



Educating rural India through Free Student Homes

Dear Friend,

Since 2000, I have been associated with AIM for Seva, a movement that addresses the enormous problem of educating the remote tribal children of India in a very innovative way, by building Free Student Homes (FSH) close to Government run schools. I always ask four questions of myself, and expect you to do the same: Is this important work? Is it well managed? Will my gift make a difference and is it reaching the intended recipient? And finally, is supporting this worthy cause satisfying to me?

This is important work, because it addresses the sheer size of wasted human lives. Currently, over 42 million children do not attend schools in India: the schools are located too far, families cannot afford to give them quality education, and many families are broken or dysfunctional; the collective results are dismal - children suffer, and fail to become productive adults. AIM for Seva offers a very practical solution. At no cost to the parents, FSH provides shelter, access to schools, clothing, medical care, after school supervision and much, much more.

That we are well managed, and have already made a significant difference can be seen – over 100 fully-functional FSHs built, 35,000 students educated, over 9,000 villages covered. We are on a pace to reach 300 FSHs by 2020.

The US donations have been a major contributor. Our nation-wide goal is to raise \$1.5M. **In the Bay Area, we hope to raise at least \$250,000, enough to start one new FSH, and take complete care of 300 to 400 students for one year.** We need your help. Please send your tax deductible contributions to the address provided. I also believe that giving is twice blessed; it blesses the one who receives and the one who gives.

I am very happy to invite all donors to a grand celebration of the 2014 fundraising. On Saturday, August 23, we will be staging a classy, quite-out-of-the-ordinary operatic ballet, *Kalidasa's Meghadootam*. It will be at the Chabot College Performing Arts Center in Hayward. The music for this unique production is especially composed by Bombay Jayashri Ramnath (Oscar nominated for *The Life of Pi*), choreographed by India-based acclaimed dancers Shijith Nambiar and Parvathy Menon, and produced by the well known Cleveland Cultural Alliance. This show is by invitation only - no tickets are being sold and there will be no fund-raising at the event.

I appeal to your generosity for this worthy cause. Please respond by filling the donation form.

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