

**H**ow special it is to see a child accept Christ as their Savior and then develop a desire to serve Him. The psalmist David, who served God from his youth, wrote, “Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass” (Ps 37:4-5). We are thrilled that one of the boys at the Heritage Home, an orphanage begun by Pastor Shibu and his wife in Thurayur, India, wants to become a pastor. You can read his inspiring story below.

### A Young Boy with a Pastor’s Heart

Meet Viknesh! He is just in seventh grade, but the Lord has already touched his heart and he wants to become a pastor. Viknesh lives in the Heritage Home, an orphanage supported by HBC.

In 2013, Pastor Shibu visited a neighboring village and saw a young boy, Viknesh, playing with his brother, Mani, and his father, Mr. Raja. Pastor began visiting every Sunday evening and began a Sunday School with the village children.



Several months later, Mr. Raja died of an illness. The boys’ mother, Mrs. Lalitha, was a daily laborer and was not able to support her sons and give them a good education. She asked Pastor Shibu and his wife to take them into their orphanage, and they agreed.

At the Heritage Home, the boys continued to learn about Jesus. In 2018, Viknesh confessed his sin before the Lord and accepted Christ as his personal Savior. Pastor Shibu had the privilege of leading him to Christ. Viknesh began asking many questions about God and helping Pastor Shibu in the ministry.

Pastor Shibu shared this story:

“One day we were traveling by motor bike. Viknesh told me, ‘Sir, I want to be like you. I want to serve the Lord, and I also want to preach the Word of God.’ Those words touched my heart. Without him knowing it, my eyes were filled with tears. I understood his heart and willingness to do ministry for the Lord.”

Viknesh is now learning music, and he shares the gospel with his school friends. His mother recently

remarried and moved to another district. Please keep all 5 boys at the Heritage Home in your prayers. We are excited to see what the Lord is doing in their lives.



L to R: Viknesh, Moses, Deepak, Mani, Mohan

### Praises and an Urgent Prayer Request

Praise God for planting seeds of faith in Viknesh’s heart at a young age and for working in the lives of many others through the ministries that HBC supports. Thank you to those who contribute to HBC. Please pray about the following needs:

- An urgent need—The building HBC has been renting that houses Pastor Shibu’s home, church, orphanage, and a sewing institute, is being sold. They have received a notice to vacate. Finding another suitable building in that area will be difficult and is expected to cost about \$125 a month more to rent. We need to raise these funds quickly.
- A new school year begins in June. Total costs for the 5 boys’ school supplies and uniforms is about \$750.
- Pastor Shibu, his wife, and their 3 children are being supported by a church for \$125 monthly. An additional \$100 monthly is needed for their support.