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Four decades of serving God's people in need!

It was in 1983 that David Rowe first met Azariah, the inspiring evangelist and social worker in the city of Khammam. From that friendship, Friends of Christ in India was born -an extraordinary partnership between those serving in the poor in India and caring people on the other side of the world.

In the forty years since, thousands of people in need have received God's love in the form of food, shelter, education, and medical care. Your faith and compassion have made it possible! You've prayed for us, traveled with us, and supported us. Thanks to you, we have been able to "see a need, meet a need," in Azariah's words.



David and Azariah, 1983

We hope that the stories and photos in this newsletter give you the same joy that they give to us: the joy of knowing what is possible when God's people come together in love, prayer, and action!

As we head into the next decade of service, we cherish your continued support. Thousands depend on us, and we depend on *you!* We are inspired by your compassion and by the faithful witness of our tireless friends in India. Together, we continue that extraordinary partnership created forty years ago!

In Christ's peace,
David Rowe, Alida Ward, and the FOCI Board

Then...



Early residents of Faith Home for the Aged



*First sewing center!
Training women for a trade of their own*



*Board member John Starr and David Rowe
with scholarship recipients, 2002*



Our first center for those with developmental challenges.



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and now:



Clockwise from above: new school supplies for the girls at Moosapet, a Faith Home resident displays a card from a FOCI friend, women gather at a training center, a Shanthi School kindergartener beams with joy!



Meet Maheswari, a true 'then and now' story!

Maheswari is an exceptional student who had no chance of affording college, until she received a scholarship from FOCI. Her gift was presented by our partner TL Reddy at a ceremony in Hyderabad attended by Board members Roni Widmer and Alida Ward.

“But did you know,” she said, “you’ve met me before!” Astonished, Alida and Roni asked her what she meant. Out came her picture of herself at age 4, in one of our schools for slum children, holding a book that we had just presented to her. From the gift of a book to a tiny child, to a scholarship 15 years later. This is FOCI at work. And this work changes lives.



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The difference a gift to FOCI makes:

\$300 provides care for a resident at the Faith Home for the Aged for one year.

\$120 feeds a hungry person for a year at one of our feeding centers.

\$20 provides a month of tutoring and a daily meal for a child at the Lotus Learning Center.

\$12 provides a set of new clothes for a child in our programs.

The truth is, every penny makes a difference!

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