



## LETTER FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

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The 125 Years Celebration of Mukti is a very extraordinary milestone for all of us. This special Souvenir edition of the Mukti Kiran is designed to give you an overview of the history and also what is currently happening at Mukti. As I look back over the years, the Lord has enabled Mukti to grow in leaps and bounds. All of the unutilized land is now put to great use and this has made the encroachers shudder.

Mukti's special mandate is "creating beauty out of ashes" which is taken from Is. 61:3. When society has no place for the marginalized of our community, Mukti stretches forth her arm and accepts these people, irrespective of their background, and treats them with love and dignity.

It was Pandita Ramabai's desire and dream to spread out into other parts of India. However, in some of her writings, she shares that if she had the resources, she could have had more Mukti homes in other states.

Well, with gratitude in my heart, I am pleased to report that at the time of publishing this magazine, we have 18 centres spread over 8 states of India. Narainpur, in Chattisgarh was our first expansion home for tribal children and with the support given by friends and prayer partners, other centres mushroomed over a period of time.

It is amazing to see how one woman, whose life overflowed with love, compassion and dedication, was used by God for the cause of the orphans and widows. As a simple instrument in the hands of the Master Potter, the Lord used her marvelously to shape broken lives and make them whole again.

Readers, we hope you will bear with us for any errors committed, or omission of any important people or information. This magazine is brought about while we are undergoing much stress and tension, concerning the four lane and six lane project. I personally thank each one of you for your generous support and cooperation with regard to the peace marches and other support given to us. "Man proposes but God disposes" is a favourite phrase we all use which is backed up in Ps. 33:10 – "The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nought; He makes the thoughts and plans of the people of no effect."

In conclusion, I'd like to quote from Zec. 4:6 "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord of hosts." Thank you for your partnership and expecting your continuous association with us.

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