

Puneeth

This is a boy who doesn't know his mother's name or father's name. We too don't know much about his family or relatives except he was found by our animators near the shop asking for the food. He was just seven years of age. He remembers very few things as that he was abandoned by his relatives after his parents' death. He started cleaning in a small eatery and was given one meal a day. He was



burdened with lot of work. In case of slow movement, he was beaten by the shop owner. He ran away from there in order to escape from the punishment. We too did not have any shelter home but seeing his condition at that time, our animators from chikkamagalur tried to enquire about his family or relatives through local people but no one knew anything about him. Feeling compassion on his health and mental status they called the coordinator in Bangalore to ask what they can do with such a boy. Coordinator new few shelter houses in Bangalore and requested one of them to shelter him. Thank God, they cooperated with us.

As he was growing up in the shelter home, his past experiences had impact on his behavior and education. His strange behavior and poor performance in his studies worried the authority in the shelter home. Often he was getting violent and made situation uncontrollable. They asked us to take him back and put him in other shelter home. Since we have started our own home for the traumatized children, we brought him to our home. Now he is here for two years. We too have difficulties with him but with the help of the counselor and the doctor's advice and the special care by our home, he is showing slow improvement. Through regular counseling and observation he is made to become aware of the good behavior and show little bit interest in studies along with other children in our home. Since he has no one, we have to take care of him and give him some kind of skill training so that he can do something good in order to earn his livelihood in the later days of his life. At present he is 13 years of age. We don't expect him to be bright student but want him to go to school regularly by which he can develop interest for the school. Puneeth has to be taken care by us in our home as long as we can.