

Hebron Newsletter No 28. July 2008

Hello Everyone,

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You may well have wondered what has happened because of the long silence. I am sorry to say that it is chiefly on account of the summer vacations and lack of correspondence and photos.

But here are the girls of Hermon School, bright and brimming with energy, full of fun and ready for this year's activities in the 3 Hs. Altogether in the Hostel there are now 325 girls. Some have left for further education or training, and there are fresh admissions. This is quite a large family for Jenny and staff to cope with. That is why we need your prayer support at this time.



The Lord has been good to all, has provided and protected in the great heat, and brought them back happily and safely.



SIDE VIEW

Meanwhile the construction of the new Assembly Hall has been re-commenced after a period when work had to be stopped, because of the rising price of iron and building materials. But we thank God that Jennie, the mason and some Committee members were able to obtain sufficient quantities recently to make the slab for the roof, and complete the building work.

You will see something of this in the photos, and we hope to show you the finished structure in our next letter. The Lord has supplied all the needs so far, and we trust Him for the rest.



FRONT VIEW



SUMEELA.

You may remember seeing the photo of our Staff in the last letter, and now one of them has had a promotion to a Higher Place, for the Lord called Sumeela to Himself last month. She had kidney trouble and was sent to a Hospital in Hyderabad, and was put on dialysis. One of her married sisters (a trained nurse) was able to be with her and attend to her needs. However the Lord who knows all and plans the lives of His children, did the very Best for Sumeela, taking her out of her pain and weariness, to be with Him, where she is now rejoicing in a new and perfect body, and experiencing the reward of her life of quiet faithful service for Him.

She was one of a family of 5, but her father was a worthless fellow, never at home, not caring for the family, leaving the poor weak mother to look after the children

She was a humble and sincere believer, and brought them up in the way of Jesus Christ and His Word.

2 of the daughters came to the Hostel as little girls, and became bright Christians. Sumeela desired to go to a Bible College, and spent 2 years in one run by Canadian Baptist Missionaries. After that she worked mostly in our local G.D.M. Church in Nidadavol, with the S.S. and the women. Many of her pupils became real Christians were baptised, and witnessed for the Lord in their families, work, and local churches. Sumeela also visited the surrounding village assemblies, and taught the women there. She resided in the Hostel as she had no other home, and helped in daily devotions as well as other duties.

Jennie told how all the staff and girls were very upset by Sumeela's illness and death, but we pray that this will be a lesson to them all to live and work for Christ as she did.

GENERAL NEWS.

Jennie and Staff busy with Applications for new girls.

Older girls going to Health Workers Course, or Nursing Training.

Some girls going to Tailoring Course.

Certificates needed for those entering High School or College.

Text-books, note-books stationery etc to be bought and given to girls.

Material for uniforms to be bought and made up.

Medical Examinations by Hostel Doctor to be carried out.

Re-arrangement of Sunday School Classes etc.

Please pray for Jennie and staff at this very busy time.

With warm greetings from,

Joyce Harding