



Boramma – A Brave Fighter

Boramma hailing from Angadageri Village of Bijapur District had dreamt a lot as a child but the dreams got crushed with the time. When she had almost lost her hope, Sabala intervened & her life got better.

Boramma, a 35 years old women was born and brought up in Angadageri, has six siblings. She is the eldest in the family. Their parents Sangappa and Basamma are a typical agriculture based family owning 10 acres of land. They own a house apart from the land they cultivate which makes the whole of their property.

Parents were greedy having a male kid and gave birth to five daughters after which they had a son. Boramma, the eldest child was looked up to for taking care of her siblings and household works. At the age of 10, when she stops going school because of her works at home, her dream of studying and doing something in life lot crushed.

At the age of 14, she got married because of her old grandmother who insisted on her father to get her married. As a small village girl, she was unaware of the darker sides of child marriage and thought the elders were right.

Her married Life:

Soon after 5 months of her marriage she was pregnant. She was happy about it. But she said “Destiny had something bad of me.”

During the 8th month of her pregnancy her husband died in an accident. She went into depression as she was not matured enough to digest it. Further, her 2 months old baby died of brain fever which increased her sorrows in life.

Sabala's Intervention:

One of her family member introduced her to Sabala which helped her mingle with people and showed her new perspectives of life. She learnt tailoring; hand works which helped her earn her livelihood and made her independent a woman.

Later

Her father passed away few years back due to AIDS and her sister passed away a year ago due to delivery complications. The economical conditions got worse due to all the medical expenses made for her father and sister and she had six siblings to look after.

She felt worst, depressed but came out of it soon and started fighting for her family's welfare as she got support from Sabala financially and mentally.

Observations

Boramma's courage needs a round of applause. In spite of all evil things that happened to her, she made up her mind to stand for herself and her family. Sabala supported her but it was her courage which helped more than anything. Being from a poor family of a small village, she learnt about her legal rights, women's rights, land rights (for getting her husband's property).

Analysis:

There are many widows around in the society who lose their hope about their life because of the social stigma / lack of family support.

Boramma is an evidence of the change. Her story demonstrates the courage and humbleness to learn things in life and did not stop living her life.

Sabala supports each individual with the attention required, views each case as a women seeking her identity, dignity and rights. Each case highlights the change that is taking place in the lives of women and their demand for respect and dignity – the change from being seen as weak and helpers, to capable, seeking their rights.