



WELCOME TO HOPE GARDENS

Thank you for sponsoring a child through Hope Gardens. We support children in a number of different ways through education, afterschool clubs and also with accommodation. Your child is part of our child sponsorship programme and lives with us at the hostel. Children come to the hostel for a variety of reason. Often they are orphans or their families are struggling to care for them. Our Pastors and staff at Hope Gardens recommend these children come to stay with us as they have come to know about their family circumstances. All the children attend school locally in Cumbum and are educated to at least 12th standard.

HOSTEL LOCATION

The Rhema Gardens is located on the outskirts of Cumbum in the Theni district of Tamil Nadu. Cumbum is the main town but our charity is 2km outside the town in a rural setting surrounded by small villages, farmland and plantations. The Rhema Gardens is a beautiful oasis, a coconut plantation that has been converted into our headquarters and houses our school, hostel, medical centre, small holding and paddy field. It is a safe, gated compound with full time security.



LIFE IN THE HOSTEL



Our hostel is a home from home. The boys and girls have separate dormitory buildings but they eat meals, study and play together. The older children have chores to do just as if they were at home! There is a warden for each dormitory who takes care of the children along with Archbishop Samuel's lovely wife Saguntha.

On a normal day the children wake up, have their breakfast in the hostel and go to school together on our school bus. After school the children play sport, do their home work in the dining hall and then have their tea. The children typically would have a vegetarian meal i.e. curries with a side dish, rice and fruit for pudding. For festivals and celebrations they eat chicken biryani and sweet treats!

After tea there are games and activities before lights out and maybe the odd midnight feast!

The weekends are spend playing sport, hanging out with friends and going to church. In the school holidays the children go to their villages to be taken care of by family members or friends.

