



Friends of TREAD

Trinity Rural Educational Association for Development

In partnership with TREAD India Trust
...giving hope and a new future to needy Indian children

Winter News 2013

Home and Dry at Trinity Day Care Centre!

Kudunure Andhra Pradesh

Despite extremely heavy rains during the monsoon season, the **newly repaired roof at TDCC was watertight**. The electrical repairs have also been finished and the decoration is now underway. TREAD sends thanks to FOT for paying for these much needed repairs and also for the new deeper water bore well and pump, ensuring a better supply since the water table had dropped.



Other TDCC news: In September Jayraj ran special classes for TDCC children on the importance of vitamins, cereals, fruits and vegetables. The children were very enthusiastic and enjoyed the class!

Grace Tailoring Centre

Podia, Odisha state (formerly named Orissa)

Congratulations to the 20 students who recently finished their one-year tailoring course! In October they had their valedictory attended by parents, many guests and church elders. Thirteen girls from Sarah Centre who failed their 10th standard exams have been offered a place on the Grace Tailoring course which will give them a skill for life.



The new 13th course began in October. Those living too far away to attend daily live onsite in Daniel Cottage.

FUNDRAISING FOCUS the original sewing machines in the centre badly need replacing at the cost of £70 each

It's all happening in Sarah, David and Hannah Centres!

Odisha

FOT is delighted that we now have funds for large generators at the **Sarah and the David Centres** in Orissa. In our last news letter we outlined the water supply difficulties, caused by low mains voltage experienced by TREAD in this extreme climate with its high summer temperatures.

The clinic building is currently being used as a library for the Sarah centre children until such time as it can be used again for medical purposes.

83 lucky children at the Hannah Centre have been given bicycles by Compassion International. **The children and staff at all three Compassion funded centres have had a busy few months with activities including**

- Global Handwash day with demonstrations from staff and children
- Routine health checkups with advice from doctors.
- Bible Quiz, drawing competitions and story-writing for children aged 6-14 years with awards for the top three!
- Week-long music master classes for youngsters on guitar and keyboard led by instructors from Andhra Pradesh



- Parents' meeting with staff on the subject of child development
- Home Science, Arts & Crafts events with sewing and embroidery training

Other activities include talent contests, English Oral class, plant and seed cultivation, sports events, careers advice, computer training and a Youth prayer conference.

Thank you!

Caroline Jones from Bristol whose beautiful handmade quilt raised over **£1000** for FOT!

Mounica

Many of our supporters will have heard of Mounica, a 14 year old girl from TDCC living with faulty heart valve.



Mounica with Dr Mary

Mounica has been a patient of Love the One, TREAD's partner charity, for nearly 4 years and has been maintained on medication until the necessary life saving operation was approved by her family and arranged by Love the One with financial help from a government scheme and from a trust fund. The operation involved some risk and caused much concern for our TREAD India team if it had not been successful. Her mother had abandoned the family a few years back but was

traced and returned with an emotional reunion to support and care for Mounica. In November her heart valve was repaired in a cardiac hospital in Hyderabad. Two of her relatives and some of the TREAD family accompanied her. She made a rapid recovery and within days was moved from intensive care and within a week was returned to HQ Shiloh. She is presently living in the guestroom along with her mother and monitored by our team for a few months until anticoagulant treatment is complete and she is able to return to her village conditions. She had a check up in December and is due for another mid March.



..... and with Mum post op

How can you help us?

We would be thankful if you could help us through events, meals, coffee mornings, sponsoring children or passing on this newsletter to friends. Keep up to date with our activities and news by "liking" our **Friends of TREAD Face book page**.

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Time to Celebrate!

- On Sept 5th TREAD children in all four centres celebrated Teachers Day.
- On September 13th, TREAD celebrated its 13th Anniversary. All the centres enjoyed a special meal and prayers of thanks were given for TREAD supporters.
- Each year the children leaving TDCC along with the Grace Tailoring students are taken on a once-in-a-lifetime outing to Hyderabad for a few days. This event has become legendary amongst the children and something they all aspire to when it is their turn. The girls and children, we are told " had lots of fun visiting Golkonda Fort, the Zoo, Snow World, Film City and the Planetarium!"

TDCC children at Film City



Congratulations!

One of the TREAD children Chinnam Manas has got a scholarship from the Govt. of Odisha for Rs.5000/- (about £50) for best performance in Mathematics in the 7th Class at school!

FOT trustees are always astonished at how quickly the TREAD children have grown up! We have heard about the Sarah youngsters **selected for the Compassion Leadership Development Program** -a great benefit for those who pass their 12th year exams enabling them to choose their course. We congratulate:

Litu Chinam, Kiran Naka, Bersheba Rani, Amruth Madiri, Evangeline Nara and Naresh who are studying courses as diverse as Computer studies, Theology, Business Administration and Social Work

TREAD India says "Thank God from all TREAD India for this LDP Program by "COMPASSION" that is changing the lives of so many young people."

St Leonards Garden Party

It is becoming a habit that it rains the moment we open our annual event. This year was no exception but many willing folk helped mop up and the afternoon resulted in £1231 profit. **Thanks to FOT supporters far and wide and we hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and 2014.**