



NEWS FROM HOINA HOMES OF THE INDIAN NATION

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Are You?

By Darlene D. Large, HOINA President

I saw a child, who asked for bread,
His shirt was torn.
He had no bed.
A starving child with burned out hair,
Whose eyes were blind.
Did no one care?
Where are those
 who would love this lamb?
Who would save one soul?
Who would share God's plan?
Are you that person?
Are you the
one
who would help get
this one job done?
Are you?

~ By Darlene D. Large ~

In September I was working on a photo book compiling all of our present-day HOINA kids. It took me many weeks to assemble all of the information and photos. Jani, our office manager, helped with their histories. I thought back over the past, nearly 40 years of HOINA's work—work that included polio handicapped children, blind and deaf children, orphaned and semi-orphaned children. As I read their stories, I found myself in tears. They had suffered so much pain. How could they ever grow up to be normal, healthy adults? As I pondered these thoughts in my office one day, Hema appeared at my door with this letter in hand for you, our readers.



Hema

Hello,
I am Hema.
When I came to HOINA, I was 13 years old. Now I am going on 18. Before I came to HOINA, I never think that I will complete my +2 (12th) grade. I completed my +2 recently, and now I am taking coaching for my entrance exams for my M.B.B.S. It is my dream. If I were in my family home, it is impossible for

me to do this, because I have no parents and know only that my relations also won't care about me. By God's grace, I came to HOINA, and I am studying for my dream to become a doctor. Think, just once, without parents, how an orphaned child in India can reach her dream ... MBBS. But through HOINA I am reaching my goal. Thank you, HOINA. And thank you Auntie Antje [Hema's sponsor] and to all who help us. Thank you so much.

Love,
V. Hema Vathi

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As I worked more on the book, I had a call from Krishna. He is a professor in Guntur College here in our state and will soon receive his Ph.D. in microbiology. I thought about all the graduates who had MBA degrees and master's degrees in other subjects. How had we done it? By Gods grace, of course, and with your help. Would you consider making a donation to further our other students' dreams of higher education? If so, please see the coupon on the back page.

Dear Mom,

My name is N. Krishna. I am from a poor family, and I lost my father at my childhood. I have two brothers and one sister. My mother used to go to [rice] paddy fields to do agricultural labor to earn money for our daily needs. In my childhood, I liked very much to play with my friends rather than studying and also didn't like to go to school regularly, because in the school teachers were always punishing me due to my carelessness. One day my uncle gave me some money for the purpose of home needs, but having that money in pocket I escaped from my village to somewhere and they found me after a week. From that day onwards my mother used to send me to the paddy fields to do agricultural activities, but it was not my interest. Fortunately, in 1987 she found the HOINA organization. At that time I was second grade student, but I didn't know even alphabets properly. Gradually, I trusted in Jesus to solve my problem and finally, having my teacher's supports I became clever student. My God has done miracle in my life. From that day onwards I have been first in all aspects, and I have strong aspiration to be in good position.

After 5th grade, we HOINA children awakened at morning 5 o'clock, carrying on our chores, conducting pray and breakfast. Then we dispersed to school. While my friends waked up at that time, I used to wake up at



Krishna

early morning 3 o'clock to read my subjects and Bible until five when I joined my friends. Actually, I was very poor in mathematics subject when I was 8th class, but after several exercises, giving attention to this particular subject, I stood first in mathematics. The management of HOINA announced that students who scored excellent marks in their examination would earn an educational trip to Chennai. Yes, I was one of the good achievers and visitors to the big city!

Again when I was 10th class, I used to help two HOINA handicapped children to school and back on a bicycle which was given to me as an assignment from our management. Until that time, I didn't know why, for whom, and what purpose is education, meaning I had no plans or goals. After several advices from HOINA staff, I planned for my future profession. Subsequently, I joined [junior] college coursework. While on holidays, I used to do agricultural works to earn money. I accomplished that course with first class marks. At the age of seventeen years old, I had a strong desire to become a Doctor and joined B.Sc. degree with the combination of Botany, Zoology and Chemistry subjects.

The Intermediate and Degree education life was quite hazardous from those early days, because of my young age, but God guided me to go on the right way. When I accomplished my B.Sc. degree in 2001, from the basis of my hard work, I received first class marks and won the first "HOINA HERO" award. Soon after finishing my degree Mom provided me a job in the year of

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2001. I joined HOINA organization being an expert of helper. Then with the help of Mom, I joined B. Ed. degree program. During this period I lost my mother. At that time I had no interest to continue my education because of psychological disturbance, but having continued to pray for advices I came to decision that was to continue my B. Ed. degree with help of God's grace.

After successful graduation, I joined back at HOINA as assistant warden. Still I had strong desire to study the Post Graduate (P.G.) degree, but it was too expensive for me. Eventually I scored good results in entrance exams, and I explained my conditions to Mom and Papa. Without any agitation they had HOINA pay for my fees for one year of my P.G. education.

While I was studying post graduate, I worked as a tutor and as a driver for my daily needs. With the help of God, I graduated from my degree program being first class with distinction in the year of 2007. Later I joined as a lecturer for the Department of Botany. While I was teaching, I had dream to be Ph.D. Then as per my interest, dream, and long vision, I joined Acharya Nagarjuna University as a research scholar Ph.D. student. I struggled a lot to do research work, but with help of my research supervisor and colleagues from my previous college I was able to manage all research activities and challenges. My major activity targeted on marine Actinomycetes. I successfully completed my Ph.D. study and submitted my research findings to the department for dissertation.

My future plan is to be scientist and to stand beside my HOINA with my level best.

I would like to thank the below listed individuals and organization who were on the side of me when the time was critical to me.

My gratitude goes to my God, Mom and Papa Large, HOINA organization, supervisor and colleagues, and my HOINA brothers who were morally and economically with me.

Once again thanks to everybody; may God provide good health to you.

Thanking you,
N. Krishna

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Pray for Amy

Please note that our HOINA Board Secretary, Amy Mowbray was in a bicycle accident recently and is recuperating from her broken ribs. Our office work may be somewhat slowed down while other volunteers cover Amy's duties. We appreciate your patience and prayers for Amy's healing.



Those of you who sponsor HOINA children love to send them gifts during the holidays. However, for the sake of our children who haven't yet been blessed with sponsors (and because overseas shipping is expensive and unreliable), we ask you to consider making a gift to HOINA's Christmas Fund instead.

HOINA's Christmas Fund allows us to buy gifts for all of our children—making sure each boy and girl receives something special—and, when funds allow, to give bonuses to our Indian staff members who do so much to run our homes with dignity and love.

Consider sending a gift—any amount would be a blessing—to HOINA's Christmas Fund with the coupon on the back page. As always, your generosity is such a blessing. You make HOINA's important work in India possible, and we are so deeply grateful.

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Duvvi Mahita was born on November 30, 2000. Would you like to be her best birthday present ever? Our kids don't all have sponsors, but they would all LIKE to have one! Sponsoring an older child means that you will help ensure that she will be able to move forward in her life as you've read about Hema and Krishna in this month's feature article.

Mahita's parents were married in 1998. Unfortunately, her father was an alcoholic and left his family. Mahita and her mother moved in with her mother's parents. The grandfather worked as a rickshaw puller but could not make enough money to care for his

daughter and her children. Mahita's mother approached HOINA and asked us to care for the children.

Mahita likes rabbits, the color blue, and playing board games. Someday she wants

to be a teacher. With your help she'll achieve that goal and pour into some other young person's life.

You can request to sponsor Mahita by returning the coupon on this page to our office in Pennsylvania with your first monthly donation of \$30.



Duvvi Mahita