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Caring for children around the world

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'PREM SEWA' Boys and Girls Homes & Schools

in Napur & Manjari, India

Founder Frank Juelich and Director Bapu Desai



Our first home April 28th, 1982

LOVE, SERVICE, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY

Thirty-six years ago Frank Juelich founded Prem Sewa Shikshan Sangh and a year later, in the outskirts of the city of Nagpur, 17 acres of land were purchased to develop a home for underprivileged children. The first hostel for boys had its beginnings in a small hut that housed 10 students and 3 staff, including Frank. The first of 3 schools began in 1987 and the home for the girls was established in 1992. (photo of 1st home)

Prem Sewa translated means 'Love, Service, Education, Community'. Today, more than

1000 children are housed and educated each year. Participating in life at Prem Sewa offers the girls and the boys a hope for a brighter future and a chance to grow into self-sustaining adults.

Education: The two schools at the boys' home and the one at the girls' home accept children from the surrounding area as well as those who live on site. On campus, grades 1 through 10 are taught while students in higher grades as well as the college students go to various schools in the city. There is also a computer institute for the children living at both homes.

Founder Frank Juelich comments, "The last academic year was very good for us. Almost all the 10th and 12th graders – boys and girls – passed their exams. However, most of them did not score high enough marks to qualify them for college. These boys we offer the opportunity for industrial training courses. I am a great believer in the maxim, 'A trade has a golden foundation'. They are assured of their daily bread, of course, if they work. It is increasingly difficult for young people to find a job and so it is our responsibility to provide them with the best education possible. Whatever, your investment in our kids, young or old is not wasted - you are creating futures... consider: 'Right now counts forever!'"

Accommodation: The boys are housed in two dormitories whereas there is only one dorm at present for the girls and a second currently being constructed. The children all receive three meals a day plus an early morning tea. They also receive fruit several times a week, and sometimes cookies as a treat.

Frank remarks, "Listening to the cacophony – kids call it playing - I didn't realize how I missed them (as when they were home with their families during vacation). This place is made for kids and their expectations should be and are our concern. Director Bapu's mantra is, 'I live for the kids.' During the summer months our playground turns dry and brown as if all life had fled. Yet it takes only a few showers to turn it overnight into a lush green carpet; it seems like magic. In the same way the kids bring with them that lovely atmosphere which is absent when they are absent."

Health and Hygiene: Children are taught the importance of hygiene. They learn all about regular hand washing, keeping their clothes clean and dishes washed, and are able to shower twice a day: morning and evening. They have regular checkups, blood tests, and attend various health seminars. Basic healthcare is provided in the clinic whereas more serious cases are taken care of at the local hospital.



YOU ARE A CHOSEN PEOPLE

Key Scripture: 1 Peter 2: 9-10

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light...”

We're all familiar with the phrase: actions speak louder than words. We have all experienced occasions in our lives where people have made certain promises which only later have proven themselves false.

God not only speaks to us by words but also speaks to us by His actions. God speaks to us in many different ways: through His written word, through divine appointments, through circumstances, through other Christians, through visions and dreams, in order to fulfill His plans for each one of us.

This month I want us to see how God also speaks to us through His gifts.

To many people the idea of God intervening in our lives is a breach of our rights. Fortunately for us, God does ignore our rights at certain critical times, especially when it comes down to the matter of our salvation.

If it weren't for the fact that God does invade our lives, no one would ever get saved, and the Bible makes it clear that our salvation is based on God's predestination for our lives. In other words, without our awareness, God already knew whom He would choose to save. The basis of God's choice of one individual over another rests solely on one

thing and one thing alone: His own good pleasure.

God does not choose any one because of some moral or spiritual superiority. In fact the Bible makes it clear that we are all sinners and have all fallen short of God's righteous standards. We are all just lumps of clay, and God is the potter. As the potter God can choose what to do with each lump. Romans 9:21 makes it clear: **“Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?”**

As the children of God we are each challenged to make sure that both our calling and our election to salvation is sure: 1st Peter 1:10: **“Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble.”**

God first gift is: **The gift of election.**

2 Thessalonians 2:13: **“But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.”**

It isn't that we chose God, but rather that He chose us. He came knocking on the door of our heart and asks us to invite Him in.

There is a parable about two frogs that were travelling through the woods, when suddenly they both fell into a deep pit. All the other frogs gathered around the pit and when they saw how deep the pit was, they shouted for the two frogs to give up, that they were AS GOOD AS DEAD.

The two frogs ignored their comments and kept jumping despite the other frogs telling them that it was no use. Finally, one of the frogs believed what the other frogs were saying and gave up and died. However, the other frog continued jumping as hard as he could jump. Once again the crowd yelled at him to stop and just die. However, the frog jumped even harder and finally with one big jump made it out. When he got out, the other frogs said, “Didn't you hear us?” The frog told them that he was quite

deaf and said, "I thought you were encouraging me the entire time!" The moral is that God never gives up on us...even when we are down and out and in the pit.

The second gift that God gives us is: **The gift of faith.**

Ephesians 2:8: **"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."**

Salvation is based upon a faith which originates entirely from God.

The third gift that God gives us is: **The gift of repentance.**

Isaiah 30:15: **"This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength."**

For most people, repentance has to do with sorrow for sin, but this is not what repentance means. Repentance means only a change of mind, a change of direction. You see when a wicked man changes his ways and becomes a holy man, then God's attitude toward that individual also changes in response.

The fourth gift that God gives is: **The gift of forgiveness.**

Acts 10:43: **"All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."**

The apostle Peter once asked Jesus, **"How many times should I forgive someone when they have wronged me - 7 times 7?"** Jesus answered, **"No, 70 times 7."** In other words, as many times as it takes. Therefore unlike some people who absolutely will never want you to come to them and ask for forgiveness, God actually invites us to do so.

The fifth gift of God is: **The gift of salvation.**

Romans 10:9: **"That if you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."**

One doesn't need a lot of persuading to agree that salvation is totally a gift from God. In our fallen nature we are all sinners in desperate need

of a saviour. There is no one who can claim to be righteous in God's sight. The work of salvation from start to finish is totally a work of God. He chooses us by divine election. He then gives us a measure of faith to believe in Him. He offers us the gift of repentance to change our ways and the direction of our lives, and as we accept that gift He offers us forgiveness as we place our faith in the saving work of Jesus.

And the final gift that God gives us comes back to the purpose of God's plan of salvation: **The gift of eternal life.**

For those who have accepted God's gift of salvation, they will enter into His permanent rest where there is peace, joy and righteousness in the Holy Spirit; we will be with the God that created us and saved us. But for those who have rejected His gift, they will spend eternity in a place which the Bible calls "hell" where there is eternal torment and separation from God. Once we pass into eternity there will never be any going back.

There will be no opportunity to repent. There will be no opportunity for forgiveness. There will be no opportunity for salvation. These gifts are only available on this side of life, and people who refuse to accept them now will not be able to change their minds after they have passed over into eternity.

For this reason, we continue to pray for our loved ones and friends, and we know that **God is faithful and just to hear our hearts cry.**

***Thank you for your faithful giving
as we reach out to the children of
this world to share God's gift to the
world...Jesus...who saved us.***

***Blessings and love in
Christ!***

*Pastor Roman
and Pat Kozak*

