

An opportunity to make a difference



Dear Friends,

Peace be with you all. I am so excited and thankful that we have the opportunity to make a real difference in other people's life. Br. Martin reached out to us with the following project: Four homes of workers in Shantivanam had to be torn down because they were falling apart. Lets rebuild the homes for these 4 families that have been working at Shantivanam for many, many years and have touched our lives when we visited these sacred grounds.

Ramalingam - who has been washing our cloths and touched all of us with his joyous contentment.

Mary - who has been feeding our bodies and soul by putting her love into the food she has been preparing for us.

Pavuja - who has been cleaning our rooms; often being a translator to many of us when we tried to communicate with other workers since her command of the English language is far better than any of our Tamil; and her husband tailoring many of our Indian outfits.

Amirtharaj - to many of us know as Raj, often serving food to us, always having the most beautiful smile and what many of us don't know - every day faithfully delivering food and milk to the old age home.



Lets build a house



\$300 will buy all the sand needed for one house & foundation



\$350 will pay for all the bricks needed for one house



\$500 will pay for all the wood work needed for one house



\$450 will pay for all the cement needed for one house & foundation



\$200 will pay for all the tiles needed to roof one house



\$350 will pay for all the stones needed for one house & foundation



\$500 will pay for all the wages needed to build one house



your giving changes life

Imagine ...

what difference a relatively small amount of money can make.

Each home costs just a little more than \$2500.

There are different ways to make your contribution, you can wire money directly to Shantivanam.

Swift Code: SBININBB467

Name of Bank: State Bank of India

Account Holder: Saccidananda Ashram

Account Number: 10848480873

Address of Bank: State Bank of India

Main Branch, Tiruchirapalli 620001

Tamilnadu, India

Another option is to mail a check to me or send money via Paypal - I will then bring your contribution to Shantivanam in late December, where I will spend 2 months working together with the ashram workers on the organic farming Br. Martin has been implementing for the past 2 years. Please contact me if you like to take advantage of this most economical choice.

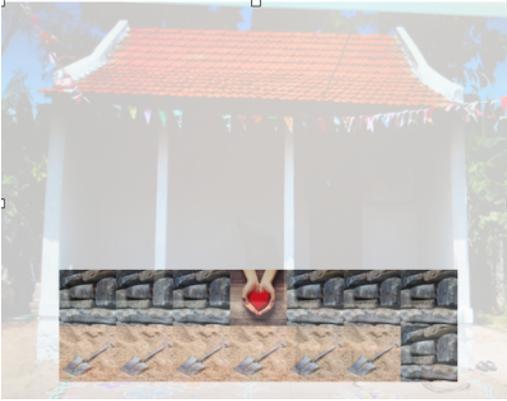
If you choose to mail money directly to Shantivanam it would be great if you let us know you did so, so we can report on the progress of building these homes.

Please feel free to ask me any questions - my email is iris@offeringsfromtheheart.com or reach out to Br. Martin if you have any questions.

We will update you weekly about the progress we are making. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we can deliver these homes by Christmas?

To make your giving more visible, we will show each contribution reflected in tiles. Each tile equals \$50. The number of tiles moved into the image of the house, reflects how far we have come.

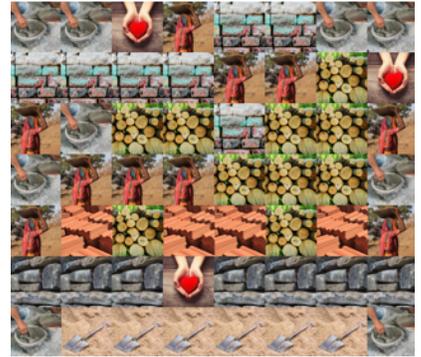
With deep gratitude for a generous donation of \$700 from Rebecca Nunley, we are starting out with almost having paid for the entire foundation of the first house.



\$1950 to go
until
Amirtharaj's
house is built



\$2650 to go
until *Mary's*
house is built



\$2650 to go
until
Pavulja's
house is built



\$2650 to go
until
Ramalingam's
house is built

