



## College Bound and Breaking the Cycle of Poverty

Operation,

The 12th grade public exam scores in India have been tallied. Four of our kids took this very important exam this year.

In the state of Karnataka (where we are), the average score was 62%. Let's compare this to our kids' scores –

- Prema - 75% (1st class, out of 3 classes)
- Mamatha - 84% (1st class)
- Pavan - 81% (1st class)
- Prajwal - 90% (distinction, the highest honor)

We're really proud of our kids' achievements. They have worked hard for the past 8-10 years, since their first days with us. These scores get them into good colleges.

Prema's and Pavan's mothers are illiterate, very poor, and single parents. Mamatha and Prajwal were from single-mother destitute homes and are now orphans.

Prajwal was voted "Best Student" this year. At his school, Prajwal got the highest score in his 12th grade class, with Mamatha at #4 and Pavan at #6 (out of 60+ kids in the commerce concentration), and Prema was #2 in her class (arts concentration).

If you are able to, donate to help our four kids attend great colleges. College in India is (thankfully) is not as expensive as in other countries, but each student's yearly expense will be about US\$2,500. Multiply that by 4 = US\$10,000 per year.

You can donate at [www.operation-shanti.org](http://www.operation-shanti.org)

(Here they are, with our other kids, enjoying a congratulations cake party!)



### Bhuvan!

This is Bhuvan with his tutor Priya. Bhuvan got his report card for 5th grade and did VERY well at #1 in his class! Yay!

A few years ago, Bhuvan's dad asked us to help his sons with their education. Bhuvan and his family live in a small two-room house near our place. They're quite poor, and Bhuvan attends school with well-off kids with a lot more resources. He can compete because of your support.



We're also pleased to report that all of our kids (47 at our home and 7 additional poor, deserving kids we help with schooling and tutoring) were promoted to the next grade level.

Shoot us an email at [info@operation-shanti.org](mailto:info@operation-shanti.org) if you'd like more information.

Thank you for your support. Stay healthy, emotionally and physically.

Peace,

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