



Dear friends,

Greetings. I am delighted to meet you all through this newsletter and share many works we have done so far.

Village Development (RUPA Project)

International Needs Australia - Visit

We were honoured and excited to have visitors from International Australia (INA). Mr. David Ensor (INA Chief Executive Officer), Mr. Sean Carroll Taffe (INA, International Program Officer) Mrs. Hilda John (DAIA, Executive Director) visited all our works on 07.1.2023, 9.01.2023, 10.1.2023 and 11.01.2023. They heard and saw the economic progress of the beneficiaries of the empowerment program in the villages of S. Pudur, Pudupacheri and Jambulingapuram and the current living standards of those who completed vocational training. They visited some of the tuition centres and enjoyed seeing the handicrafts and art performances of the children. This time of fellowship was a great time of joy for visitors and beneficiaries alike.



Empowerment Scheme

Mrs. Vasantha (37 years) is married with children and lives in Pudur village. Her husband owns a petti shop. She studied tailoring at a tailoring training school run by DAIA. She requested to buy a sewing machine to improve my family income. We provided her a sewing machine.

Mrs. Parimala (23 years) lives in Pudupacheri village. Her husband does not have enough income. She studied tailoring at the tailoring training school run by DAIA. She requested for a sewing machine to stitch ready-made clothes and increase her income through sewing. This will help increase her monthly income. We provided her a sewing machine.

Mrs. Jeyalakshmi (50 years) lives in Pudupacheri village. Her husband is a farmer. She owns a petti shop. Her desire was to grow her business, investing a little more in the capital. She requested to help her in doing business. She expects the economic situation to improve in the future. We provided groceries items for the petti shop.

Mr. Perumal Raj (26 years) lives in Pudupacheri village, he is deaf and cannot speak. He is living under the care of his father. He is going to work as a coolie. He requested to provide him with goats. He is determined to improve his economic status. We provided two goats.

Mrs. Vaniyachiammal (60 years) lives in village S. Pudur, her husband passed away. She has 2 sons. One of them died due to ill health. He is not able to do well. She goes for daily wages. She is looking forward to a better economic status in the near future. We provided two goats.



Mrs. Vasantha with her sewing machine



Mrs. Parimala with her sewing machine



Mrs. Jeyalakshmi with her Pettishop



Mr. Perumal Raj with his goats



Mrs. Vanniyachiammal with her goats

Tailoring Centre

The tailoring centers started in Jumbulingapuram and S.Pudur is progressing well. 7 women are studying in Jumbulingapuram and 9 women are studying in S.Pudur. The women are undergoing tailoring classes are participating with much interest and enthusiasm.



Tuition centre

We conduct tuition centres at 10 centres (Jothibass nagar, Vellapatti, Kandasampuram, Thambikai meendan, Rama natchiyarpuram, Rajapandi nagar, Siluvaipatti, Madathur, Vallinayagipuram, Millerpuram) regularly. The children are given a nutritious snack, and helped with their homework from Monday to Saturday.

Around 25 kids attend each of these centres. Republic Day was celebrated in all the tuition centers on January 26th, with kids participating in cultural activities.



Tuition Teachers Meeting

On January 31st, a monthly meeting for tuition teachers was held at the DAIA office. Mr Francis delivered encouraging messages. Mrs. Jeya Gell asked the participants about the students. Mrs. Hilda John asked each of the teachers about last month's report. Each teacher shared their experiences. Children and parents expressed that they were very excited especially after the visit of INA visitors. A quiz related to general knowledge was played to initiate interest in current affairs for the teachers. All teachers participated enthusiastically. Then everyone was provided with the necessary items for the snacks to be given to the children that month.



Embracing Elders

On January 11th, 44 elders attended the camp at Zion Campus, Tuticorin. Mrs. Hilda John and Mr. Sean [INA] was the special guest. Ms. Hilda John delivered an exciting message. Both Ms. Indira and Mr. Marimuthu shared the benefits gained through DAIA. Both the special guests said they enjoyed seeing the seniors. They were given groceries and nutrition powder. Their weight was monitored and recorded. The camp ended with a simple nutritious meal.



Medical Camp

Tuticorin

On January 7th, 40 patients attended the medical camp held at Zion campus, Tuticorin. Mr. Francis delivered uplifting message. Dr. Mummoorthy examined the patients. Medicines, tonics, and nutrition powder were distributed. The camp ended with a good meal.



Kovilpatti

On January 20th, 55 patients attended the medical camp at St. Paul's campus, Kovilpatti. Mrs. Prema delivered encouraging message. Dr. Mummoorthy examined the patients. Medicines, tonics, and nutrition powder were distributed. Their weight was monitored and recorded. The camp ended with a good meal.



Thank you!

We are deeply grateful for the support we get from our donors and volunteers. We cannot do what we do without your support.

We pray for your blessings as you sacrificially give. The seed that you sow today will bear fruit surely!

Warm Regards,

Jeya Gell.

Reflection: Kindness

“Always help someone. You might be the only one who do”

Let us be kind and lighten the burden of those who are suffering.

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