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A New Found Love for Life Worth Living

Name: Annapareddy Vajalakshmi

Age: 29

Meet Vajalakshmi, a patient at Hope Center for the last four months. Like many of our patients, life was once much more simple than the present reality that's been blurred and scarred by hard years come to pass. Fifteen years ago she was wed to a man named Volagaian. Together they made plans for their future and began a family; Sony their daughter is now 10 and Ravi their son is 8. Life seemed well enough until Volagaian became easily irritable and extremely violent. Their fights and his rage would often lead him away from home and into the arms of other women. He left Vajalakshmi and their two children six years ago to pursue another woman. In desperate need of an income to support herself and the children she learned of an opportunity to work in a distant village on a construction site. The promise of making enough income to support herself and send money to sustain her children was too good to pass up. She made arrangements with her parents to look after her children and she left to the village for work. After a long drive she had arrived. The truth of the "work opportunity" became clear, Vajalakshmi found herself being sold into the bondage of sexual slavery. Trafficked against her will she has been forced to work as a prostitute for the last six years.

Losing all hope and stripped of her dignity she began to feel worthless and lost hope of freedom. Through her rampant sexual promiscuity she has contracted HIV and as the virus weakened her body and AIDS set in, her light seemed to be burning out. She was released from slavery to prostitution once she became so ill that she could no longer satisfy the clientele. In desperate need of medical attention she visited a free clinic in a local village. The doctors detected symptoms of tuberculosis and ran a blood test revealing that Vajalakshmi was HIV+. The doctor informed her of Harvest India's Hope Center where she could receive free treatment and medication for her illness.

"When I first came to Hope Center I was so sick. My life was near the end and I was so scared that things would not get better. The doctors and nurses that have cared for me are so wonderful and kind. They never judge me or shame me. I have received Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior and I have restored hope in Christ. My health is better day by day and I thank God for everything He gives to me. I know that I will serve Him all the days of my life. I only wish I would have heard sooner. Even in these final days I know that my future is made possible by His sacrifice. His love is enough for me."

Through the provisions of Harvest India's Hope Center, Vajalakshmi has been redeemed, renewed and restored. Her future is now available to God's plans for her life. Please join us as we pray for a miracle of healing, long life, continued depth in her relationship with Christ Jesus and above all God's will to be done.

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So Much Love To Give

The stories of the children in Harvest India's care are often marked by great adversity. These children are in desperate need of the saving knowledge of Christ to be rescued, restored and loved in ways that only God can give. Through faithful support in prayer and financial resources the lives of children at our Telaprolu children's home are no longer difficult. They are being loved and cared for. Receiving food, shelter, clothing, education and most importantly a life deeply rooted in Jesus, these children are free once again to be children and live the lives they are destined for in God's kingdom. One of the boys shared his story of growing up as a Muslim, watching his sister be sold by their alcoholic father, and believing it was only a matter of time before his fate would meet the same conclusion. He was eventually sold. After running away and being returned home, his mother placed him in the care of Harvest India to protect her son from his abusive father. Life changed. And a young girl shares what little she recalls about life before Harvest India's love and nurturing care for her life. Abandoned on the doorstep of the home, Harvest India is unsure of how old she is, where she is from or anything else about her. All that we know is that we can help and that Jesus has called us to respond to the needs we see in this desperate land.

Almost three years ago, Eric and Bobbie Fleming met Suresh Kumar when he visited a church in Oregon. As Suresh shared that he had a heart to open a children's home in one of the poorest villages in the area, God began tugging on the Fleming's heart and they told him that they wanted to play a part. "It's a privilege, not a duty. God has given us the opportunity to be part of this work. He has blessed our business and now we can give back to this wonderful ministry," expressed Eric. This year they had the opportunity to go to India and visit the children they had been praying for and supporting all these years. "Just to see that the program is well run, the children are well taken care of by Dr. Kishore and his wife is so cool. It's evident in how loving the children are. To see the transformation of these children from untouchables to now being the first in their class in school is such a blessing. They had no chance in life before but now they are in a loving environment and learning about Jesus. We look at it like we are blessed to be a part of this. Getting to come to India and getting to play with them was just the icing on the cake! Don't miss out on such a neat opportunity to be part of an organization that is doing amazing work."

Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

-Isaiah 58:10

There are many other children and children homes within the Harvest India ministry that are need sponsors to stand behind their lives. If you desire to be part of this work, please contact our office to see how you can support a child as they grow in the knowledge of God.

