

## HOPE FOR CHILDREN: UPDATE FROM OUR CHILDREN

Here at Hope Gardens we know the importance of education and how children's lives are being enhanced by the programmes that you so generously sponsor. I hope you enjoy reading about some of our university students and also understanding a bit more about the circumstances that brings children to be part of our sponsorship programmes

## VANAKKUM! NEWS FROM OUR CHILDREN



**Mahima's Story:** Last summer Rev. Prakash visited his home town with his wife Ambu and they were shocked to see a young girl working as a maid in other people's home. Ambu spent time with Mahima and found out that she has a long desire to study but due to lockdown her family situation changed completely and her only option was to work. Her father lost his job, her mother left her and her younger brother left to live with another family. When Rev. Prakash saw Mahima's condition, he brought her to our Hostel and we admitted her into a school in Cumbum. She hadn't studied since she was 11 but she has adapted well and proves to be a very bright, talented and capable 14 year old. We are delighted that she has settled into school, made friends and enjoying being a teenager with her peers!

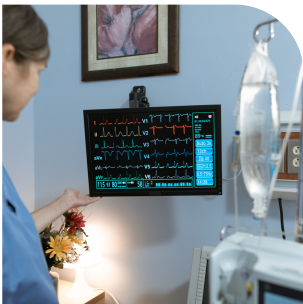


**Midhuna's Story:** Midhuna is 5 years old. During lockdown her father lost his job and her mother, as she is physically challenged, could not work. As a result, they had no income to buy food. Their Pastor Jebaraj Fenn visited their home regularly and delivered them food parcels of rice, dhall, groceries and vegetables at this challenging time. They thanked the Lord so much for His miraculous way of meeting their needs. Thanks to your support Midhuna is now able to attend school and is part of our child sponsorship programme.



**Charlcy:** Charlcy is one of our pastors daughters and is doing fantastically well with her B Ed. She is specialising in teaching children with additional needs and is currently in her second year.

**Kaleeswaren:** Kaleeswaren has been a sponsored child in our programme since primary school and is currently in his second year of his BSc in Agriculture. He is returning to Hope Gardens during his holidays to give practical advice with regards to our small holding and our coconut plantations. He is helping us with crop rotating and fertilisation. What a positive role model he is. We are grateful that he is able to use his newly acquired skills to help us and inspire others.



**Cynthia:** Cynthia stayed in our hostel while she finished her school studies locally in Cumbum commuting back to her parents for the holidays. We are delighted that she has settled back home, living just outside Madurai with her parents. She is doing placements in the local hospital and currently in her second year doing a BA Nursing.

Thank you!

**Education changes lives and communities.**  
With your support our sponsored children can be equipped with vocational degrees, empowering themselves and transforming communities

