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Dear Friends and Sponsors of World Family Foundation,

☆ **World Family Now On YouTube!** ☆

We have created an informational video that tells the story of World Family Foundation and provides an opportunity for viewers to donate and participate in this wonderful project. You can access this video by going to our website, [www.worldfamilyfnd.org](http://www.worldfamilyfnd.org) and selecting the movie link. Or you can go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and type in World Family Foundation in the search window. This can and should be shared with anyone you think might be interested in supporting our international efforts. If you would like a DVD copy to show to your friends, please let us know and we will mail you one.

**Donate Online**

We have had many requests from sponsors who would like to pay their sponsorship fees or make donations with a credit card. WFF is happy to report that this feature is now part of our website. You will see a PayPal symbol that says "donate" at the bottom of the home page.

This is a safe and secure site, and if you're like many, you can make your payment and get reward points from your credit card company. If any of you are thinking of donating, now it is even easier. There is no reason to wait. Donate today!

**Prashanti International School (PIS)**



Our new English medium Prashanti International School is now enrolling local village children in addition to the children of Prashanti School and orphanage.

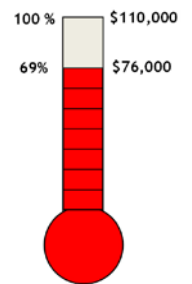


The buildings on the school site, just down the road from the orphanage, are completed for the coming Indian school year. There has been great interest shown by local families wanting an education with a good foundation in the English language and a strong emphasis on human values for their children. Compared to the existing English medium schools in Puri, the tuition will be affordable for these families. The fees from the local children, with our continued donations, will help us meet the expenses for the teachers, staff, and day-to-day upkeep of the school.

On July 22, 2010, PIS will host a grand inaugural event to celebrate the opening of the new school. Our Prashanti children will perform a play specially written for this occasion, as well as dance and music performances. Sponsors interested in attending should contact us for further information.

**We Are Near the Goal!**

Funds are still desperately needed for the continued development of Prashanti International School. The cost of purchasing the land, preparing the site, renovating the buildings, hiring teachers, and developing the school program, etc., totaled \$110,000. The exciting news is that we have raised \$76,000 and we only need \$34,000 to complete this project to fulfill the dream of the best possible education to help our kids break out of the cycle of poverty they were born into. Please help us by making a donation to reach this goal. Donate online at our website [www.worldfamilyfnd.org](http://www.worldfamilyfnd.org), or send a check to World Family Foundation, PO Box 351, Ojai, CA 93024.



## Sri Lanka Update

World Family Foundation has as its mission to help relieve suffering throughout the world, providing food, shelter, clothing and education to needy children. Towards this end, after the tsunami hit Asia in 2004 and left hundreds of thousands helpless, it was decided by our Board of Directors to partner with a local non-profit in an effort to assist 7 young Sri Lankan girls. These girls really had nowhere else to turn. Through the generosity of sponsors, these girls are being groomed to become leaders in their community. Not only is a solid education provided for, students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities as well.



Currently, the girls are being trained in Kandyan dance, a form of creative folk dance based on local culture. At the same time, they are also being taught computer skills with theoretical and practical applications. In this way, we hope to create balance in the lives of our students.



## Radio Interview

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Therese Hartmann and Leslie Bouché were invited to be interviewed for a live radio program with Susan Burrell. Her show is entitled “Living Your Inspired Life” and the theme for the month was “One Planet, One People”. The show lasted one hour and focused on our personal stories as representatives of WFF and on inspiring others to get involved in helping whenever and wherever they can. If you would like to listen to this interview, go to [www.livingyourinspiredlife.org](http://www.livingyourinspiredlife.org). Once there, go to “past shows” and then go to February 24<sup>th</sup> where you will be able to hear the interview in its entirety.

## Sponsors Bruce and Leslie Bouché’s School Visit.

“In February, 2010, my husband, Bruce and I had the wonderful opportunity to visit Prashanti School and finally meet Sunil Patra, the boy we have been sponsoring for the last several years. Traveling in India is not new to us, as we have visited India many times over the



last 37 years, however, this was the first time we were able to visit Puri and the state of Orissa.

When we landed at the airport in Bhubaneswar and walked across the tarmac to the terminal building, our senses were immediately stirred by the rich fragrance and feel of this part of India. Elizabeth Burnett, the founder of Prashanti School, was there to greet us and drive us the hour and a half car ride to Puri. Along the drive, we could see coconut groves, fertile fields of rice and crops unique to this area of India. After having just come from the arid State of Andhra Pradesh, we were struck by the green, lush landscape and that there is so much water everywhere.

We’ve always seen cows wandering around the streets and pathways of India, but I think Puri has ten times as many cows and Brahma bulls walking, lounging, eating and generally creating chaos on the roadways. Curious as I always am about everything in India, I wanted to know who owns the cattle. I found out that the cows belong to local families but the bulls are independent and free agents. They do what they want, go wherever they want, and everyone feeds them!



Upon arrival at the school, we were touched by the warm welcome we received. Across the driveway, the children had written in huge chalk letters, “WELCOME AUNTIE & UNCLE”. The boy we sponsor, Sunil, garlanded us with orange-colored marigolds and greeted us with sweet and deep respect. All the children were lined up eagerly waiting for us – it was overwhelming to be embraced with such love. We spent four days in Puri with Sunil and Elizabeth. We took Sunil and his best friend, Artha, to the beach and rode the camels together, we visited a charming crafts village to see the local art and dance forms unique to Orissa, and we explored the ancient Sun Temple at Konark. We talked about many things and got to know each other. Bruce lent the boys our digital camera to experiment with, and they had so much fun taking creative photos of each other and of the Temple. Elizabeth and I discussed creating a photo essay project for some of the students at



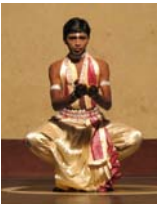
Prashanti to encourage them to tell about “their world” through their own eyes.

We toured the new Prashanti International School site and saw the construction that is underway for the planned opening of this new English medium school in April. It is a beautiful property that has a very peaceful feeling. It will be a wonderful school and an incredibly important opportunity for the children at Prashanti School.



One of the most wonderful experiences we had at Prashanti was having the opportunity to interview almost all of the children individually. We asked them

questions about themselves, what they liked about the school, what they had learned, what their best subjects are, what grades they were getting, and what they wanted to do after graduating high school. Most want to go on to college, and then after college become teachers and doctors. Some want to become policemen, electricians, join the Indian Army, or learn skills like computer technology. Our child, Sunil, had a different



answer – he is an excellent dancer, and he wants to go on to become a professional Classical Odissi dancer! All the children were quite clear about wanting to give back to their communities and see work as a chance to do service. What they all

liked best about Prashanti School was “the discipline and the good food!” Our visit to Prashanti School ended delightfully with a song and dance performance by the children in our honor. It gave them a chance to practice the production that they plan to do for the grand opening of the new Prashanti International School. They did a great job and we thoroughly enjoyed their singing and dancing. When we left, all the children again lined up to say goodbye to us. We felt so strongly in our hearts that we will be back to visit very soon.



These children are now truly our extended family.

Many blessings,

Leslie Bouché

World Family Foundation Board Member

## Message from the President

All of us are quite understandably concerned about the series of natural disasters occurring lately. The devastatingly poor people of Haiti dealing with the aftermath of the earthquake there, victims of the recent Chilean earthquake and those struggling with financial problems in our own country certainly all deserve our attention. Sometimes it is difficult to know what direction to turn in order to help. What I do know for sure is that every little bit of help, whether it is smiling at a homeless person, encouraging someone, or providing financial aid for an orphan, ALL of it has the capacity to transform this world we live in.

While we are in fundraising mode to complete the school project in India, I pray that the long-term goals we are looking to accomplish



(building character through education) will not be underrated or ignored. These children are being transformed through the values being taught by our teaching staff. In fact, your donations which seem to affect the lives of only a few children end up impacting the generations to follow! We hope that you will see the many benefits that education provides now and into the future and thank you for all of your kind support. We certainly cannot achieve much without your financial assistance!

Therese Hartmann, President WFF



# WORLD FAMILY FOUNDATION

Providing a safe place where needy children of the world can learn and grow in a loving environment.



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