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## The Cross-stitch Corner

### February Focus: Our Work in India



This picture, from the Asian Mission Team's recent visit to India reminded me of that quote. For the last eight years Cross-stitch has been supporting 300 orphans in 20 various locations and congregations in India. \$5,000 is sent for them twice a year. That money provides new clothes and the school supplies that they need in order to attend school.



This is a typical bedroom. The children sleep on mats on the floor. The total sum of their belongings fit inside one of the metal boxes you see along the wall.

Though their earthly possessions are few, yet their joy shines through their faces.



Compare some of these pictures of their life with the lives of your children or grandchildren. What would we think if this was their classroom,



or if this were the kitchen preparing the meals that they get each day?



It is so nice to be able to “put a face” on some of those ladies.



You can see why we in the United States, who have such an abundance of God’s blessings, want to share them with the children of India. **Cross-stitch** makes it possible for one person/group/congregation to be able to help so many children. They are all part of the “communion of saints” along with you and me.

So whether as an individual, ladies’ group, Sunday school class, or congregation, please consider a contribution to Cross-stitch. Give it in memory of a loved one or in honor of a birthday or anniversary.



### Galatians 6:9-10

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

These people belong to the family of God.  
The proper time is – now.  
Your opportunity comes through Cross-stitch.

Please send your donations to:

**Cross-stitch**  
**6 Browns Ct.**  
**Mankato, MN 56001**

### *Lace Products*

Some of you in the past have given a generous “donation” for handmade lace products, whether it was at synod convention, at a women’s mission rally, or maybe at your congregation. The proceeds from the “sale” of this lace were sent for the support of widows in our congregations in India. They do not have a social security system to support them.