

SUPPORT A CHILD (INDIA) - RESPONSE FORM

YES - I / we would like to give £ _____ regularly

- by standing order
 by cheque every month / quarter / six months / year

- One-Off gift enclosed: £ _____
[One-off gifts will go towards development costs as well as general expenses such as books, beds, blankets, transport etc.]

For Standing Orders or for Gift Aid: We'll send you the simple, but necessary forms to complete and return to us or you can download them from our web-site.

For cheques: Please make payable to 'Damascus Trust' and write on the back of the cheque 'SAC'.

Surname: _____ First name: _____

(Revd/Mr/Mrs/Miss)

Group or Church: _____

Contact Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return completed forms & donations to 'Support A Child' at our office below.

Damascus Trust was established in 1990 to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with all people everywhere. It aims to enthuse local Christians in their love for Jesus, enable the local Church to reach out into the community and seeks to establish evangelism as an ongoing aspect of Church life. As a charitable trust, the Damascus Trust relies on gifts and donations. All gifts from those paying tax can benefit the Trust by using Gift Aid for both one-off or regular donations. For more information, please request the leaflet 'Four Ways to Give'.

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SUPPORT A CHILD PTSM CHILDREN'S HOME, INDIA

A FAMILY, A FAITH AND A FUTURE
IN JESUS' NAME



THE DAMASCUS TRUST

Support a Child is about helping our Christian partners abroad to demonstrate, as well as declare, the love of Jesus to children and their families.

Plenty to Share Ministry directed by Rev. Vijaya Raju and his wife Victoria, is planting and supporting churches in the villages around Kakinada in southern Andhra Pradesh. Damascus Trust has been working with them since 2006 providing support for pastors as well as running Bible teaching conferences.

In their work, Raju and Victoria come across many children who need help because either their parents have died or they are seriously ill and unable to look after their children.

Victoria in particular, has a real heart for children and runs an afternoon club to help them with their reading and writing as well as teaching them about Jesus. It has been her desire for sometime to set up an extended home to help needy children. This would allow them to be well fed and cared for in a Christian community, help

their health to improve and allow them to get a good education. Children are already included in Church meetings and learn about the Christian faith and how they can follow Jesus. The aim is to develop young people who want to serve Jesus as well as provide for themselves and others.

In November 2007, Damascus Trust helped set up the initial phase of this project. We provided beds, bedding and clothes for up to six children and in December, six children were taken in to this extended home. All the children are thriving and are attending school regularly. Victoria and Raju report that this has been a real witness in the villages and they see caring for the children as a very real part of the wider work of the village churches.

Through **Support a Child**, individuals, families, or house groups are able to have a direct link with children. With your support, this work can grow. In time Raju and Victoria hope to be able to care for more children who are in need.

Rev. Raju, Hilary Swan (SAC administrator) and Victoria



A village Church planted by PTSM



What does it cost?
£25 per month helps to provide care for one child.

How is the money distributed?
Regular support (usually monthly) is given through Damascus Trust who then transfer a regular amount to India to cover all the children that we support. 5% of this amount goes into an emergency fund that covers medical treatment and other emergencies for any of the children. The rest is used to provide food, clothes, education, and general care of the children. Records are kept by PTSM to show how the money is used.

What information is provided about the children?

Regular supporters are sent a profile sheet of the child they will be supporting, with details about their background and family situation. A photo of the child is included.

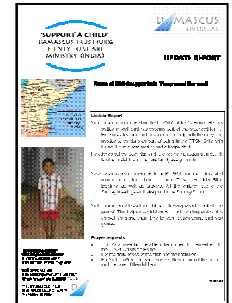


Pastor Raju's & Victoria's extended home



What news is received by supporters?

A quarterly update report is sent out to all supporters providing news of the child, the work of the children's home and prayer requests.



Can supporters write to children?

Yes. We will provide guidelines as well as a sample letter. All correspondence must go through Damascus Trust who will send it out to our partners for translation and distribution.

What is the minimum period for regular support?

We would ask that regular support is for a minimum of one year. This is best done by standing order to Damascus Trust.

If you would like to be part of this work then please complete the form overleaf as well as the leaflet Four Ways to Give as required.

Victoria (rhs) and the after-school club

