

*Raising up the leaders,  
thinkers and change-makers  
of tomorrow from the poverty  
trap of day-labour*



Help us to...

# Break the Cycle

...of poverty for children in south India



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# Introduction

*"Our approach of enabling education encourages ability and sets potential free to flourish. No longer should poverty through lack of education inhibit the lives of these young people"*



## WHO ARE WE?

Bellary Support Group is a small faith-informed charity working with the Church of South India to promote the education of children from the poorest day-laboring communities in Northern Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

Many that we have supported have gone on to become doctors, teachers and engineers and they attest to the support they received and how it has enabled them and their families to live better lives

Our aim is to enable young people to receive a full education by establishing self-sustaining, locally based and managed projects in India.

## WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

The caste system in India forces the lowest social group, the Dalits, into day labour for very low and unpredictable pay - meaning their children often have to drop out of school to work so the family can eat.

The Church of South India (CSI) has for many years operated hostels to provide care and nourishment so that children from the surrounding villages can take advantage of state education, and be released from the poverty trap. But CSI now has no funding to do that.

We have already provided support and a self-sustaining funding model for the Boy's hostel in Bellary to allow children to go to school in that city, and we currently support another 40 youngsters by funding the hostel in Halvi, Andhra Pradesh. (The Bellary Girl's Home is securely funded through the rents from a commercial complex). Our next project is to repeat the Bellary project success to make the Prema Nivasa hostel in Halvi self-sustaining too.



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## WHERE IN THE WORLD?



## PREMA NIVASA HOSTEL

Prema Nivasa is situated just outside Halvi to the north of Bellary and provides a term-time home for 40 boys up to age 17. This means the children are not a financial burden on their family and pressured to drop-out of school to work – so losing out on a full education - meaning they themselves remain day labourers for life.

The hostel provides a supportive community with full-time staff who fulfil both physical and emotional care needs. Spiritual well-being is an important part of the curriculum along with leisure and life-skills. In addition to the warden, oversight of the hostel is provided by local General Medical Practitioner - Dr Irvin Emanuel.

The hostel costs of about £8,000 per year (£200 per boy) are currently fully funded by our *Break the Cycle* initiative through the kindness of our donors.

The aim of this next project is to repeat what we did for the Bellary hostel. We want to future-proof this hostel by establishing another revenue stream from property rental.

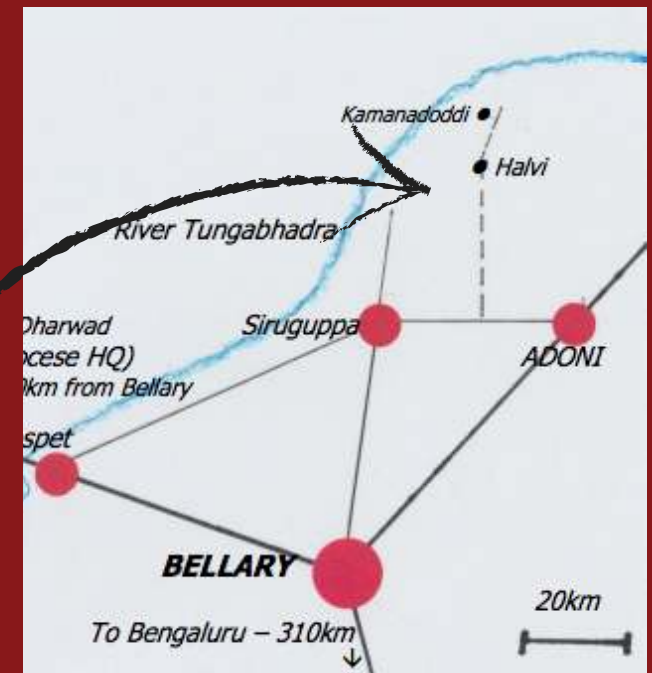
# Halvi, Andhra Pradesh

Halvi village is located in Kowthalam Tehsil of Kurnool district in Andhra Pradesh, India.

Halvi has a total population of 5,114 people and there are about a thousand homes. Adoni is the nearest town to Halvi which is approximately 40km away.

It is a rural village with agriculture as the main source of work for the, mostly, day-labourers in the village who remain financially very poor.

## WHERE IN SOUTH INDIA?



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# Sustaining the hostel facility

Photo: Bellary hostel boys returning from school



*"The 2005 shop building project in Bellary means the Boy's home there is self-sufficient from the rents received..."*

*...we want to extend the scheme to support Prema Nivasa hostel. This can be achieved by constructing offices above the shops (pictured) in what is now a very busy commercial area..."*

*...the work of the Prema Nivasa Hostel is so important to the agricultural workers of Halvi and the surrounding areas. It offers a life-changing opportunity for their children to break the cycle of poverty..."*

## OFFICE PROJECT OUTLINE

The initial Retail Shop building project in 2005 was engineered to prepare for a second floor to be built over the 17 shops. For Phase 1 we envisage constructing 12 office units, the rents for which will be sufficient to pay the running costs of the Halvi hostel. Ultimately, a further 6 units could be built in a further phase.

Some minor upgrades will be needed to the current property but this scheme should be accomplished without significant disruption to the current shop residents.

The office units will have separate access and car parking to the rear of the shops and there will be flexibility to rent single or multiple units.

Despite the impact of a global pandemic, local research suggests that there will be sufficient demand for office rentals in this busy area.

The legal rights to the land and buildings are controlled by our partner (CSI) and we are collaborating with them to expedite this project.

## PROJECT TIMINGS



The initial planning and budgeting for this project has taken place. We are ready to start.

Applications are in process for planning permission and we anticipate being ready to submit full plans for approval in early December 2020

We would hope to be recruiting tenants by the middle of 2021 for a December 2021 completion..





## OPERATIONAL COSTS

Prema Nivasa hostel and the land around it is provided by the Church of South India. The running costs of the hostel, food and clothing for the children, utilities and staff wages, are currently all paid by the *Break the Cycle* initiative.

The costs for 2020/21 have been allocated and provision has been made for 40 young people to be housed, clothed and given access to education - subject to the lifting of pandemic lockdown in the Kurnool region.

For 2021/22, c. **£12,000 (18 months running costs)** is needed to carry us over until the office rentals start to flow into the project

BSG costs are negligible as all work is done voluntarily. Almost 100% funds raised go directly to the support of beneficiaries of the *Break the Cycle* initiative.

## PROJECT FUNDING

The total cost of Phase 1 of the building project is £77,000. This will deliver 12 office units by the end of 2021, providing sufficient rental income to cover the Halvi hostel running costs.

Through the kindness of our regular donors and the support of charitable trusts we have £59,000 already waiting to invest in this project.

That means we still need **£16,000 to complete Phase 1** of the office building project and to secure the future of the Halvi hostel **plus £12,000 being 18 months running costs** whilst we build them.

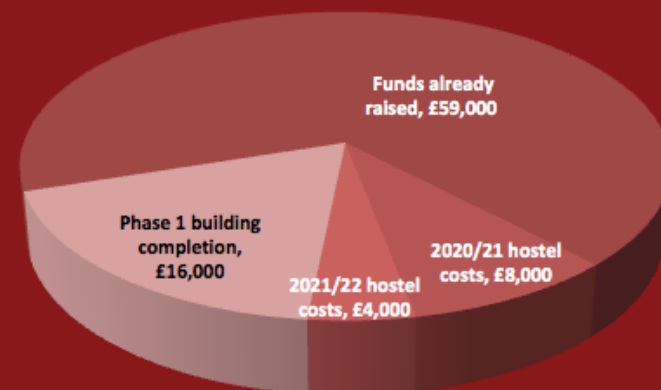
Photo: Halvi resident with his children



# What is needed?

## OUTSTANDING FUNDING

- Required to complete Phase 1 £16,000
- Hostel operational costs for 21/22 £12,000



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# How to help...

*"...Now herewith all the old boys of the hostel are expressing our gratefulness to you and trustees of BSG..."*

*...presently I am working as System Administrator in Bangalore and my friend works as Sales Manager in one of the top leading private banks in India..."*

*...We all say to you big thank you for your love and support for helping us for our education in the hostel on behalf of all our hostel friends and parents..."*

*Photo: Halvi hostel boys during India Day celebrations 2019*

## PERSONAL SUPPORT

Here are some ideas of how to help...

- Sponsorship/Scholarship: Would you consider sponsoring a young person at the hostel for 18 months (£300) - to cover the period before rental income begins? This could be either as a one-off sum or as a monthly (£18) direct debit.
- Personal Gifts: Of any size towards the £16,000 capital cost of building the offices to help to see the continuance of this most necessary provision for the long-term future.
- How about becoming a *Break the Cycle* champion in your Church - bringing news and updates to your congregation?

If you would like to help in some way - do get in touch with us or visit the website for more details - see over...

## GRANT FUNDING

We would love to hear from you as a Charitable Trust if you feel able to help us with our current *Break the Cycle* venture. A one-off grant to contribute to the building costs would allow us to proceed quickly to assure the continuance of this life-changing provision.

As a company, you may consider sponsorship of the building project - we would be delighted to discuss the benefits to you as an organisation of being involved in this initiative.



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