

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

I'm *Migavel*, born and raised in Puliangudi, a village in southern India. In my family of four, consisting of my dad, mom, elder sister, and myself, we faced financial challenges. At the age of 8, my father became a church worker at St. Mathias church, CSI, earning a meager monthly income of 1500 rupees (\$19.41 in U.S. currency). Due to illness, my mom didn't work. **To support my family, I started working at the age of 10** on weekends as a delivery boy, seller boy in a textile shop, and a Mason's assistant. We lived in a small room (10x8 feet) that was cramped for the four of us. **Despite financial constraints, I nurtured a childhood dream of becoming a software engineer.** During my time in the 12th grade, the introduction of Android mobile phones marked a significant milestone in India's technological landscape. Witnessing these advancements, I became captivated by the world of technology and felt an overwhelming desire to pursue a career as a software engineer. With determination, I excelled in my 10th grade (95.6%) and 12th grade (95.25%), and I secured admission to Madras Institute of Technology, Anna University, the top college in my state. After completing my 12th grade in 2012, I joined LIFT and LIFT played a crucial role in supporting my college studies, and I am immensely grateful for their assistance. **Without LIFT, I would not have been able to reach my current position.**

Current Position:

In 2017, I started working as a QA Engineer at M*Modal Softech Solutions Pvt Ltd. Now, **I'm a QA team lead at 3M India Pvt Ltd. In 2021, I also achieved the milestone of building a house for my family, where we now live happily.**

Personal Initiatives:

Besides my involvement with LIFT, I am also assisting my sister in her studies as she pursues a Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) degree. Furthermore, I have helped other students outside of LIFT with their education. Gratitude to LIFT: LIFT played a crucial role in my life during challenging times when no one else supported my college education. **I consider myself blessed by LIFT's intervention, and I am committed to being a source of support for others in need.**



Giving back, paying forward, to our community and others is a cornerstone of the LIFT program.