

### **Feeding the Homeless**

As part of our **Food Outreach Program**, Prema Jyothi teamed with Daana Kendra to feed the homeless in North Bangalore. Prema Jyothi's Food Outreach Program is designed to bring relief to those who are poverty stricken and destitute, especially children and senior citizens. Our small steps will go a long way in building stronger communities.



Homeless and Alone



Feeding the Poor

Daana Kendra Trust was formed by four youngsters to support senior citizens who are homeless due to economic situations. Some of the recipients were previously successful career professionals, but unfortunately fell upon hard times. Most are too old to work and are abandoned by their families. They survive by panhandling and doing menial chores.

Daana Kendra volunteers prepare simple meals over the weekends, comprising of rice, lentils, and vegetables. They initially traversed North Bangalore and personally handed meal packets to the homeless. They now have a temporary kiosk from which they prepare the meals and distribute it to those in need. In addition to food, the homeless are given clothing and simple articles of hygiene, like soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and sandals.

During our visit, we spoke to some of the senior citizens, who wept and explained how they had no hope for life, and that they live from day to day, not knowing what tomorrow holds. They do not have families, nor food, nor shelter, nor clothes, and nor belongings.

They sleep on the streets and panhandle for food. Their clothes were filthy, and they had not bathed in weeks. Some had deep cracks on their feet from walking the streets bare-footed.

After they ate their meals, they thanked us profusely, and left. It was a day to remember. Prema Jyothi is financially supporting the efforts of Daana Kendra Trust, and is looking to continue this support on a monthly basis.



The Food Kiosk



Serving from Roadside Kiosk



Simple Meal and Water



Lunchtime on the Street

If you would like to participate in our Food Outreach Program, please email us.

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