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HOINA Students Build Their Future Through Education

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We often feature HOINA's "cute kids," because of their photogenic qualities; however, in last month's newsletter and in coming issues, we will feature a number of our higher education students. We hope that by hearing their needs and dreams, you will be inspired to help us to defray the costs of their continuing education. As they learn and mature, they will become productive citizens, helping India's economy to grow while they become self-sufficient.

K. Ram 10+2 Second Year – Pilot



"My name is Ram. I came to HOINA when I was in 6th standard [grade]. At that time I decided I wanted to be a pilot. After I complete my current studies, I want to join degree program and prepare to join the Air Force as a pilot. Before I came to HOINA, my parents once took me by flight. I saw so many times how to drive a car, but I never saw how to drive a plane. After the first time I flew, I decided to be a pilot because I think it's so exciting to be up in the air. I want to be in the Air Force because I want to protect my country.

When I was in 1st standard, my mom and dad passed away in an accident. Then I was sent to my uncle's house. My uncle has three sons and three daughters. It was too difficult for them to educate their own six kids, so they would never have been able to give me the education I needed to become a pilot in the Air Force. I came to HOINA, where they gave me good education so I can reach my goal. I feel very good now. I don't think that I would become a pilot if I didn't come to HOINA. Being here gives the confidence that I can become a pilot and make my country proud.

Thank you for supporting me for my education and giving me books to study well. I want to thank Mom because she has changed many lives. There are so many Indians who cannot do what Mom did here. I also want to say thank you for sponsors who sponsored me for education and for food and for everything. And lastly, I want to thank the staffs and older HOINA brothers because they helped teach me many good things, like how to study and how to maintain discipline."

– K. Ram

G. Kota Veni

Bachelor of Commerce

“I am G. Kota Veni. I recently completed my 10+2 intermediate studies [the equivalent of a high school graduation in the U.S.]. I just started my Bachelor of Commerce degree this August. I would love one day to become the manager of a bank. If I am able to achieve my dream, I will be able to give back someday to those who gave so much to me. I want to be in a position to give back to HOINA and support other children who are like me. Education is a way for poor people to rise out of their current condition and change their path of life.”

- G. Kota Veni



A. Ravi

10+2 Second Year – Bank Manager



“My aim is bank manager. Next year I will begin my Bachelor’s of Commerce degree. After that I want to get my Master’s degree in Chartered Accounts. Then I will apply for jobs in banks. When I become a bank manager, I want to give loans to poor people and those in need so I can help poor families.

When I was in 9th class, my brother and I went to a bank because my brother wanted to apply for a loan. The bank manager gave him a lot of issues and problems. The manager made him come again and go back again because they always used to tell him, ‘You don’t have the right papers.’ When he went the next day, the bank

manager asked him to bring more papers. He made my brother come and go for 15 days. I learned that day that the bank managers always like to take advantage of the poor people, and they don’t give equal opportunities. So I want to change that. I want to make sure all people are treated equally. I want to help poor people to get immediate help and not be pushed to the side.

After I lost both of my parents, I was staying with my aunt. I was 13 years old at that time. My aunt told me to stop studying and go for mechanical work. My brother told me not to do that mechanical work, and he sent me to HOINA. Comparing home and HOINA, there are so many differences: HOINA has so many opportunities and facilities. My aunt’s home doesn’t have any of that. At her house I have to sleep down on the floor. Their family is big, but the house is so small. Seven family members share three small rooms, and the roof is made of thin metal sheets. When I was at home, I thought I could not reach my goal; but when I came to HOINA, I felt like I could reach my dreams. I am so happy I found HOINA. HOINA is the best place.”

- A. Ravi

We hope what these students have written will inspire you to tackle a new challenge, to take up a new skill, to learn something new that delights you. When you do, would you consider helping to defray the costs of our students’ futures? Just because they leave HOINA’s walls, doesn’t mean our commitment to them ends. You can help them have a better future by sending your gift with the coupon on page four.

Abandoned and Awaiting Rescue

The first of our two brothers featured this month is Kanugula Sai Ram, who just turned 11 on June 2nd. He joined HOINA last summer, and we are still awaiting a sponsor for him and his brother. Sai Ram likes the color red, and he hopes to be a police officer someday. Since his favorite animal is a lion, perhaps he has the courage to do just that when he grows up. Sai Ram's brother Dileep, was nine years old on August 19th. His favorite color is blue, and he likes to play volleyball. He favors his brother's ideas for future plans. He, too, would like to serve on a police force in India.

Mr. Chandra Mouli and Mrs. Hemalatha Kanugula got married on February 23, 2003. The boys' father was an electrician by trade, but he was also an alcoholic. The couple were blessed with their two sons. Unfortunately, both husband and wife argued daily over Mr. Kanugula's drinking.

In May of 2016, Mr. Kanugula asked his mother for 100 rupees for alcohol. When she refused him, her son told her that if she

wouldn't give him any money, he would commit suicide. Again, his mother said there was no money. Thus, Mr. Kanugula hung himself that very day. After his death his widow was unable to care for their two sons, because she had no parents. She attempted suicide by taking pills, but she was taken to the hospital and survived. From that time on Mrs. Kanugula's health was not good. She approached a nurse in Kothavalasa for help. The nurse is a member of the Baptist church in Kothavalasa and was aware of HOINA. After hearing the family's story, our staff admitted Sai Ram and Dileep.

These calm boys always have a ready smile for those they meet. After an already-difficult life, they are ready for the joy that HOINA affords. Won't you please help us help them or other children like them? Please send your first monthly gift of \$35 with the coupon on the back page. Return it to our office, and you will hear from our volunteers in Pennsylvania soon. God bless your generosity!



Prayer Requests

- Praise that HOINA President Darlene Large had a safe and productive 2-month trip to India.
- Prayers for wisdom as the HOINA Board meets this month and makes good decisions for the future of the organization.
- Prayers for the health of our Indian board members, staff, and children. That they would remain healthy after a long rainy season, which included an uptick in Dengue Fever in many parts of India, our state included.
- The continued progress and growth of our vocational school.

But the excellence of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to those who have it.
~ Eccl 7:12b



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Those of you who sponsor HOINA children often wish 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), please 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 above. As always, your generosity is such a blessing. You make HOINA's important work in India possible, and we are so deeply grateful.