

**NITYA SEVA** was formed as an association on the 13th of June 1998. True to its name (in Hindi NITYA SEVA means continuous and selfless service), the aims of the association are to give selfless and continuous help to the disadvantaged sections of the society, not only for their social and financial upliftment, but also in the areas of health awareness, cultural exchange and support during crises. Preservation of the environment is also an area, for which NITYA SEVA has pledged to extend all support.

A part of the donations received by the association are meant for the "Helpers of Mary", an Indian organisation, for the running of various childrens homes, building of slum schools and for helping the victims of leprosy and AIDS.

Through another Indian Organisation - Pragati Prathistan -, NITYA SEVA helps to support Adivasi Children.

In November 1999 in Bhopal / India, Claus D. and Asha von der Fink have established an association, officially registered under the name **NITYA SEVA SOCIETY**.

NITYA SEVA SOCIETY runs project AASHIRWAD (blessing in Hindi) for the needy street children in Bhopal. The society is specially looking after the needs of around 360 children, who live on the railway platforms and along the railway lines and survive on the food thrown away by the travellers.

The "Railway Platform Children", mostly with no relatives, are between the ages of 5 and 18 years. They are malnourished, suffer not only from serious skin and other diseases, but also nurse a badly hurt soul. Among these children are drug and alcohol addicts and also children who are forced into prostitution.

NITYA SEVA Society takes these children under its protection, gives them a home and support for a better future.

The Society at present is running two homes for the street, slum and platform children in Bhopal and provides them

- > a roof over their heads and a home
- > social, emotional and physical security and opportunities for further development
- > a comfortable sleeping place
- > facilities for washing and bathing
- > regular medical support
- > proper clothes
- > nourishing warm meals
- > facilities for school education and vocational training
- > opportunities for a meaningful life within the group and participation in civic activities, and to develop an open mind and a respect for different cultures and religions.

In September 2003 the society has started the construction of a new home for 115 children. The building was ceremoniously inaugurated on the 3rd of August 2004 (see under news).

In addition the Society runs two free computer schools for the slum and street children to provide them better employment opportunities.