

PRECIOUS HANDS – UPDATE
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As we begin a new year it is a joy for us to bring you a brief update of Precious Hands. 2021 has been a year of challenges as we had experienced the 2nd wave of Covid-19 in its full force. There were many setbacks and obstacles which we had to overcome. Things stabilized in the months of September – December. During these months we were able to open the school for physical classes. But again in the first week of January 2022 the cases of Covid escalated and the government ordered the closer of schools in U.P. We reverted back to ‘Handy Classes’ using mobile phones to teach our children until further notice. We hope that this will soon be lifted but we are doing our best.

After two years we were able to celebrate our Annual Sports Day in the month of November! The children were so excited and they enjoyed the day with full freedom.



Girls Water Pot Race



Chase the tail



Cycle race



Relay Race



Balloon Race



In December the children of all three school/centres had their Annual Winter Celebration. Children were so happy to be together and enjoy the day. A well planned program was organized for them.

Children performed skits and dances. The children also received their annual gifts. This year we gave blankets and mosquito nets.



As project coordinator one of my jobs was to motivate the teachers and organize the children to carry on with their studies during the past two years. It has been a challenge. I can say with confidence that it has been worth the hard work. Our aim and objective during these past two years was ensuring children could



continue with their studies. We initiated the 'Handy Classes' as a step of faith not knowing what the results would be. We were unsure whether the children and their parents would be able to grasp this new way of learning. We have seen that this effort was not in vain and we were amazed how well the children responded and parents cooperated. Our objective was met. Children were able to study and be promoted to their next class.

Thank you so much for joining hands with us in reaching out to the children of Precious Hands and their communities. We pray you will be richly rewarded.

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