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Reliving My Youth

By Sharmila, HOINA student

Hi! I'm Sharmila. I'm thanking God for giving precious opportunity to share all my COVID-19 days to you. These days are special to me because I learned many life lessons in these days. We all of us are in busy schedule with learning new things without wasting our time. Taking care of our sisters, cultivating our gardens, learning new songs and dance, stitching masks, taking special classes to my sisters, cleaning our home every day and so much more things are under our schedule. The best experience and wonderful memory during this COVID-19 is spending most of time with my sisters. Early in the morning when I open my eyes they will be with their smiling face which will attract me so much and with their pathetic face they will make me to do something for them that will make them happy. There's one girl name Ysaswini. I really appreciate her boldness. She always speaks right and never bothers about others. Her sister's name is Venkata Lakshmi, and she made me astonished with her intelligence. Another girl Lydia taught me to smile with her smiling face. When she smiles, those who are around with her will forget their troubles. Spending time with the kids, enjoying their silliness and more things will make my day joyful and brighter. We don't know kids' heart unless we be with them. That's the thing I learned from them. They made me to remember my childhood memories. Again I want to enjoy my childhood days but it's impossible. I'm thankful for those who have been



Sharmila (front, in black) with Venkata Lakshmi (pink dress), Lydia (yellow dress) and Ysaswini (blue dress).

sponsoring us. May peace and comfort find you during these difficult times. With my whole heart I'm thanking God for protecting my HOINA family. All glory to him.

Choose a Job You Love and You Will Never Have to Work a Day in Your Life



Above: HOINA boys laying out tile mural work in our dining hall. Below: The finished mural.



Colorful art fills the HOINA campus everywhere you look—painted murals on the exterior compound walls and tile murals in room after room of the campus buildings. HOINA students have even constructed tile murals in public buildings in their village. We are grateful that the students have such remarkable creativity and skill. The chevron-style tile mosaics above make the walls colorful and easier to clean.

By Tata Rao, HOINA Graduate

My name is Tata Rao, an old student of HOINA. Presently I am working as a staff member at HOINA. I am teaching dance to the campus children and when I have free time I am doing tile art & designing mosaic murals to cover HOINA's walls.

When I came to HOINA in 2006, I didn't even know how to work with tiles. The seniors and staff used to work on the mosaics, and I used to help them. Mom had the skills and taught them how to do tiles work. I developed my work doing some small tile works, but now I can draw my own art and tile designing. I can teach the children, too. I used to be a student here, and when Mom saw my talent in tiles work and make me one of the staff here.

In this lockdown time I did some tiles work and thought the students must feel

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Address Alerts!

HOINA President is Moving. Please Note Her New Address!

HOINA's president, Darlene Large, would like to announce her new address beginning in mid-December. Her personal mail from her home in eastern Missouri will be forwarded to her new address below:

Darlene Large
514 NW Murray Rd, Apt 112
Lee's Summit, MO 64081

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very proud to develop this work and do for God's sake. Sometimes Anand Sir (HOINA General Manager) used to help and encourage me.

Nowadays tiles play a major role all around the world. It has been used by many houses as a special design for different purposes. The main concept about tiles are it attracts and looks beautiful, neat and tidy. Tile work can be developed many ways. I enjoy a lot while working with tiles in this lockdown time.

Many people have enjoyed the tile work when they

visited HOINA. I want to teach some of our children, so they can do this work in schools, colleges, offices, and in public places so a lot of the people may see the beauty of tiles.

First of all I would like to thank Mom for giving opportunity and supporting me to do this work. Now I am very happy to work here and develop HOINA. I have gained lots of experience and want to work more. It has totally changed my experience and work style. I would like to thank everyone who support me. Thank you.



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Making Use of Staying Home

This issue was written by two HOINA students who want to assure you that those still on the campus have been busy during lockdown.

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