

## MAHER – MA – KA – GHAR – RANCHI ,JHARKHAND – STORIES



### SUPRIYA & RUNIA

These two girls are the first to arrive in our Ranchi Ma-Ka-Ghar home. They were the first two girls who wrote a board exam and secured a first class. Both of them have now taken admission in a Women's college in the science stream. They have no one to take care of them. Maher is their only home. We want to help them but we need you.

### Runia and Manju

They are both sisters and they have no parents. Their parents died leaving behind 4 children. Runia's brother is mentally disturbed and Runia's elder sister Munki is looking after him.



### Abhishek & Meena

They have also lost their parents. They have one more brother and a sister at home. Maher could not take all 4 of them as we had no place in our home. The elder ones could look after themselves.

### Shashikala

Shashikala came to Maher with 3 children. She is originally from Varanasi – North India. Shashikala's parents got her married to a man who was an alcoholic. Her parents were simple and old. They did not double check about her husband's character. When Shashikala went to her husband's house she realized that the family was not good but since in her own house there was so much of poverty and a married person going back is not



acceptable as it would affect the other siblings. So she stayed on with him & Sashikala had three girls through him. He use to beat her, threw the children out saying all three are girls. This led her to run away from home in anger and frustration. She reached Shirdi and stayed in the temple begging. Some people saw her and referred her to Maher. All 4 of them are in Maher living happily.

### **Kambli & Komal**

Kambli and her daughter Komal were found by Sr. Lucy on the street. Kambli was mentally disturbed. She took treatment for 12 years. She is better now and works in Maher – Ma-Ka-Ghar as a helper. She is happy that they both are together in Maher.



### **Mary, Monica & Lucy – (Nanita, Amita and Sunita).**

These three children lost their mother due to Tuberculosis (T.B.) They have two more brothers and a sister. Their father is an alcoholic and is not taking care of the children. Hence Maher brought in the three children and the other three were left with the grandmother. Now the grandmother also died of T.B. and once Maher has more finance and a bigger home, we want to keep all the 6 children together in Maher.

## **STORY OF SONU, VISHAL, MANGESH AND BHUMI BALARAM WAGHMARE, (MAHER VADHU)**



Sonu – 7 years, Vishal – 5 years – Mangesh – 3 Years and Bhumi (Tai)– 2 years old.

These children came to Maher on 21.4.2015. They were brought by Mary D’Souza from Usgaon Khurd, Taluka Maval, District. Pune. According to Mary, these children went to her office on their own. Sonu the eldest carried his little sister Bhumi and took the other two brothers - Vishal and Mangesh and went to Mary’s office all by them.

As per the information given by Mary, a week ago, these children’s mother had taken all four of the children and pleaded to Mary to give them shelter saying that her husband is an alcoholic and is harassing her, but Mary had no shelter home so she could not keep them. The children had heard the conversation of their mother. Since Mary was not able to help, she sent them back. A few days later this women was killed by her husband.

Sonu the eldest son is a witness. After killing their mother, their father got frightened and ran away leaving the 4 small children on their own. The children had witnessed their father killing their mother and requested Mary for help so these children walked 3 kilometers went to Mary and asked her for help. Mary was not able to believe that they had walked & come and meet her on their own and went to check what the situation was.

Mary met the people of the slum and met the old grandfather of the children. She saw the situation of the children and which was very upsetting. She immediately phoned Sr. Lucy as these children had nowhere to go and no one to take care of them and told her what happened. Looking to the situation of these children, Sr. Lucy immediately requested her to bring them to Maher.

Now the children are growing well and are so happy. We feel so happy to see their smiling faces.