

Dear Mrs van Vliet, Mrs Harlow and the Mini Vinnies team

I am about to tell you all the wonderful but heart-breaking things I experienced while we went to the Orphanage in India.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to go and give the money raised by the Mini Vinnies, to this orphanage. This money will help lots of innocent children with different disabilities.

When we went to the Orphanage, we were very much privileged to be shown around the place. In every room we went, we saw people with a variety of disabilities. The ages ranged from a week old baby to over 90 year olds. The oldest person was 91 years old and this person helped Sr. Mary Litty, the foundress of LSDP (Little Sisters of the Divine Providence). Also, the patron saint of LSDP is St Joseph Cottolengo who was born and brought up in Turin, Italy. He lived from 1786-1842. LSDP has a total of 17 branches around Kerala, India .

Once we presented the cheque and the nappies/ milk powder we bought for the Orphanage (as requested by the sisters), we visited the chapel which is right next to the Orphanage. The speciality of this chapel is that they have had Eucharistic adoration 24 hours a day for the last 35 years from the time the congregation was born. Although they change the Blessed Sacrament every week, their prayers for the children have still continued for 35 years.

The money given to the orphanage will be used for many possible things such as buying a new stove as they still use the old- fashioned wood fired burners and have got to feed 200-300 children. They also have to buy food for the people there. This money can be used in many different ways. Don't you agree?

To summarise, the money has all gone for a great cause; to help children and adults with different disabilities in that Orphanage. Once again, I thank you greatly for allowing us to go and hand the money over to the orphanage. I hope we raise more money in the coming year too.

And on a very humble note I would like to remind everyone that we are very fortunate to have loving family and friends and I am very proud to be a part of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School who gave me this wonderful opportunity.

Yours sincerely
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