**Name of the House:** AMMA VODI ASHRAM

 Amma = Mother

 Vodi = Lap

 Ashram = House of prayer

**Started in:** 2000

**Address:** Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, India.

**Started by:** Fr. Simon Manjooran

**In Charge:** Mr. Raja, Mrs. Kiran

 5 Resident Volunteers

**Number of Children:** 80/100 – boys and girls (fluctuates)

**Type of children:** Homeless orphans

 Runaway kids

 Abandoned children

 Abused children

 Rescued children (from gangs/prostitution)

**Purpose:** Provide them a home

 In a ‘family climate’ of love and care

 Educate them to Catholic values

 Give them a good education

 Settle them in life (marriage/job/family)

 Try to relocate them in their families if possible

**Expenses:** House rent/ Education/ Food/ Medicine/ Clothes/ Salary.

**Age group:** From 4 years to 22 years old.

**Supported by:** Local donors (provide food/clothes)

 Catholic schools that give admission and fee concessions

 Young people who volunteer to help.

 Occasional donations from good hearted persons

Fr. Simon’s savings

**Project**: **Putting up 2 small houses for these children**