



A fun and easy way for kids to learn about missions.

Dear Parents,

This week, hear the story of a tailor in India named Ponnieh. He grew up in a Hindu family, but attended the E. D. Thomas Adventist School where he learned about Jesus. Since then, Ponnieh's life journey has been full of ups and downs, but today, he remains closely connected to the school of his youth. See how Maranatha helped to improve this campus that was losing students due to its condition, and why it still holds a special place in Ponnieh's heart.

Pre-video Discussion Questions

- What is your favorite part of school?
- What do you think it would be like to go to a school from another religion? Would there be lots of things you wouldn't know about? How would it feel?

VIDEO

In today's video, meet a man so impacted by the school of his childhood that it changed the direction of his life and continues to bless him today.

Post-video Discussion Questions

- How has your school made your life better?
- In the Bible, Daniel went through a number of challenges throughout his life. As an Israelite, when another country took over Israel, they moved him far away from his home to a strange land. But he didn't forget what he learned about as a kid. Even though there were new gods and different things people ate, Daniel remained faithful to his God because of what he learned growing up. Ask an adult if there is a place or a person that has made their life better when they were a kid that is still a part of their life now.
- Is there a person, place, or group that has helped you, not just one time, but often, for a long time?

Prayer Points

- A thank you for all of the people, places, or groups that have made our life better.
- Ask kids what they would add to the prayer list.

Did You Know?

- The E. D. Thomas Adventist School is located in Tamil Nadu, a state in southern India. The official language of the state is Tamil and there are more than twenty regional languages in the country.
- The school was established in 1953 and the land used to be a large mango estate.
- In the video, the bottom clothing that Ponnieh is wearing is called a "lungi."