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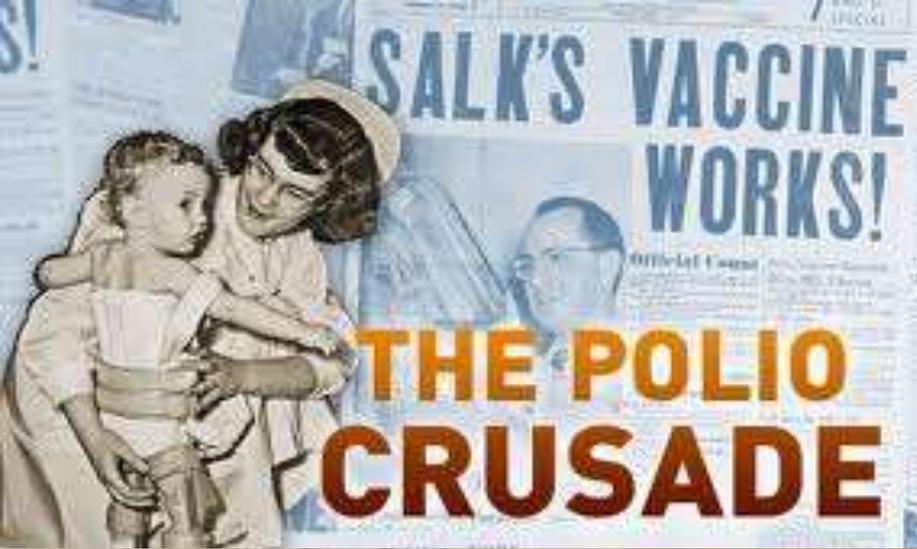


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*The Orphanage of
Families for Children*

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Adoption battle ends in joy

EDMONTON (CP) — A 14-month battle by a bishop to adopt a handicapped East Indian boy ended in an airport terminal when Rt. Rev. Ron Ferris hugged his new son.

Ferris, Anglican bishop of Whitehorse, refused to accept an immigration department ruling that he couldn't adopt 2-year-old Ramesh because the boy had had polio and couldn't walk properly.

Eventually, Ferris appealed to Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy who issued a special ministerial order allowing Ramesh into the country.

Hug and kiss

And yesterday, the battle was made worthwhile when Ferris saw his new son for the first time at Edmonton airport and gave the shy little boy a comforting hug and kiss.

And that was just a taste of what is to come for the little boy from a Madras orphanage when he arrives at his new home in the Yukon. The bishop's wife and their five other children are waiting to give him a big welcome.

The other children are also adopted. Three were born in Canada and two in India.

"Everybody back home will be so excited to see him," Ferris said happily. "We've been waiting over a year.

"We never dreamed the Canadian government would block adoption of a handicapped child."



Good to see you, son: It took 14 months for Bishop Ron Ferris to get approval to adopt 2-year-old Ramesh from an orphanage in India. But it was worth the trouble yesterday when they met for the first time yesterday at Edmonton Airport and Ferris gave his new son a fatherly kiss.

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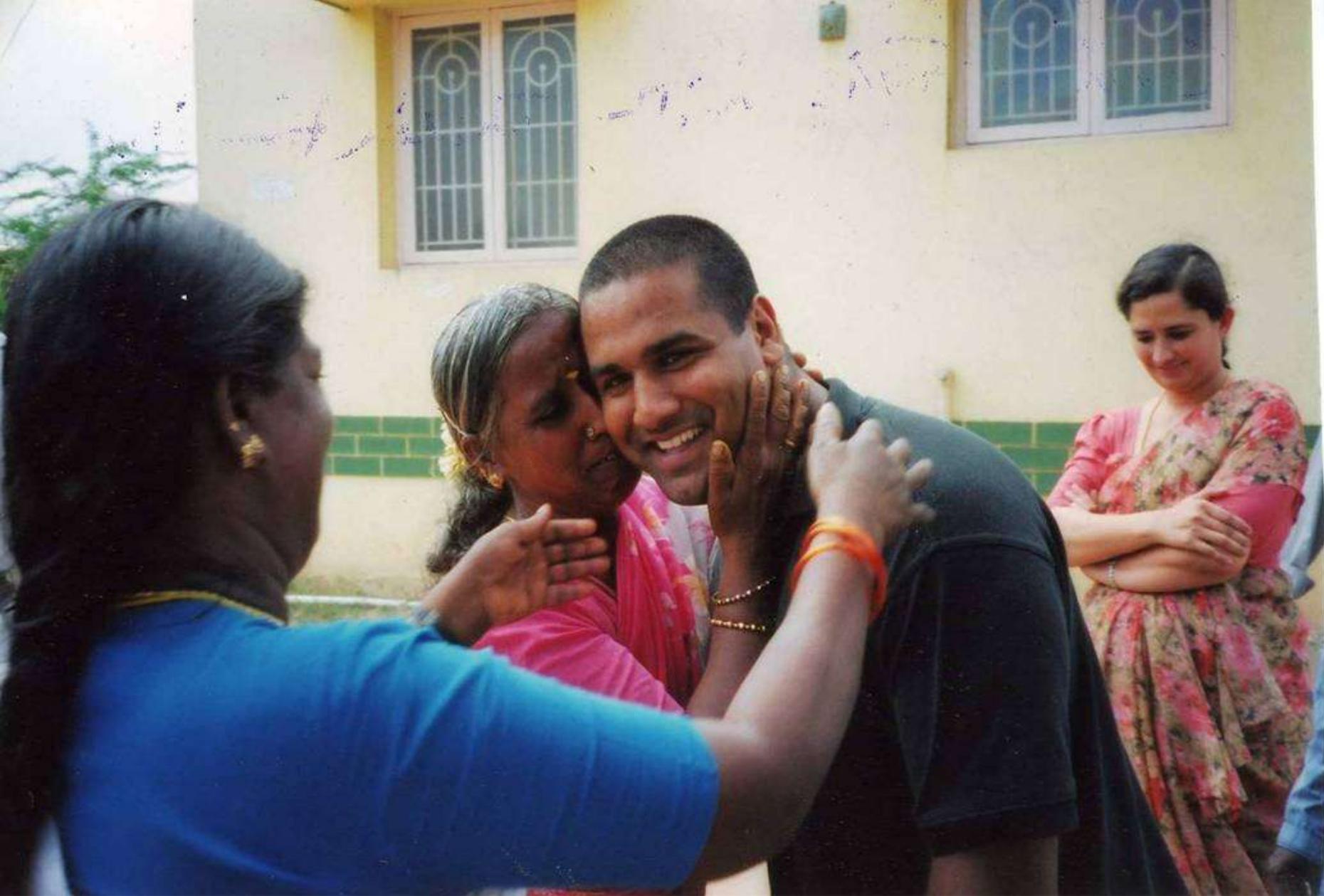
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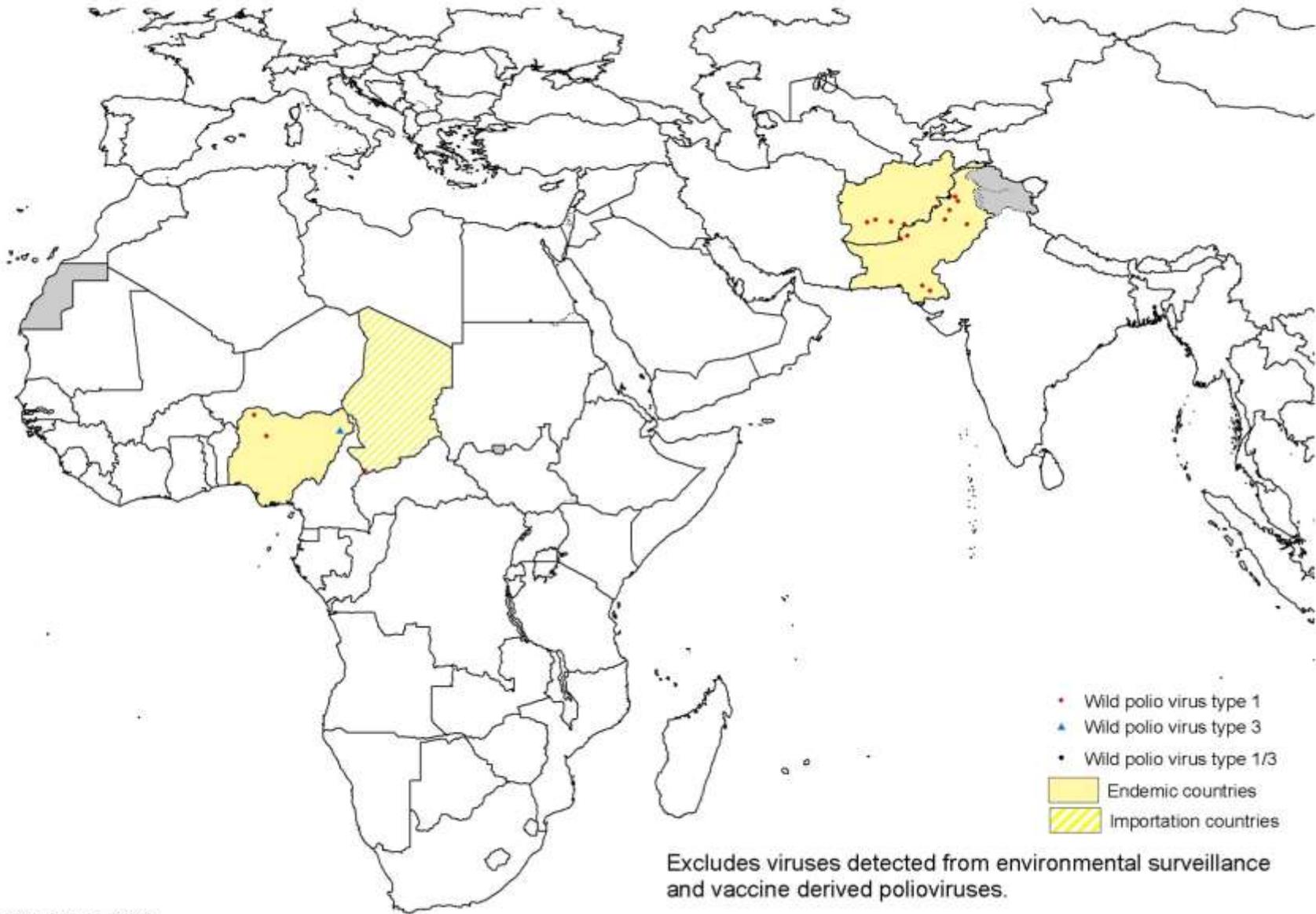
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2011

A world map with a black background and white outlines of continents. The year '2011' is written in red in the center. Two countries are highlighted in red: Nigeria in West Africa and India in South Asia. All other countries are in white.

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Wild Poliovirus - 2012



Excludes viruses detected from environmental surveillance and vaccine derived polioviruses.

POLIO CASE COUNT

2011-650- Cases

As of March 7th, 2012:

22- Cases of polio reported to date

- Chad- 1

Cases from endemic countries:

- Pakistan - 12
- Afghanistan - 4
- Nigeria - 5



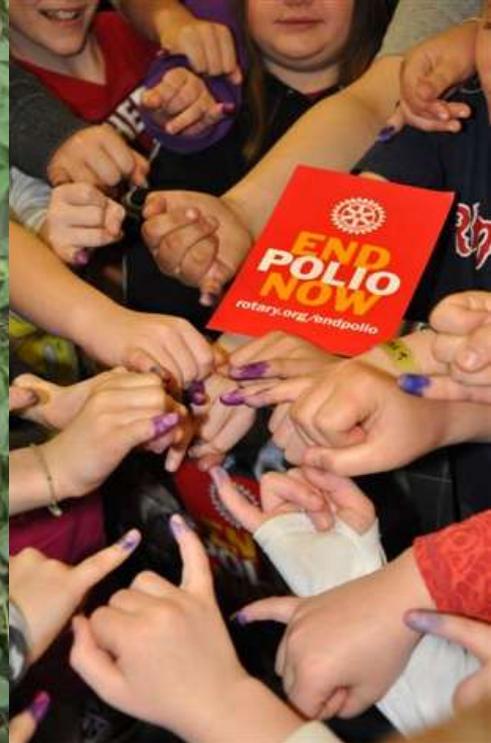


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OUR WORLD
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An additional 10 million children will be paralyzed in the next 40 years (WHO)

