

'We helped a labourer's family survive in the tough Covid-19 times'

The nationwide lockdown was declared as a preventive measure against the Covid-19 pandemic. Weeks after the lockdown, several migrant labourers, who were on the verge of starvation, decided to go to their villages or hometowns.

In my society, there was a house under construction, just next to our house. After the imposition of lockdown, the construction of that house was stopped. There were several people living in that house with or without their families. And they decided to go to their respective villages as they had no work to do.

Among them was a family which had a three-month-old child. They were very worried about travelling by road with a small baby.

They were very helpless as they were not able to decide whether to go or not. Finally, they decided to stay there only.

After a few weeks, they came to our house to handover the key of their house as the owner was living in another city. When we asked them about the reason of leaving, they informed us that till that time they had been trying to manage on their savings. Now they were running out of their savings. So, they didn't have any other option but to move to their village.

My parents asked them to wait for a while and came inside for a discussion to find a solution. I also requested my parents to help them. Then my parents decided to help them with necessary items including food. I also offered my small clothes and old toys for their small kid.

After the discussion, my parents said to them, "Please rethink your decision. We will help you with the necessary things." Thereafter, they finally agreed and decided to stay back.

From the next day, we started giving them food. I also used to give a packet of milk to them every morning.

Finally, the lockdown ended. Life



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started coming back to normal again but with all Covid-19 precautions. The construction of that house also restarted.

One day, that labourer's family came to our house to express their gratitude to all of us. The family was looking very happy. I could see the real happiness in their eyes. So, this is how we can help and save someone with our small contributions to the society in unusual times. In the last but not least, I want to say that I really felt the sense of real happiness! It was really the "Joy of Giving".