panarwar in comments section)

BOLLYWOOD NIGHT

(all profits to Panarwar Hostel Fund)

Following the success of last year's Bollywood Night , we will repeat the event this year. For £ 12 you will get an Indian meal and "Bollywood" style dancing., at "The Durham Centre" (home of Emmanuel Church ,Belmont Industrial Estate)

There are only 150 tickets available and last year it sold out so to reserve tickets please email

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Progress to Date

The new accommodation block, in the process of construction is a huge improvement on the previous building. Large spacious rooms give good natural light, and the concrete roof will be watertight and much cooler in summer. A verandah will give a dry shaded area where the boys can sit. The building still needs painting, electricals, fans, plumbing and furnishing. If we can exceed the £ 4,000 target then we can improve the quality of furniture and equipment in the block.

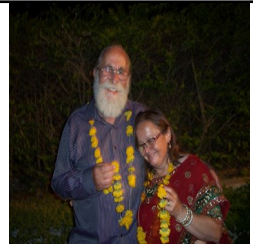


New Accommodation Block

Chris and Kris (Christine) Hyde

..have made an incredible contribution to the work at Panarwar . In their own words :-

Married in October of 2010 they were called by God to sell all their possession's and give the money to those in need in India. (see Matthew 19:21) They first visited the country in 2011 and fell in love with Udaipur where they now live, it is also their intention to emigrate permanently and become Indian citizens. They now both teach and work with i-connect in Udaipur.



The money from selling their possessions went to Panarwar boys hostel to pay towards the new dormitory that is being built. In 2013 they laid the foundation stone that started the build. The ceremony was attended by local Pastors and every boy at the hostel who also laid cement on top of the foundation stone. For both of them this was an incredibly moving experience, to have followed Gods word and actually have seen the results of their obedience taking shape has given them a testimony to tell to every Christian and non-Christian they meet.

Chris at the ground-breaking



They want to thank all who helped them by buying their possession's, Chris's book (A Long and Winding Road) and by giving so generously.

Want to Know More or become involved

Older news stories can be found on our blog : www.connectindia.wordpress.com

More details about Pragati Marg Foundation are on website www.pragatimarg.org

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Please go to www.justgiving.com/i-connect you can put details of where you would like the money to be spent in the text box

Or if you want more information about projects generally please email

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