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Kiran today

## WEEP WITH THOSE WHO WEEP

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The telephone at Mukti's front gate rang and rang, yet it was after 9:00 PM. Another desperate person must be seeking help, thought the gatekeeper.

"Hello, I'm Dr. S from Mumbai. Is it possible to admit an eleven-year-old girl who is homeless? Her parents have both died, and now the aunt who was caring for her has also died also."

How could a child so young have lost both parents and a beloved aunt? AIDS. This ruthless, incurable killer had robbed her of all three, had robbed her of a carefree childhood as well.

The girl's name was Kiran. When she was just a tot, both her mother and father succumbed to AIDS. Her adoring aunt took Kiran in and cared for her. Cruelly, her aunt fell prey to HIV as well and suffered for many years. Dr. S went to their home and cared for the aunt (as she had Kiran's parents before her).

Dr. S developed a close bond with the little girl. Kiran stayed by her aunt's side and lovingly ministered to her needs day after day, as best she could. She almost forgot her own needs as she cared for her. One day when Dr. S came to visit, she noticed Kiran scratching wincingly at her head. Upon closer inspection, she saw that her head was covered with sores,

raw and bleeding, from all the itching. Dr. S had to shave Kiran's head to properly treat the sores. In the midst of this treatment, the aunt died. Dr. S wrapped Kiran in a tight embrace and they wept bitterly together. What would happen to Kiran now?

That's what prompted this late night call. Dr. S often conducted retreats at Mukti Mission in the Retreat Centre. She was very familiar with Mukti's compassionate ministry to desperate children and felt strongly they would help this little soul.

Kiran, arriving in July last year, is now a part of Mukti's Family. She has bonded warmly with her sisters and matron. She clearly remembers her lonely, pain-filled past and is so thankful for the family the Lord has placed her in (Psalm 68:6a)

She celebrated her **first Christmas** this past year. Although she comes from a staunch non-Christian family, she began hearing about Jesus from Dr. S. At Mukti, her knowledge of Him grew and she saw the love of Christ demonstrated in many ways. She trusted in Jesus as her own personal Savior. Very new in her faith, she realizes with gratitude the importance of God's family. She has memorized Psalm 1 and wants to grow. Already, she desires to serve the Lord and is studying hard with an aim to do something with her life.

Her ultimate goal is to serve the Lord through a professional skill, perhaps the vision she first caught through her beloved, childhood example, Dr. S.

*Won't you pray with us that the Lord will give Kiran a bright future, as she grows in Him and trusts Him for direction?*



No longer lonely:  
Kiran with "Mukti Family"  
sisters.