



The Indian Flag is patriotically hoisted on Indian Independence Day on 15th August to commemorate the lifting of the sweet yolk of the Raj from weary shoulders in 1946.



Annamma, who was not able to hold even a pencil when she first came, now enjoys colouring the Christmas Cards! She loves to wear her Alexander's hat (that's what we call her head gear)!!



The phase II project is within sight of completion. Divine Providence has blessed us through the generosity of our benefactors to such an extent that we have not had to borrow a single rupee. When the building is finished, the girls (and the old ladies ...and even the sisters) will be able to play hide and seek all day and still not be caught!



Orphans, Savio and Manjula, plight their troth under the watchful eyes of their "mother," Sr. Maria Immaculata. This was the first wedding between orphans – it was a day of great happiness.

Dear Friends,

We wish you a joyful and blessed Christmas and also a grace filled New Year – 2013. May the Infant Jesus bless you and your families abundantly in this world and in the next.

Because of your generosity our orphanage is running smoothly. This year (2012) saw the wedding of one our girls with one of our orphan boys. It also saw the birth of two grand children and their baptisms. We had three new old/ destitute ladies and two girls join us. The last to join us is a blind lady, Palani by name. Her hus-

band abandoned her after she became blind and her son is somewhere roaming around. Her old mother was taking care of her before she was knocked down by a car and died on the spot leaving Palani destitute. Another old lady is ready to join us in January. The new building is coming along well and God willing, will be ready by the middle of 2013.

Two of our girls became members of the "Children of Mary" and five others became postulants on 8th September. Ten of our girls were confirmed in November when Bishop de Galarreta visited India. In November we had the happiness of welcoming Bishop de



Anu with her (very chubby) daughter, Celestina, remembers her own wedding last year.



Wedding party girls, Philomena, Gemma, Jennifer and Anusha.

Galarreta and Fr. Couture. The girls were happy to sing and to play their instruments for them. The girls always love it when Fr. Couture comes here. They are always ready to make pizza for him and are always eager for his catechism classes.

This Christmas, our neighbours, 7 year old Angela and her mother were baptized. Angela studies in our school and they have been catechumens for the last year now.

When the new house is finished, we can take more girls and old people, but we will need more sisters also to take care of them, so please pray for vocations for us.

Thank you once again and God bless you all.

In Jesus and Mary,
Sr. Mary Immaculate



Mary-Rose and Katharina Koetting of Germany. A succession of musical volunteers have worked wonders with the girls over the years; we are eternally grateful.



Philomena and Simroon became Children of Mary on the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Anastasia, Motcham, Selva-Josephine and Anna-Maria became postulants to the sodality.