

There's No Place Like Home

Dear Parent,

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The video for the 2009 MTW Children's Project, entitled, "No Place Like Home," tells the compelling story of the street boys of Bangalore, India. Funds from the project will be used to help build a permanent home for street boys, to be named in honor of Jan Kooistra (wife of MTW coordinator Dr. Paul Kooistra) who passed away in 2008 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Jan had a love for children and was committed by prayer and giving to MTW StreetChild. *Jan's Home* will make all the difference for the boys it serves, giving them a home and a family. They will not only hear about Christ, but they will experience it day by day. They will have a hope and a future.

We hope you will have an opportunity to watch the video and see for yourself the plight of these boys as well as the hope that *Jan's Home* will offer them. You will also recognize that the story is far darker than anything shown in the video.

The purpose of the children's project and video is always missions education for children. And a major part of missions education is learning to pray and to give. It would be wonderful if you would encourage your children in both these areas. Perhaps your child could do extra chores to earn money to give to the boys' home. You could pray each night at dinner or at bedtime for the street children in Bangalore and for the completion of Jan's Home. Perhaps you would also be interested in giving to the project as well.

We are praying for your children as they learn about missions through this project. Most of all, we are praying that God will use it to raise up men and women with a heart for the world and the coming of Christ's kingdom.

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