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Meraj is disabled but bright

When Project Mala first started in India 30 years ago, we had many children coming to us with post polio deformities and other disabilities. Being disabled is a disadvantage in any society, but more so in rural India. Today polio is almost eliminated, so we are surprised whenever we find a disabled child amongst the 1,500 children who apply for enrolment to our primary schools each year.



We recognise the problem of being disabled and give priority to any handicapped children. We feel that if they are educated then they have a chance of getting a job and are likely to be less of a burden on their families. We were, therefore, delighted when Meraj, a young disabled boy, did not need any favours and passed the screening test with ease. He has been offered a place in our Guria Primary School and will start on the 1 April. Meraj is the youngest of five siblings, some of whom are

past Project Mala students. Meraj lives 3 kilometers away in the village of Babu Sarai, where his father is a carpet weaver. He clearly can't walk to school so we will buy him a hand cycle when he starts.

If you know anyone that would be interested in this newsletter please pass it on.

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