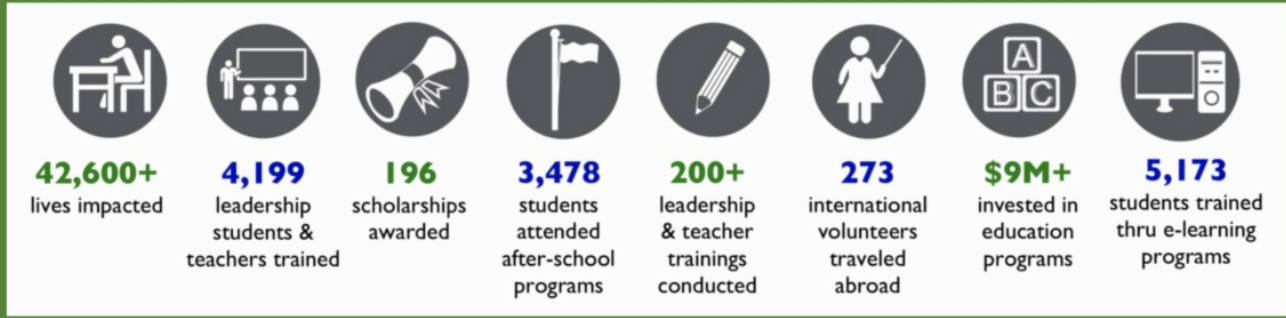




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Bringing Education to Youth in Quarantine



Dear Friends,

It's no secret, we are all still trying to find our way through this global pandemic. For children around the globe, this has caused incredible disruptions to learning. Unlike many children in developed countries and those from wealthier & more urban

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communities though, the young people who Visions serves do not have the same access or resources available to them.

In response, our Visions India team has gotten creative...

1. For our 440+ youth who attend our after-school centers, they are working extra diligently in putting together lesson plans and assignments in all subjects through both videos and handouts, and then disseminating this information via WhatsApp / YouTube.
2. For our e-Learning schools, they have been organizing daily virtual classes thru Zoom using learning resources made freely available by our friends at Zaya Learning Labs. These same online materials are now being used to benefit students from our after-school centers as well.
3. For our university scholarship students, they are hosting ongoing virtual spoken English trainings.

As a general policy affecting all 4 countries where Visions operates (India, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, and Nicaragua), we made a **pledge to ALL of our staff** when this pandemic started that we would **pay their salaries no matter what**.

We are proud to stand by our staff during these very difficult times, but we have also taken a significant hit (like so many other businesses and organizations) in having to cancel several fundraising events that have **set us back quite a bit financially**.

We recognize that these are tough times for all of us, but we are appealing to you for your support in order to ensure our staff maintain their jobs and our students maintain access to learning. We aren't giving up...we simply need to rethink the way that we reach vulnerable children and communities in this new era. We cannot do it without your support, though. Please give what you can and help us to ensure no child in our network goes without an education.

With gratitude,
Greg & Meera
Visions Co-Founders



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

1. University Women Scholars (India): \$30/month

We have **12** young women scholars at universities in India who are still in need of a sponsor. Please click [**HERE**](#) to learn more.

2. After-School Center (India): \$100/month

We are currently looking for sponsors to support all **14** of our Visions after-school Learning & Empowerment Centers in rural communities across Tamil Nadu. These centers are having a major impact on the overall development and academic trajectory of the more than 400 youth they collectively serve. Please click [**HERE**](#) to learn more.

3. Deaf Student Transportation (Ethiopia): \$1,200/city

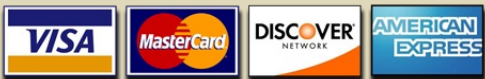
GIVING TUESDAY CAMPAIGN: SPONSOR A VISIONS EDUCATOR

At the moment, we have enough funds in our reserves to continue paying our staff globally for the next few months only. In having to cancel several recent fundraising events, we are quickly falling behind in being able to meet our ongoing programming expenses (including staff salaries).

We currently have **18 staff in India** and **10 staff in Ethiopia** (featured below), all of whom are dedicated, passionate and hard-working individuals. On average, it takes just **\$150/month** to pay each of our staff.

As this year's Giving Tuesday occurred this past week, we set a total [fundraising goal of \\$10,000](#). We are only 1/4 of the way there so far, and we need your help...

Will you consider stepping up by either sponsoring one of our incredible staff who are at the frontline of delivering vital educational services & support to vulnerable youth for \$150/month (\$1,800/year), OR making a general donation toward meeting our fundraising goal?



In Ethiopia, we have identified a number of Deaf children who would attend school and our educational support programs, but who simply live too far away. By providing transportation support, we can bring into our fold on average an additional **10-15 students per city** (in each of our 3 locations of Addis Ababa, Awassa and Bahir Dar) at a cost of just \$1,200/year per city for the entire year!

To become a sponsor for any of these efforts and help support these vital educational opportunities for the youth we serve, please [CLICK HERE](#)

India



Shylet Moni, Director
(Trichy)



Ambily Mohan,
Programs Manager
(Tiruvannamalai)



J.A. Femi, e-Learning
Support Officer*
(Kanyakumari)



K. Anbarasi -
Programs Officer
(Trichy)



M. Aathiya,
Community Worker
(Azhakanandal)



G. Azhagusundari,
Community Worker
(Nathavdi)



E. Bakiyaranni,
Community Worker
(Kalasapakkam)



V. Dhinakaran,
Community Worker
(Kolakkavadi)



V. Veerammal,
Community Worker
(Usambadi)



B. Vimala Anandi,
Community Worker
(Kannapandal)



R. Sundari,
Community Worker
(Thurinjapuram)



M. Sudha,
Community Worker
(Karunthuvampadi)



E. Priya,
Community Worker
(Aniyalai)



R. Lalitha,
Community Worker
(Valluvagai)



M. Aathiya,
Community Worker
(Azhakanandal)



M. Gopi,
Community Worker
(Vadakarimbalur)

Ethiopia



Amsalu Desie,
Executive Director
(Addis Ababa)



Abyot Tadesse, Deaf
Educator (Bahir Dar)



Askal Tamir, Deaf
Educator (Bahir Dar)



Demelash Tsegaye,
Deaf Educator (Bahir
Dar)



Atsedemariam
Milkias, Deaf Educator
(Addis Ababa)



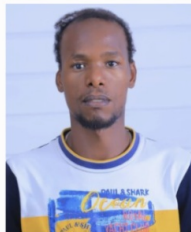
Samuel Tizazu, Deaf
Educator (Bahir Dar)*



Tirengo Yersaw,
Interpreter (Bahir Dar)*



Fikadu Weldemikael,
Interpreter (Bahir Dar)*



Temesgen Belete,
Deaf Educator
(Awassa)



Sifen Tekla, Interpreter
(Awassa)

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