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Biru's Story India

Primary (F-2)
Photo Storybook



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This is Biru's story.



Biru lives in a remote village in eastern India.



He lives with his wife and daughters.



Biru was sick with polio when he was a child. This affected his leg, which makes it hard for him to walk.



Biru was only able to go to school until Grade 6. After that, he started to work as a shepherd, herding cattle.



It is a hard job, especially for someone living with a disability.



Like Biru, many people who have a disability in India also live in poverty. Biru wondered how he would look after his family. What other job could he do?



Biru had taught himself to repair bicycles, but he never dreamed of using his skills to start his own business.



Caritas invited Biru to join a local community program to learn how to manage his money and to start a business.

“My life started changing after I entered the program. I didn’t know that I had the skills to manage a shop, but after receiving the support, I started with cycle repairing, then I realised I can manage other skills too, like repairing motorcycles.”

Biru





Now, Biru runs his own bicycle repair shop!



Everyone loves Biru's new business. People come from far away to get their bicycles fixed. They even offer to travel to nearby towns to collect bicycle parts for him!



Now, Biru can provide a good life for his family and help his community.



Biru is a role model and encourages others living with a disability to become independent too.



Biru is a respected member of his community. He has grown in courage, confidence and hope.

QUESTIONS

1. Why was Biru's job as a shepherd so difficult?
2. How did Biru learn to repair bicycles?
3. What made it possible for Biru to start his own business?
4. How did Caritas Australia help?
5. How do people in Biru's community treat him?

