

# American Hindu Association

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## HINDU CONNECTIONS

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### Shri Naidu's contribution to Hinduism in Madison

AHA Reporter - Dennis Murray

Shri Madhav Naidu's contribution to Hinduism in Madison has been much appreciated and will be much missed. He has been one of the major contributors to AHA and will be hard to replace. We wish him the very best in his new job and know that he will enrich those around him as a proud example of the love Hinduism has to share with the world.



Madhavji is the coordinator of the Balagokulam programs and Hindu Heritage camps in Wisconsin and Illinois. He and his wife, Geeta Naidu, have promoted and

provided educational and religious programs to our children since he had moved to Madison. Their devotion towards our children and community has been extraordinary and incomparable. Their time and effort spent in promoting Hindu culture to our children has benefited our community tremendously.

### Greatness of Renunciates ~ Tirukural by Tiruvalluvar

The Scriptures exalt above every other good the greatness of virtuous renunciates.

Attempting to speak of the renunciate's magnitude is like numbering all the human multitudes who have ever died.

Behold those who have weighed the dual nature of things and followed the renunciate's way. Their greatness illumines the world.

He whose firm will, wisdom's goading hook, controls his five senses is a seed that will flourish in the fields of Heaven.

Such is the power of those who subdue the five senses, that even Indra, sovereign of spacious Heaven's celestials, suffered their curse.

The magnificent ones are they who can dispatch the most difficult tasks; the insignificant ones are they who cannot.

Touch, taste, sight, smell and hearing are the senses he who controls these five magically controls the world.

Their own secret sayings reveal to the world the greatness of men whose words prove prophetic.

It is impossible to endure, even for a second, the wrath of those who have scaled and stand upon the mountain called virtue.

Pious men are called the priestly ones, for they are clothed in robes of compassion for all life.

### AHA - Volunteer Work at Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The AHA Board of Directors has decided to increase the diversity of activities of the American Hindu Association by substituting some kind of volunteer service in town in place of the satsang held on the 1st Sundays of each month." Therefore, AHA has created an opportunity for AHA members in our community to volunteer 2 hours of their time (once a month) at St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry, located at 1309 Culmen Dr, off Fish Hatchery Road (across from the BP gas station). Since, AHA has made arrangements with St Vincent Food Pantry to make ourselves available the 1st Saturdays of each month, we need about 10 - 12 to help with their clients in selecting food products, stocking the shelves and cleaning fresh vegetables. Please let us know if you are able to commit 2 hours of your time for this noble cause. You are also



welcome to let us know ahead of time, if you are able to work on the 1st Saturday of a particular month. This will allow you time, to plan to help out at the Food Pantry on a Saturday convenient to you. If you have any questions, please call Ragini at 845-6608 or e-mail me at sathaa@tds.net .The next date that we are scheduled to meet at St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry is on Saturday, September 2, 2006 at 8:00 am or 10:00 am shift. Please call or e-mail Ragini as soon as possible if you are interested in making a difference.

“Religion and religion alone is the life of India, and when that goes, India will die, in spite of politics, in spite of social reforms, in spite of Kubera's wealth poured upon the head of every one of her children.”

Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902)

**Prashanth Prabakaran was eager to share his experiences**

There are a variety of fields in science that interest me, but the most fascinating field is environmental science. The reasons I like environmental science is that you get to do lots of hands on activities concerning the living organisms in the environment, which I love exploring.

In my free time during weekends and in the afternoon, I love sitting on a cozy couch and just reading. It is the hobby I crave most out of all my other hobbies. I also enjoy riding my bike, taking swimming lessons and playing American Football and Ultimate Frisbee with my friends.

I would like to go to Kenya for its heart stopping scenery, breathtaking sights and wonderful culture. I have read a lot of books on it and loved it especially for its diversity in living organisms that thrive there, free to roam in its lush habitat.

I have traveled to many places inside the USA including California, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Ohio and South Dakota. I have also traveled internationally to India, my home country. Since I was old enough to read and write, I would keep track of how many continents I had visited and to this day I have only been on three continents and those are Asia, Europe and the USA. I would always dream of going to Africa and you have given me that chance.

Sincerely,

Prashanth Prabakaran

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