



**HOPE *foundation* school**  
**Tannery road, Bangalore**

**HALF YEARLY REPORT**  
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(an affiliate of HOPE worldwide)

## Sonia



**Sonia is a student of 6<sup>th</sup> grade at our school. She lives with her parents. Her father, Shankar, works as a porter and earns Rs.1000/- weekly while her mother, Mary Stella works as a housemaid. Together they manage to maintain and meet the family's basic needs. Sonia joined the HOPE foundation school this year. Earlier she was studying in an English medium school but had to leave, as she was not able to pay the high fees. Though they are facing incredible financial constraints, her mother wants her children to be well educated.**

Recently the students were asked to fill up a questionnaire. Here are a few excerpts from Sonia's questionnaire;

**What do you look forward to each day when you come to school?**

*Every day when I come to school I look forward to studying well and being obedient in class.*

**If you did not have the Tannery Road School and HOPE how would your life be different?**

*If HOPE school were not there, I would have still been struggling in the previous school with shame and guilt.*

**How do you feel about your lunch at the School? Do you like the food? What do you wish was different about the Midday meal? What are some foods that you would love to eat but never have a chance to enjoy?**

*I really enjoy the food in the school; it is very tasty I like the puliyogare (tamarind rice) and lemon rice. My favorite dish is chicken biryani; I don't eat it often because non-vegetarian food is prepared once a month at home.*

**What is the best thing about being a girl? What is the hardest thing about being a girl?**

*The best thing about being a girl is we can dress ourselves very colorfully & look beautiful. I don't know of any hardship about being a girl.*

**If you found a genie in a bottle what three wishes would you ask him for?**

*I would wish for a tennis bat, happy family & unity in the world.*

**All children should have the right to . . .**

*...Good education*

**When I am at home, I like it when . . .**

*... All my family members are at home with me happily.*

**I feel proud of myself because . . .**

*... I'm good at studies, dance & singing.*

## Kalairani

Every day when Kalairani comes to school she expects herself to be obedient to her teachers, and to her, school is the home of love. As she is a pro-active person, she feels that coming to school makes her day more worthwhile. She says, "I am not good in sports but this time out of my luck I won a medal which I preserve like a treasure in my house and also I cannot forget that day when I stood on the victory stand to collect my prize. HOPE foundation school is a boon to the children of this area. I always feel grateful to this school for their support. If this school was not there, I would have enrolled in a corporation school, where my life would not have been as productive.



One thing, which reminds me of school, is the food, which is very tasty and I like it so much. I like Dal curry and rice very much which the cooking Aunty prepares at the school. I love to eat pizza and sandwiches very much however it is too expensive for my parents to afford and so I have only tasted it once. If a genie gives me 3 wishes;

I will ask for very good education. Our school should have till college level. No house should have drinking and irresponsible fathers.

I feel proud of myself because I study well and I am good in extra curricular activities.

## Statistics

	Boys	Girls
Begining of January	128	154
New Admissions	80	72
Transfers	25	21
Drop-outs	0	1
End of June	183	204
<b>Total</b>		<b>387</b>

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