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ORPHANAGE MINISTRIES

Church members make room in their hearts for children in need



Project Hope

CHURCH MINISTRY PROGRAM UNITES MEMBERS AS THEY WORK TOGETHER TO HELP AT-RISK CHILDREN



Building Community While Serving Others

Members of Horizons Community Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, have been working together for many years to raise much-needed funds for orphaned and vulnerable children living in extreme poverty.

Beginning in 2005, the congregation began supporting a children's home in India. In 2013, they partnered with ROOM and added the Bethel Children's Home, also in India, as a recipient of their efforts. Throughout the year, their "Project Hope" team holds fundraisers, such as selling concessions at events and selling ornaments during the holidays, and they also secure monthly donations from fellow community members. The proceeds are used for basic needs for the children, including food and shelter, as well as specific needs, such as school supplies and uniforms. Supporters are kept up to date on the celebrations and challenges at both children's homes through social media and a newsletter.

Horizons' mission is *Leading all to Jesus to become life-changed life-changers*. "Our work in India is not only changing lives, it is many times saving lives," said Ken Babcock, church member. "Without Bethel, many of the children would have died on the streets or would have been forced into sex trafficking. Our work in India is a powerful example of bringing *all* children closer to Christ."



"PROJECT HOPE IS A POWERFUL "GLUE" UNITING THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY. THERE IS A TRUE SENSE OF OWNERSHIP BY THE CONGREGATION."

- Ken Babcock,
Horizons Church member



Photos from the Project Hope team's trips to India

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