



Suleman's Story

Suleman Topmo has spent much of his life at the Khunti (/koon-tēe/) Seventh-day Adventist School. His parents worked on the farm the school operated. Suleman's family came from one of the local tribes; usually the tribal people don't have very much. They don't have much money and most of the kids aren't able to go to school. Because of this, the tribal children don't have the opportunity to learn. As they get older, they aren't able to do certain jobs they want since they haven't gone to school.

However, Suleman got the chance to attend Khunti, starting as a young boy in preschool. He studied, learned English, and gained a lot of knowledge throughout his childhood. He graduated from Khunti as a young man and attended college, where he decided to become a teacher.

When it was time to find a job, Suleman chose to come back to his old school in Khunti. He wanted to help the tribal children see that they could learn and do well in life, even if their families didn't have a lot.

Suleman also wanted to teach the children about Jesus. . Most of the kids at Khunti are not Christian. He helps them see that they are special, and God loves them.

Suleman loves teaching at the school he attended as a child. However, now he is older, which means the school is older as well. The Khunti school is more than 80 years old and the classroom buildings are falling apart. Broken windows, leaky roofs, and crumbling walls--there are so many things that need help!

"We don't have proper classrooms," says Suleman. "They aren't well-equipped and are very old. They are the same classrooms I studied in when I was a student!"

Many families want their children to go to Khunti because it is a good school with good teachers. But this means there is less space for students in each classroom.

"Students are increasing, but classrooms are getting crowded," says Suleman. "We are really facing a problem to get more students." Right now, 200-300 kids are unable to attend Khunti, because they don't have space for all of them.

With your help, children at the Khunti school will get brand new classrooms that are bright and clean with lots of space for them to learn in. Your donations will help Maranatha build a large building--big enough to fit all the elementary school students for classes. Plus it will give them a large auditorium for worships and assemblies. But you'll be doing more than building classrooms. You'll also be helping more kids learn about Jesus. Thank you for being missionaries right where you are!