



# Glenn Gazette

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## Special points of interest:

- Alana's Blogs are now online!!
- [www.glennfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.glennfamilyfoundation.org)
- Meet some of the Glenn Family...

## Alana's "Blogs" are now online...

Alana Nicol has been in India for 2 weeks now and has been writing regular updates for us all to follow her journey volunteering for the GFF. You can log on to [www.glennfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.glennfamilyfoundation.org) to read her thoughts, observations and experiences but we've included the first one here in the Newsletter as a taster to get you started....

### DAY 1: Alana to INDIA! Jan 31st 08

Words cannot describe India, each place, each feeling, each smell is met with a juxtaposition of the other.

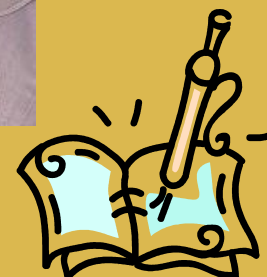
We arrived late last night in Kolkata. Instantly the thick smell of India went through my nostrils. Oh, the pong. Thick, smelly, dirty pong. As soon as we walked out the airport door I was swamped by grubby little kids begging for money and porters trying to pull my bags in every direction. I took a deep breath and prayed to the good Lord that he would show me compassion, for these grubby little faces are the whole reason of my being in India.

Today we made our journey to Kalimpong, a hill side station located in the Himalaya ranges. We flew into Bagdogra and were met by two representatives of the Glenn Family Foundation who gave us each a welcome gift of a peach silk scarf and a bunch of orchards. We then embarked on the long windy and somewhat dangerous 75km journey creeping up the misty Himalaya ranges. Although Kalimpong is only 75km for the airport it still takes 3.5

hrs to drive as the roads are narrow and extremely twisty. We made our way up the mountains and the view took my breath away. With deep gorges, misty mountains and 15<sup>th</sup> century bridges, I couldn't help but feel like I had stepped back in time. Well, that was until I noticed all the Kit Kat advertisements posted over the mountainside and I suddenly warped back to the 21<sup>st</sup> century!!

Upon arriving at the CLUNY convent we were met with the most warming celebration. The orphaned children of the convent lined the road leading to the administration building clapping their hands in their best tribal costumes. We were then blessed with a traditional dance and sandalwood dots were placed on our heads with bright orange carnation lays placed around our necks. The children then made a line for us to walk through and there was more singing and dancing and their smiles were so bright that the whole gesture brought tears to all of our eyes.

Sister Declan explained to me that most of these children were either orphaned or snatched from child labour. One child in particular was rescued from growing up in a prison. He had spent the last 3 years in there with his mother, he is barely four years old. Each of these kids have their own hardships and stories and as I sat there listening to their sweet angelic voices I couldn't help but feel for them, they have already started pulling at the strings of my heart.



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*To give hope where there is despair  
To teach the hungry how to feed themselves  
To educate those that want to learn  
To provide medical resources to the sick  
To nurture spiritual enhancement & faith  
To develop self esteem and pride  
To provide a self supporting life style  
To encourage family to become the base  
of a community*

### Meet some of the Glenn's — Owen's 6 Children...



**Suze Glenn**



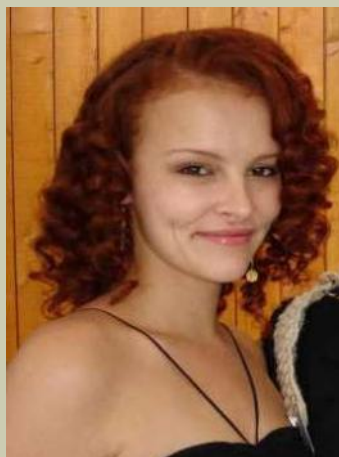
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