



Thank you for visiting 44 Flip-Flops Project. While visiting my teacher in Kerala, India during one of the first trips there, I was taken to an orphanage that 22 children call home. It was nothing more than a shack with four rooms made into an office, a class-room, sleep/study quarters and a small kitchen cramped into an area of approximately 80 by 60 square feet.



After speaking with the principal, I learned that it takes approximately \$800 a month to cover base expenses such as food, rent, electricity and salaries for the three people running the orphanage. After donating a monthly operating expense, in return I received the usual “Namaste” and then the principal, (a man in his 60s), leaned down on his knees and touched my feet.

According to the Chinese Medicine that I practices, shock is an emotion that initially affects the heart, and that exactly what it did. I committed to supporting \$500 of the operating budget of this small community on monthly basis, and two years later it continues to thrive and flourish. A photography initiative ‘Canvas for a Cause’ devotes 100% of the proceeds for any sale directly to the project. Please see <http://markgutkin.com/> and click on humanitarian work tab.

If you’d like to help with monthly expenses no contribution is too small. Please reach out by phone or email if you have questions regarding this project.



Thank you,
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