



Child & Family Welfare Foundation

A Project for the Disabled & Polio Affected

Pranay's treatment and building a new home for their family



Left: Pranay, 15 years old, is showing the disability in his left arm at the time of being registered for free treatment under CFWF. Below: Dr. Desai examining Pranay thoroughly. He is suffering from deformities due to Polio, contracted at the age of four months. CFWF assistant Nisha S. with Anita are looking on in the back with interest as the diagnosis is being given. Right: Pranay after the surgery in the patients ward of Shraddha Clinic, recuperating with good care but looking a bit worried.



Pranay lives in a small village just behind our society. His mother Jayshree came to us some time back, taking up the daily job of sweeping and mopping the floors of our home. We then came to know that Pranay, the youngest of her three sons is disabled. More than that, Jayshree had lost her husband some years ago. Life's been difficult for her and her boys, she works hard to support them and make a living. Jayshree is appreciative that Pranay got registered with CFWF for free treatment.

At the age of four months Pranay contracted the Polio virus, which left him with some deformities, paralysis on his left side. He limps with every step, he cannot walk fast and has difficulty using his left arm and hand. Because of his disability he missed some of his schooling earlier on, his school being a long way off. He is now studying in 6th Grade. These following operations and steps were given in his diagnosis with the aim to increase usage/mobility of his left arm/hand by 70% or more:

1) 'Max-Page' release OP in the left arm, below the elbow. 2) 'Wrist-Fusion' surgery. 3) 'Left thumb Adductor' deformity release operation. Pranay has completed the 1st stage with good progress. The 2nd and 3rd operation have just been carried out and if all goes well, Pranay may complete the treatment without an additional tendon release OP to achieve the desired improvement in his right arm.

It so happened that during Pranay's treatment their old mud house needed to be rebuilt from scratch. The old house wasn't going to make it through another monsoon. 'All hands on deck', everyone in the village helped, mud bricks were made nearby and brought to the site by the girls, carrying each a few on their heads. The construction of a mud house is the most environment-friendly and definitely safer to live in during an earthquake! It can even be made quite homey. Pranay's new home is now bigger, they enlarged the borders and now they have a good home for another 7-10 years. We sometimes wish we could still live a little more simple like that too.



Picture-Log:

- 1) Josef & Nisha S. of CFWF with Jayshree, mother of Pranay. On the left, in the back is their already partly demolished old mud house.
- 2) 'As a team we do it better' Villagers join hands in building the foundation and walls in just about a week's time.
- 3) After the walls dried out for more than one month, the roof got added and the new house was almost ready.
- 4) Pranay is proud of his new home. In the front is a pot of cow-dung (called Gobar). This is used for plastering the outside walls, a natural way of protecting the structure from early decay, giving it a lifespan of 7-10 years.

