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## I Thank HOINA for Making my Life Happy

By HOINA Graduate Vinisha with introduction by Glory Janes, Executive

Fall is here, filled with fragrances of cinnamon and pumpkin spice and thoughts of gratitude. At HOINA not a day goes by without being thankful—for our sponsors, donors, volunteers, supporters, dedicated houseparents, managers, and for the children.

As we talk about this season of counting our blessings, we want to feature the story of a young lady, who came to HOINA at five years old. Why is 22-year-old Vinisha thankful?

We'll let her tell you her story in her own words:

I would like to thank God for giving me this blessing in my life. I came to HOINA when I was five years old. There are three members in my family—my mother, my brother, and I. My father was addicted to drinking, which caused him kidney failure, leading to his death.

I came to HOINA by the help of a pastor. That is the day for life changing me. The home was in Thiruninravur Village [near Chennai]. When I was joined, I got all the facilities in home. More than that I got love, affection, caring, everything I want.

I studied up to 12th grade in HOINA. After that I came to Chennai. My own village was in Thiruvallur District. I was not able to go to Vizag during the Covid-19 pandemic, so I continued my college in Chennai. I got the best college by the support of HOINA. I didn't know I will study in that college. It's all grace of God. Everyone in my village started questioning me, "How can you study in that much of a big college?" because of my family conditions. But I always said to them that my HOINA is always there to support me.

During my college days, I was selected to receive an internship from MNC Company because of my English knowledge. That job was a best part of my life.

Now I am studying for a B.Ed. HOINA injected a value of education: it is the most important thing for every children.



Vinisha and Arul on their wedding day.

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Then in August of this year, I married my husband. I had nothing to offer with me: no house, no money—but the boy's family accepted me because of my education and character. The family said, "She was brought up in HOINA Home, so she definitely will be a good girl and well educated. These two gave me a life because of everything HOINA gave me. I got best education, big family, everything I need in my life. I am so blessed to be part of HOINA's family.

In Matthew 22:14 it says, "For many are called, but few are chosen." I believe I was chosen by God to be in the HOINA family. I will always be grateful [sic] to HOINA for providing best education. It is the best part of my life. I got that blessing to study in private school and college by the help of my sponcers [sic], who helping me by skipping their food.

I learned everything in HOINA. Everyone took care of me as their own child. I like everyone in the HOINA family.

## A Note from Vinisha's Sponsors

We first 'met' Vinisha when she was 6 years old. We had been supporting HOINA children for a decade when she was assigned to us. It was always a pleasure to receive her photo and hand-drawn Christmas cards full of enthusiastic greetings. And what a joy to watch her, year after year, grow into a confident young woman. Her photo was always displayed with those of other family and dear friends. We knew that besides providing financial support, praying for her was the best thing we could do. Though it is doubtful that we will ever 'meet' her this side of heaven, we will continue praying for her and now her new husband as well.

I think everyone also liked me so much because of my good character. The teachings of the scriptures in prayer by everyone helped me to get good character and faithfulness in God.

Actually, I thought the atmosphere in HOINA is the only way life is. When I came to the outside world, it was very difficult to me to handle. Then I realize the life in HOINA was the luxury life. There is no perfect home for me. I faced many problems when I came from

HOINA. Small hut and water will pour in when it is raining. I thought HOINA is the best and most luxuries [sic] place in the world. When trials come, I encourage myself by the words in the book of Job 2:10, where he scolded his wife asking her if "we receive good from God, shouldn't we also be ready to receive trouble?"

All the caretakers in the HOINA Home showed their love not only with their mouths, but also with their actions.

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Vinisha - age 6



Vinisha - age 10

# Christmas Needs

HOINA President Todd Becker mentions in his article below that your gifts help meet the basic needs of our staff and children. Your donations to HOINA's Christmas Fund allow us to give beyond the basics. We can 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 or donate online at our HOINA [website](#). As always, your generosity is such a blessing. You make HOINA's important work in India possible, and we are so deeply grateful.



From L to R - Teja, Prasanna, Kusuma, Mounica, Mahitha with their gifts from last year's Christmas celebration.

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They are the best parent in my life. I would like to thank everyone from my whole heart for giving me that much love.

Her comments about HOINA's founder, Darlene "Mom" Large, are this: "Mom, I would like to hug and kiss you as you did to me when I was a kid. You are the only person in the world who is following the footprints of Mother Teresa who said, 'Helping hands are better than praying lips.' All the good in my life happened because of this wonderful lady, Mom. Without her passion for helping people, I will be somewhere or died. She is inspiration for all the people in the world. She is the best mother, teacher, everything.

When we came from Chennai to Vizag, Mom asked every children that they are interested to come to Vizag. I shook my head Yes. Mom took me and hugged and kissed me. Mom gave us everything—food, shelter, caring, love—these never made me to feel as I am orphan. No one of the HOINA students have the rights to say they are orphan. That word was erased by Mom's love.

I will be thankful until my death to Mom and HOINA. I want to thank every staff, manager, committee [board] members, sponcers and Mom for making my steps for my life. Thousands of thanks is not enough for me to thank you.



From the President  
**Todd Becker**

## Greetings!

November is upon us, and it is one of my favorite times of the year. I love the warm days and cool nights of Kansas City. The leaves have turned color and fallen from their branches. Fall outdoor cleanup is almost complete as we get ready to stay warm inside for the winter months. November is also the time for family celebrations around the dinner table. HOINA does not celebrate our American concept of Thanksgiving. To some extent, it is thanksgiving every day as the children and staff think about and pray for each of you, who share of what you have so that their personal basic needs are met. I wish each and every one of you a blessed Thanksgiving.

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