

C H I N M A Y A M I S S I O N W E S T

FROM THE DESK OF SWAMI TEJOMAYANANDA



Dear Chinmaya Family,

Hari OM! Greetings from *Krishnalaya!*

Herewith is some very important information that I would like to share with you all.

The all-encompassing, compassionate vision of Pujya Gurudev motivated him to take up projects of social service in rural India, starting with Sidhbari. In order to expand this work, we founded an independent Trust in India, in the year 2003, named CORD (Chinmaya Organization for Rural Development). This facilitated us to obtain funds from sources other than our Mission who support social and educational causes rather than religious and spiritual ones.

We in the U.S. felt the need of establishing a similar nonprofit organization to support the aforementioned projects in India, Sri Lanka, and USA. To achieve this objective, in the year 2009, we formed CORD USA. Please note that CORD USA is our own wing, and as such, you all should support it wholeheartedly. It will enable us to reach out to other philanthropic persons, institutions, and funding agencies—without harming centers' main spiritual work. In fact, it will only enhance our Mission's image in the community. All other details about CORD USA, and the role that all centers can play, will be communicated to you. Please respond positively when you hear from Subha Pathial, Secretary of CORD USA.

Thank you.

With Prem and OM,

Tejomayananda