





would help his son; however, nothing improved his condition. His parents believed that his illness was caused by bad karma, or sins in his past lives (see related article on page 28). Because of this belief, when his family got together for celebrations, he was carried by

the family's servants to an area separate from the rest of the family.

Ravi felt rejected. He knew he had done nothing to cause his polio, yet his parents showed his brothers and sisters lots of affection, but kept their distance from him.

When he was 17 years old, he decided he could not take the rejection any longer. Though he was confined to a wheelchair, Ravi ran away from home. At a train station, he happened to meet a man who told him about Jesus. The man also told Ravi about a Christian boarding school he could attend. While at the boarding school. Ravi learned more about Jesus and the unconditional love He gives. Ravi prayed to receive Jesus as his Savior and Lord. He left the faith of his family.



Even when you think your life is hopeless, **God cares** about you!

New Life and New Love

Ravi met his wife, Sheila, during their college days. Also Indian, she was a nursing student whose brother lived in an apartment next door to Ravi. During one of her visits to her brother, she met her future husband. Sheila's parents did not approve of their getting married at first, so they prayed and waited. They waited three years until her father finally gave his approval!

Ravi continued his education, eventually earning five advanced degrees, including a Ph.D. He attended seminary and currently serves the Lord at the North American Mission Board in Alpharetta, Georgia, as the Coordinator of the Evangelism Response Center.