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Footprints of a Philosopher-Theologian Mystic

announced his death. However, providentially, being in the operation theatre, with much massaging on the chest they could resuscitate his life and it prolonged for another five more years. If not affected by Covid-19, definitely he would have lived many more years with us.

His original thoughts in the classroom and the 'Vineeth Ashram' will make his presence eternal in our midst. He cannot die in anybody's life who had once interacted with him. I am glad that I am one among those fortunate ones.



Molly and Jose, Bhoothanahalli **Memories of Our Father Vineeth**

Dear loving Vineethacha, we miss only your physical presence; your loving memories are always with us in our hearts.

We know Fr. Vineeth from 1983 onwards. He had helped us in many ways to come up in life. He made all arrangements for our wedding like a father getting ready with everything and blessed our marriage too.

We offered our service, when he started Vidyavanam Ashram in the year 1996 and stayed in the ashram till he was transferred from there. It was like a family; he treated us as his own children. For us, ashram

was our second home and Fr. Vineeth was like our own father. He was so innocent like a child, very open, transparent, very straight-forward, and so simple. He always had a good heart to help others when they were in need. We were with him in the ashram from 1996 to 2016 and were very lucky to have served him. Dear Father, we are very grateful to you.

It was really shocking news when Fr. Anto informed us that he is no more. We are very sad that we could not see him or say a last farewell to him. We remember that he used to say: "When I die, directly I go to heaven through the back door, because others will be waiting in front to get in." Yes, dear Father Vineeth, you are right up there, preparing a place for us. Thank you, dear Father, for everything you were to us all these years. We love you!