

PRECIOUS HANDS JULY 2023 - SUMMER UPDATE

Dear Partners

Summers are gruelling hot in the remote villages where our Precious Hands children are living. Day temperature can reach a high of 45'Celsius. For these children school summer vacation has a very different connotation. It is more of a silent survival as they and their families brave the heat wave and protect themselves from heat stroke. Staying within the confines of their mud thatched houses is the only protection they have during the day and the shade of a tree is like an oasis. Yet children still play and life and work goes on at slow pace patiently awaiting the rains.



That is why the reopening of the schools in the month of July has a great charm for the children. Back to school where there is an expectation of a new class, new school books and stationary, uniforms and school activities awaiting them. And when the long awaited rains arrive there is laughter and relief and dancing in the rain. It is the arrival of the rain that gives hope to the dry parched land suddenly coming to life with the colour of green and the hot winds turning into a cool breeze. This is the harsh yet hopeful environment in which our children of Precious Hands live.



The work of sponsorship children started in the year of 2007. The name Precious Hands was officially given in 2012 as we began to extend the work into the villages of Baithkwa, Hardon and Shankargarh. Hundreds of children have been given access to primary education and through these children the families and community have

been educated through awareness programs on health and hygiene, adult literacy and raising awareness among young teenage girls of MHM (menstrual hygiene management). Child labour is no longer prevalent in these areas. Girls are now



attending school and child marriage is no longer practiced. These are some of the changes that have taken place because of the dedicated teachers and staff who have faithfully laboured over the years. It has been made possible through the partners of Precious Hands who birthed, invested and shared the vision of Precious Hands despite the challenges, struggles and disappointments which were faced and overcome.

Please do uphold us in prayer. We are moving forward on the completion of the Hardon School building with staff quarters. We continue to equip children with primary education, books and school supplies, uniforms and hygiene supplies along with other activities for their overall development. Thank you to the partners of Precious Hands and Sticing "Geef Hun Hoop". Thank you to each and every sponsor who has invested in the life of a Precious Hands child and continues to do so. Above all together let us thank the Lord who without His grace and strength the work of Precious Hands would not be possible.



God bless and richly reward you.

Kay Sylvester

Working behind the scenes of Precious Hands helping where ever needed.

