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>> Your gift is **DOUBLED** – until Tuesday 9th December 2025 <<

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Hi [REDACTED]

Imagine missing your train – and **losing 20 years of freedom.**

That's what happened to Appa Rao. On his way to find work with a group of labourers, he got off the train to buy a cup of tea, and it left unexpectedly. Stranded, he caught the next train hoping to catch up with them. But – while onboard – he was tricked by a farm owner into working on his farm instead.

Appa Rao was trapped there for two decades, with no way to return to his family.

After being isolated and exploited for so long, when officials found him, 60-year-old Appa Rao had lost his sense of identity and couldn't remember where he was from. His story caught the hearts of local media and the search for his family went viral. IJM partnered with a local NGO taking Appa Rao's photo from village to village, hoping someone might recognise him.

For weeks, silence.

Then, finally, his daughter was located. At long last, Appa Rao is home. With their permission, watch the emotional **moment Appa Rao was reunited with his daughter and son-in-law:**

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Now, in freedom, Appa Rao no longer misses the little things – playing catch with his youngest grandson, afternoon tea with his son-in-law, and meals with the whole family. He no longer wonders what his daughter looks like or if she's happy. Together, they enjoy the comfort of having their father and grandfather home.

Appa Rao will spend the rest of his days surrounded by love, experiencing the everyday joys every grandparent longs for – the little things that mean everything.

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Until all are free,

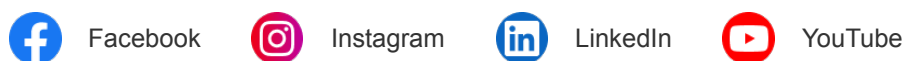
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P.S. Now is your chance to donate to help more families like Appa Rao's reunite in freedom. Through the Big Give, your donation will be DOUBLED, up to £60,000, until midday Tues 9th Dec – just make sure to [use this link.](#)



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