



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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Dear Tracy,

First -- to get the ask out of the way -- if you're able to contribute to our efforts, we'd really appreciate it. Our donations are down this year (as for many charities), and we could use your financial support.

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Thanks!

It's been a challenging year for our little ones, but they are persevering and are healthy. We've been around long enough now to see the first homeless kids we took in, who were 6-10 years old at the time, continue their high school and college educations. We currently have six in college and eighteen in 9th to 12th grades!

We continued Project Street and Project Food and More throughout 2020 to make sure our destitute women and HIV+ kids get what they need. At Karunya Mane, our kids' daily schedules changed little -- except that now they are masked and socially distanced when possible and don't get in-person visitors. They stay busy with online classes and tutoring, counseling, photography classes, cooking lessons, meditation sessions, and chats with friends.

If you'd like to hold an online fun/educational session with our kids or just get on to say "hi," shoot us an [email](#), and we'll arrange it.

Our kids are continuing their education online with their school teachers and our tutors, and homework keeps them busy. They're anxiously waiting for the day they get to see their school friends again. At least they have several friends at our active home full of kids and aren't isolated in that way.

On a sad note, this year, we lost one of our founders in India, Jamanagiri Swamiji, who guided our work. Surya, Sowmya, and Darshan lost their father, and Jyothi lost her mother -- not to Covid but to the difficulties they faced since their own destitute childhoods and adult years when they were homeless. The kids weren't able to attend the rituals because of social distancing guidelines in Mysore but said goodbye online. We are thankful that these four kids are top students and are breaking that cycle of poverty.

Happy holidays! We look forward to seeing you soon! 😊

The Operation Shanti Team

