

Name: Dinesh Kumar

Age: 14

Favorite subjects:

- maths and english

Favorite hobbies:

- Studying
- Playing volleyball and cricket
- Doing garden work
- Helping others



How was your life before you came to Sunrise Village?

I come from a big and poor family. My father was a factory laborer and my grandfather was a farmer. We lived with the whole family in a small house with a kitchen and a hall. We slept all together in this hall. Our house is in Kovailpatti, next to Tirunelveli. I love my family!

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My daily routine was rising at 5:30 and looking for water supply. Then I helped my family with cleaning at 7 o' clock. Around 8:30 I went to my school by bus. It was a government aided school. That means, that it belonged to a private company, but supported by the government, so we had to pay low fees. I liked my school and I miss my friends, unfortunately it is not possible to have contact with them. After school, I played cricket with my friends and watched TV. Then I studied from 9-10 pm.

How did it happen that you came here?

My mother died because of blood cancer as I was in 7th standard. Then my grandmother was caring for me and my younger brother Ashok, who is 13 now. But she died of heart attack one year later, as I was in 8th standard. My father lost his work and couldn't care for me and my brother, so a nun helped us and sent us to Sunrise Village.

How is your life in Sunrise Village?

I was very sad in the first days, because everything was new and I missed my family. But my new sunrise village friends introduced themselves and helped me, they accepted me directly. I was and I am like a brother for the girls and the boys.

I enjoy my life at Sunrise Village, the fathers and mothers are very good and brother David is one of my best friends. I enjoy my study life, that I have the chance to get so much time for it. There is nothing to complain about. I gain lot of knowledge here, for instance how electronic things work, and how to do gardening. And I learn much about helping others and understanding other people. I miss my old friends but I enjoy the family life and now I have lot of friends here.

How do you imagine your life, when you are an adult?

I want to be an engineer and that's why I'm studying very hard. When I have a job, I want to settle all the issues with the family and after that I would like to become an evangelic pastor. And some day, I want to visit the USA.