

Blake

Like most boys his age, Blake enjoys playing soccer, which in India is called football. Blake goes to school in jail, where he lives with his mother, who is serving a nine-year sentence for robbery. Blake's father died due to a health problem, so Blake must live with his mother in jail. We Americans would say that Blake is in the fifth grade.

The government of India allows children under eight years old to live with their mothers in prison if they have no other place to live. But the food, shelter, and education in prisons are poor. While the government supplies textbooks, it does not provide any other books for the children to read. Kids eat the same prison food as their mothers, and no nutritional snacks are provided.

Blake's situation could be dire, but Christians are trying to help Blake. When the Christians visit the jail, Blake attends Sunday School, and his mother regularly attends the Sunday worship service. The Christians bring nutritional food and provide teaching on right and wrong. They help with school during the week. Most important, they are teaching Blake about Jesus Christ; they are showcasing Christ's character.

You can help kids like Blake continue to receive food and learn about Jesus! For \$7, a child can have a Bible, and a gift of \$12 could provide a hungry boy or girl with a box of food. They will see that someone cared like Jesus. That means a lot to them!

