

A DARK COMMUNITY BECOMES BRIGHTIER!

My name is Raja and I belong to the Irular community. I am 15 years old and I have passed my X examinations. My family resides in Irular Colony, Bangarupet. My childhood dreams are to study well, get employed well, and attain high status. I very well know



that I belong to a poor family and with great difficulties, my parents are enabling me to continue my education. At this juncture, one of the legs of my father was amputated, and now he can walk slowly with an artificial leg. He cannot go to work and earn money. So, I always wished to care for my parents and keep them in a joyous situation after settling well in life.

But things did not go well for me. Since there was no school in my village to study beyond X standard, I had to go to a faraway place and continue my education there, staying in a hostel. This involves a high cost and my family situation did not permit me for the same. I did not know what to do. My dreams were doomed and I remained at home sadly. The missionaries of the COME Ministry who visit our area every week met me and consoled me. They told me nothing is impossible with Jesus Christ and asked me to keep my faith fully in Him. Every week, they met me, prayed for me, and spoke about the greatness of the love of Jesus. There was an exclusive VBS for us in May 2024, and I attended the same. On the last day, the Zonal Secretary (Karnataka) of the COME Ministries took classes for us. At the end of the classes, I met him, apprised him of my difficulties in continuing education, and asked him to pray for me.

He felt sad about my situation and after praying, he promised to help me in continuing my education. As promised, he helped me get admission to XI Standard in a Higher Secondary School at Hosur. He also arranged a hostel for me to stay. There, I saw three more deserving poor girls supported by the COME Ministries to continue their education. I placed my prayer request at the feet of Jesus and He has fulfilled it through the COME Ministries. I thank Jesus Christ for helping me. I also thank the COME Ministries for lending a helping hand.

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“You crown the year with Your goodness, and Your paths drip with abundance.” (Psalm 65:11)

A YOUNG ADDICT GETS CLEANSED!



My name is Ganesh and I live in Karimedu Colony, Trivandrum, Kerala. My parents accepted Jesus even when I was a child. Everything went on well in my life until I moved to IX Standard. Till then, I had attended VBS regularly every year. When I joined IX Standard, I got attached to bad friendships. I was invariably afflicted with evil habits like smoking, drinking, gambling, stealing etc. Despite all these bad habits, I passed the final examinations.

The missionaries of the COME Ministries conduct VBS in our area every year, and this year too, they planned to do one. They told me also to attend it. Since I had been affected by so many bad habits, I went there hesitantly. There, the speaker explained the love of Jesus and highlighted certain factors required in our daily lives. He narrated how dangerous consuming alcohol was and the evil reactions it could cause. He displayed many photographs to stress his points. After attending his presentation, a terrible fear occupied me and I felt a pressure forcing me to get out of it.

After the classes came to an end, I approached that speaker and told him about my addictions with tears running out of my eyes. He counselled and prayed for me. He also taught me how to read the Bible and how to pray. That was the turning point in my life. I was relieved from all my bad habits gradually. The first thing I did was to sever all bad friendships and get attached to good boys in my age group. There was a change in my behaviour. Leaving all the bad habits at one stroke was a challenge, but I held on to Jesus firmly and prayed earnestly. Jesus Christ showed pity on me and I came out of all the bad habits and became a new soul.

Today, my heart is filled with peace and joy. As I attended the VBS, Jesus helped me to grow in faith. I thank Jesus, who transformed me, and the missionaries of COME missionaries who were used as tools by Jesus to touch me. I have decided to attend church services from now on. Please pray for my higher education, my brother, and my parents. - COME Missionaries.