



“It is so good to see these kids come away more developed and against all expectations, turn their life into something beautiful.”

– Frank Juelich, Director Prem Sewa School, India

Dear friend,

August 2009

A young boy stood in front of a simple, understated building. He swallowed the lump in his throat and gripped the small cardboard box he was carrying. Everything he owned was in that small box: a shirt, a metal mug and a pencil.

I met this young child when I visited India. I sat with him as he showed me his box with pride. That little box represented his entire life. I thought of my camera, my iPhone, my car keys, the picture of my wife and children... all the things that I had in my pockets and realized I had so much more.

This young boy is attending Prem Sewa, a residential school run by Frank Juelich in Nagpur City. Frank came to India more than 30 years ago. Like many visitors, Frank was stunned by the number of children who were living on the street – without parents, supervision or care. So he stepped out in faith, took in homeless boys and over time developed a school.

Today this school, Prem Sewa, is a landmark in Nagpur. Young children are taken in without question. They are given shelter, three meals a day and an opportunity to go to school. Frank runs this school completely by faith and through your support is able to extend this gift of care to more than 800 boys and girls every year.

I admire Frank's vision and determination. Without an education, these children would continue to fight for their place on the street.

But we can offer these children an alternative.

Almost half of the children attending Prem Sewa have not yet been sponsored through ERDO's ChildCARE Plus program. However, ERDO is able to provide these boys and girls with the opportunity to attend school through the funding we receive in support of educational relief.

over please...

YES! I want to help ERDO offer a child an education and a future of hope.

Here is my gift of:

- \$45 to provide one child with a School Kit
- \$90 to provide two children with School Kits
- \$225 to provide five children with School Kits
- I would like to sponsor a child for \$29 a month. *(Please fill out the payment information and ERDO will contact you about your sponsorship opportunities.)*

Payment options:

VISA 

Card #: _____

Expiry Date: _____

Signature: _____

Telephone: () _____

Email: _____

I have enclosed a cheque made payable to ERDO.



Help ERDO fill the gap for one child in need of educational support by giving them the gift of a School Kit.

Your gift of \$45 today will provide a School Kit for one child. Only \$225 will provide five children with kits. Each kit helps to cover the cost of school supplies, uniforms, a healthy lunch and a pair of new shoes.

A staggering 120 million children every year are denied access to basic education. Of these, nearly half are girls. Those without proper care and education are sold into the sex trade or forced to work long hours in factories. Some even fall into a lifestyle of illicit activity, violence and substance abuse.

Offer a child the freedom to learn by providing them with a School Kit today.

Like Frank, there are many inspiring ERDO partners whose gifts of education are helping children envision a future beyond the unrelenting poverty and disease their families have endured for decades.

But they cannot do this work alone.

Your gift of \$45 in support of a child's education will transform their world. The gift of learning opens the door to the future, giving a child the hope of a job, a family and a place in their community. Your investment today helps equip a child to be a future leader. This is so important. When you contribute through ERDO, you are also ensuring that the child receives instruction in the Word of God, introducing them to the eternal hope of Jesus Christ.

I pray that you will partner with ERDO as we strive to do good. We believe in transformation – transformation as not just as a word or concept, but as a practical progression from a point of extreme need to a point of a hope, purpose and freedom.

Sincerely,

Kelvin Honsinger
Executive Director, ERDO

P.S. Help change the life of a child today by giving the gift of education. A gift of education will not only provide a child with hope but also helps transform their families and communities in productive and positive ways.



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HERE ARE THE MANY OTHER WAYS ERDO IS DOING GOOD:

- Monthly \$29 child sponsorship provides education, food and healthcare plus spiritual nurture
- Food aid and agricultural recovery, in partnership with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank
- Community building through economic development, clean water and sustainable agriculture
- Emergency aid, disaster mitigation and return to livelihood projects