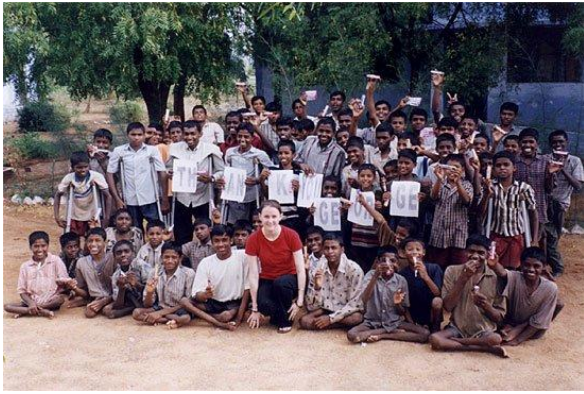


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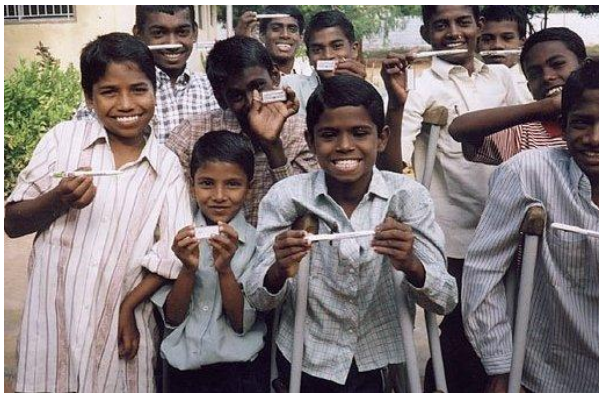
On my last trip to India in January 2003, my 19 year old daughter Alex, who is taking a gap-year before going to university, flew out with me to Chennai and, after a short tour along the east coast of



Tamil Nadu and an overnight train journey, we arrived at the boys' home in Tirunelveli where she stayed with me for two weeks. She worked hard to save for her fare and visa which came to over £600, but as you can see from the photographs she definitely looks as though it was worth it!

I am delighted that each year, when I visit the boys' home, local businesses as well as individual families generously donate gifts which I take

out to India. This year The Bath Chronicle kindly donated pens and keyrings, Tridias and The Early Learning Centres at Bath and Trowbridge gave various toys and George Stone at Mace Store Winsley Road gave his usual supply of sweets for the boys.



Dr Karuna Chelliah has written to tell

me that, with the help of our fundraising, an open air education and recreation playground has been completed on the campus and was opened in May 2003. This will be of great benefit to the boys at the home as well as the local village children who come to play. He also tells me that all the boys and staff in the home are doing very well. The boys who were promoted to the higher classes are very happy and a self employment scheme in the home is running successfully. One of the church members has offered to teach electrical skills to the boys and a



retired school teacher is tutoring them in knitting, cover

making, basket making and many other craft works.

Last year was the marriage of Senior Warden Sam Annadurai to his bride Pilomi. This year I can announce the birth of their lovely little daughter Jasmine!

