



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

Tuition Centre

8 centres are currently run across the outskirts of Tuticorin. They were attended by 197 children this month. Along with the regular study, they were encouraged to participate in an arts completion. The theme was 'Palm tree'. Many students participated with enthusiasm. The best works among them were awarded prizes. This competition brought out many skills and talents in the children.



Mobile Library - Bridging the GAP

The mobile library has grown a little more in collection of books. We added 40 books to our collection and now they are in rotation among the children. 2 centres have had the opportunity to borrow and read the books.

Promotional work about reading were focussed this month, delivering awareness on the habit of reading books to the children and their parents. Staff shared a video presentation to showcase the importance of reading books. The children have shown interest in this scheme and we hope this opportunity will open their minds to learn about the world a bit more.



PPP program- 'Effects of Drugs on children'

Positive Parenting Program (PPP) was On October 6, at Alazhumuthunagar Tuition Centre. The topic on focus was, 'Effects of Drugs on Children'. Parents and adolescent children were explained through a video about the evils of drug use. The role of parents was emphasised in guiding their children and knowing about them more. It is very easy to ignore a child due to life's stress and making ends meet. But these are the times when a child needs the strong guidance of a parent or guardian. The parents assured us that they will be vigilant about the safety of the children.



Tuition teachers -Monthly meeting



Tuition teachers meeting was held on Oct 31st at DAIA office.

Mrs. Hilda John enquired tuition teachers about the children's attendance record, last month's report, and other issues.

Mrs. Flora talked about the mobile library and the importance of reading children's books.

Discussion was held about the English courses planed in collaboration with TATA Group. The feedback from the teachers were quite positive and they have been helpful in the creation of the program.

We express our thanks to the many volunteers of TCE Connect who will spend their time and skills in the coming months to create a meaningful project.

Rural Upliftment Programs and Awareness(RUPA PROJECT)

Annammal College of Education- Plastic awareness and survey

On October 26, DAIA and Annammal College organized a plastic awareness program at Jambulingapuram Panchayat. Panchayat President Mrs. Selvarani Chinnathurai, Secretary Mrs. Babbi, NRG People's Welfare Coordinator Mrs. Umadevi, college professors and Mrs. Jeya Gell (DAIA) were present.

The Shankar troupe performed various dances and entertained the people and college students on 'plastic awareness' at the function. Mrs. Emima Roslin (Handicrafts and Art Works) showed how to use waste materials to make beauty products and useful products. The students then conducted a survey among the villagers. People responded enthusiastically. Our DAIA staff, college students, professors and fellow Shankar team participated in the plastic awareness walk. Mrs. Naga Jothi, a resident of the village, shared the awareness gained through plastic awareness in the last three years and the awareness of the people of the panchayat through DAIA. Ms. Prema Francis concluded the program with vote of thanks.



Self Help Group- reintroduction

On October 4, Government self-help group manager Ms. Asha shared about the loan assistance from the government to women for self-employment. All beneficiaries of the empowerment program and vocational training program were encouraged to make use of this opportunity.



Tailoring Centre

The tailoring centre at Pudupatcheri is continuing with 15 students.



Adult Literacy

People in the villages of Jambulingapuram, Pudupatcheri, S. Puthur were encouraged by telling short stories, discussing about general knowledge and self-confidence. 44 people participated in this.

Embracing Elders

Our monthly 'Embracing Elders' Program for 44 elders held on Oct 11th.



Mrs. Jeya Gell and Mrs. Dorothy Manimuthu shared uplifting messages with them Elders sharing a meal.



Mrs. Grace receiving the grocery pack for the month

All 44 elders were given groceries for the month and enjoyed a meal together.

Medical Camp

Medical Camp for HIV/AIDS patients at Kovilpatti
49 patients were given medical checkup, medicines, nutrition powder and a good meal on Oct 20th.



Mrs. Jeya Gell delivered an uplifting message.



Dr. Mummoorthy consulting with the patients.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Christmas-The greatest love story

As we approach Christmas, we are reminded of the reason of the season. It is a time of joy sharing the amazing love story of God with mankind. We often share this love by giving gifts to our near and loved ones.

Many of our beneficiaries whom we serve, don't have an opportunity to give or receive a gift this Christmas. We invite you to reach out to someone, because 'changes occur only when someone cares an awful lot!'

Gifts can be donated cash or in kind.

In kind donation

- Sarees - 140 nos.
- Dhoti - 20 nos.
- Shirt - 60 nos.
- Towels - 50 nos.
- Children Gift - 300 nos.

Cash donation

- Meals for 100 Nos. X Rs.200 = Rs.20,000/-
- Meals for 50 Nos. X Rs.200 = Rs.10,000/-

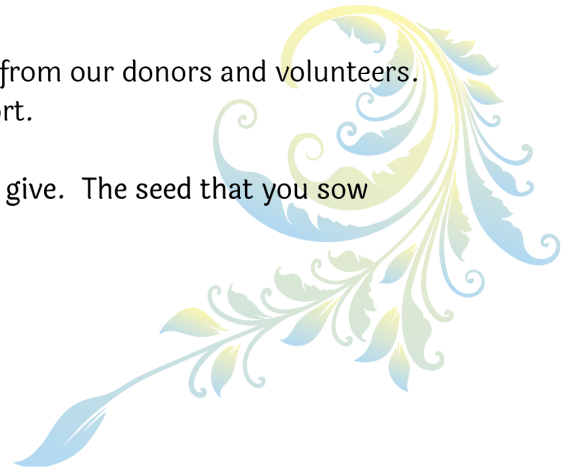


Thank you!

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.



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