

Tender Heart Update

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small things done in great love!



Dear Praying Friends and partners,

Looking back over the years, and putting pen to paper on the achievements of 2019, I must say that sustaining the Tender Heart Foundation movement, has been an extraordinary team effort. If it had not been for the talent, creativity, and commitment of our school teachers, support staff, trustees and our donor friends, we would have accomplished nothing. We are grateful to you all for the confidence placed in us through your support and encouragement.



Just to remind you, all our projects that we do, are for people from some of the most difficult and challenging situations. Some of which are dysfunctional families, broken homes, single parents, poverty and illiteracy.

I pray and hope that as you read this update you will be encouraged knowing your support is making a difference.

Tailoring Centre: An Initiative to Change the Lifestyle of Women

At the Goa and Karnataka Centers, women are given training for 6 months in tailoring and embroidery. At the end of the course, all trainees are guaranteed of getting a job with a decent salary to support themselves and their families and thereon to live a life of dignity and hope.

THF gave some a sewing machine on loan so that they can also work from home and earn a decent livelihood. Tailors are always in demand. Girls trained at our Centre have got jobs on completion of training immediately with a decent starting salary.



At one of the graduations above all the singing and celebration was the testimony of one girl. She explained, with her newly presented certificate in hand, how the tailoring course has changed the whole outlook of her future. Her husband is an alcoholic and she has 2 children who often had to go to bed without food. However, because of the tailoring school, she now has a way of making a living for herself and her 2 children and feels she now has a future.

In 2019 from 4 tailoring centers, 126 women completed the six months course and graduated. Today all of them are standing on their own feet.

Day Care Centre: Empowering the Dalit Children through Education

Our dream is to give an opportunity to underprivileged children to fulfil their highest potential. This means education first. At present we have five Day Care Centres with 370 children, getting free education.

At the beginning of 2019 we had sports and awareness day, a picnic and other activities. Every 3 months we have a 'Parents day' where they get to hear the progress of the children and all the activities they have done. At the end of the meetings we get very good responses and feedback from the parents about the development of their children.



"I always wanted my daughter to study English medium, but I did not think it was possible because I cannot afford to send her to a private school and pay the fees. I gave up my dream, but Tender Heart Foundation have given me hope and helped me fulfil my dream for my daughter. I am so happy today to see her singing in English. She has learnt so much within a short time"

Laxmma, mother of student



New building at Ghataprabha

In June we moved from a rented building to our own building. Because of the new facilities and more rooms, we are able to take more children. We now have 52 children studying here. From April onwards we will take more children.

Tender Heart Day Care is the best school in the entire town. All the parents are happy to see their children going to such facilities.

Computer Training: Equipping for a Better Future

We had 2 graduations one in October and one in January. 18 students completed the 3-month course. This course equips them with a basic knowledge of computing allowing them a better chance of gaining employment and earn money to help their families.



"I went to school only for 9 years. I wanted to do further study but because of the financial problems in the family my parents could not afford to send me to school. I was worried about my future, but not anymore, Tender Heart gave me 3 months of computer training. Now I can apply for a job and build my own future."

Radhikka at graduation

Relief work: THF response to flood-affected North Karnataka

In August, due to the heavy water discharge from state Maharashtra reservoir, the six North Karnataka districts were severely affected by the flood discharge. Karnataka received nearly 5 times the rainfall it normally used to have, adding to the severity of the ongoing floods in 6 districts that had killed 20 people. Thousands were evacuated to safer places and relief camps. More than 40,000 houses were damaged and many villages were affected. There was extensive damage to the critical infrastructure such as roads, pipelines, tanks, schools, and electrical infrastructure.

With financial support of friends, local churches and donations from overseas THF immediately stepped in the relief service and helped over 850 families with rations, blankets, mats, cooking pots, daily necessities and helping with a small amount to rebuild the houses.



We gave shelter to over 60 people in a local church providing 3 meals for two weeks. Over 45 pastors lost their belongings, their houses were destroyed, and were taking shelter in a local community centre. THF helped all those pastors with rations, cooking pots and cooking stove.

We heard tragic testimonies of the flood victims, the pain they went through, personal losses and losing loved ones. Here are the testimonies of two beneficiaries:



“Our lives have become useless after floods washed-off our sources of income and hopes of survival. I thank THF for timely help and providing shelter”

With tears in their eyes, the victims said that the flood had left them penniless devouring everything they had. People whom we helped are farmers who were expecting a good yield this year.

Sharadavva said that she and her family owns 12 acres of land and had 15 cattle. We were richest family in the village “My cattle were my family and we tried everything to save them. But floods killed them in front of my eyes and I helplessly stood there watching them die in the water. They were like my children and I could not save them.”



One more victim shared how she learned humility, she had everything, was very proud and looking down at others. Now, she takes shelter and stands in the same line to get help with the same people whom she once illtreated.

All the victims shared similar stories to narrate with the flood destroying their properties and dashing their dreams. *Thank you for your financial help because of your timely donation we were able to reach out those people.*

Thank you so much

We are very thankful for your support and prayers. We will honour your trust. Every seed that you sow is used to help fulfil our vision of "Releasing children from poverty and transforming lives".

It's an exciting time for us here at THF, together we will make a difference.

Francis

on behalf of the whole team

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