



Esther's Story

Esther Kujur's connection to the Khunti Adventist School goes back a long time—as a child, she studied at the school. She knew that when she grew up, she wanted to return and teach other children about reading, writing, and Jesus.

Now, Esther teaches one of the third grade classes at Khunti. She lives on campus and loves being involved in the worships and anything else she can do to teach the kids about God. But being a teacher on the Khunti campus isn't always easy.

The elementary classrooms are old. In fact, some of them are the same ones Esther studied in as a child. The roofs leak so during the rainy season, students have to move their desks around to avoid getting wet, and puddles of water form on the floors. In the summer, the classrooms get really hot, making it hard for the kids to pay attention to what Esther is teaching.

The walls are very old, so sometimes they crumble. Because of this, Esther can't hang any posters or pictures on the walls. Imagine learning in a classroom without anything colorful to look at!

In addition to teaching third grade, Esther is in charge of all of the elementary teachers and makes sure all of the classrooms are running smoothly. It's hard for her to do her job since the classrooms are spread out all over the large campus.

But all of that is changing.

"In front of our old classrooms, new classrooms are being built," said Esther. "Parents and children also sometimes go and see what is coming here. Then we say 'For you these new classrooms are built.' So they are so much excited, they are very happy, and we teachers also feel very happy to have our children [in] a proper place."

Esther and all the teachers and students at the school were excited to see the volunteers come and begin building the walls of their new school. They can't wait for it to be completed so they can be sheltered from the rain and together in the same area.

"We want to say big, big thank [you] to them," said Esther.

Esther is also saying "Thank you" to you! Your donations to the Kids for Classrooms program are helping Maranatha build this large building—big enough to fit all the elementary school students at the Khunti Adventist School and more that would love to attend. Students will no longer have to move their desks around to avoid the rain. This new school building will also give them a large auditorium for worships, assemblies, and a place to play on rainy days. Thank you for being missionaries right where you are!