

CARING FOR YOUNG LIVES

Barnabas Boys' Hostel, North India

Looking after vulnerable children

In their own words

'The children have forgotten the past and can now concentrate on their studies.'

The Revd Dr Enos Das Pradhan,
 General Secretary of the Church of
 North India



India factfile

Capital: New Delhi

Languages: Hindi, English and at least 16 other official languages

Religion: Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Buddhism, Jainism

Export: Agricultural products, textile goods, gems and jewellery, software services and technology, engineering goods, chemicals, leather products

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Barnabas Hostel is located in the village of Sunapanga, in the Diocese of Phulbani, within the state of Orissa. During the rioting in 2008, the church-run Barnabas Boys' Hostel was burned to the ground, leaving 40 orphans without home.

Furthermore, some of the children caught up in the rioting tragically lost one or both of their parents.

The boys' hostel needed rebuilding, but the pressing concern was what to do with more than 40 homeless boys. The solution was to create a temporary home for them at the Phulbani Diocesan Centre. The diocesan centre is not ideal for the boys, but it does at least provide a stable home.

The children share in a large room. Each has a mat to sleep on and a shelf on which to keep their belongings.

A warden oversees the boys' daily routine. A strict timetable starts at 5am with domestic duties, such as cleaning the campus, followed by devotion, breakfast and bible study. The boys leave for the local government school at 9am, and return at 4pm. The school provides the boys with free books and uniforms and a daily lunch. Meals consist of dhal, vegetables and rice, with meat served three times a week.

USPG is providing funding for food and educational materials.

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