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Winter News 2014

New Children at Trinity Day Care Centre



We welcomed a new set of children this summer at the Kudunure based Trinity Day Care Centre . The number of children has been increased from 100 to 116 to accommodate 31 from the nearby tribal village of Botugudem . We feature here some excerpts from a profile report by Jayaraj our TDCC manager.

"The village of Botugudem, one km from Kudunure consists of three tribes (the villagers identify themselves by tribes) In the village these groups live in separate areas which are scattered far from each other. Some of the houses are concrete ones and some are mud huts. The village is very green and pleasant with nice rural views over to agricultural and paddy fields so it is very peaceful. Most of the villagers are illiterate.

The children from this village now attend TDCC regularly and are very keen and enthusiastic! All the children line up and leave their houses at 6 am to walk in line to TDCC and say they look forward to this each day. Despite being further afield than the local children, the children from this village are the first to arrive each day at TDCC in time for the morning devotion.

They have been learning all kind of songs and also Bible verses and love taking part in assembly and listening to Bible stories. The older children have been encouraged by the staff to do the readings from the Bible during prayer time.

On Nov 8th a children's camp was held at TDCC with a team of five visiting from Palvoncha.(45 miles away) It was the first time that these children had experienced a children's camp and they enjoyed puppet shows , action songs, drama sketches and Bible stories told with pictures."

Conditions in the village of Kudunure have changed since TDCC opened in 2000

"When TDCC opened 14 years ago there was little work for the villagers who relied on seasonal agricultural work but recently there have been more employment opportunities in the village for masons, general construction labourers, carpenters and work in cycle and bike repair shops. Agricultural workers cultivate crops of rice, cotton, chillies, maize and eucalyptus. The average daily wage is now 150 IR for men and 130IR for women (98 IR = £1 approx)."

The extra children have increased the cost of running TDCC slightly and new support through sponsorship at £10 per month or donations would be welcome. TDCC has improved the life chances of so many children in Kudunure but there are nearby villages where this is not the case.

From Jayaraj

"This tribal girl is from a village which is two Kms to the East of Trinity Campus. She is not studying... she helps her mom in selling firewood and earns their living. So we have motivated her mom to send her to school. The girl is very interested to study. Please pray the girl's life would bloom with the initiative of Trinity staff."



Daily life in Kudunure village :

"Almost 80 % of the villagers (both wife & husband) work, leaving home by 8'clock in the morning and returning at 6'0clock in the evening. While parents are working, their children should go to school or pre-school so TDCC is a blessing to Kudunure village as it provides high quality before and after school care for the children giving peace of mind to their parents, who know that the children will attend school regularly if they go to TDCC. Thanks to TDCC, the local schools have improved attendance rates and so can offer better education for all. It is well known that if TDCC shuts one day for a holiday, attendance that day at the local school is poor. Parents, whose children go to the Government pre-school, also want their children to go to TDCC because they know that at TDCC their children are well cared for .The villagers consider that to be a TDCC child is a real blessing to them all – the children meet FOT trustees each year which opens their minds to the world outside their village. A pen, crayon, post card, drawing book etc received from FOT trustees and sponsors are very precious to them because they don't have things that children in the west take for granted."

Water and Toilets at the Sarah CDC site

Sorry to raise this delicate subject but we are faced with potentially quite expensive difficulties.

The water supply problem arose when the electric pump for our deep borewell ceased to function correctly, after the local electricity supply voltage was reduced some months ago to save money. This required the purchase of a powerful diesel generator and after some generous support to FOT it has been installed for about £3000 and put to use with evident joy and gratitude at Sarah .

Thank You FOT for New Generator



Water is vital for toilets but this is not the only problem as the original drain to the distant septic tank has become damaged and blocked. FOT Trustee Tim Overton's daughter Charlotte , who has a Masters Degree in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), is advising us on the most suitable third world solution. She is presently in India working alongside our medical partners Love the One and also Gram Vikas an NGO working to develop villages in India and Africa. An important strand of their work is in clean water supply and sanitation .



It would be good to get the toilet block working again as soon as possible for the large number of children .

This might involve an interim fix by installing a preformed septic tank nearer to the block at a cost of about £3000 at sufficient depth to reduce problems with blockages and contamination Unfortunately the area is prone to flooding, which could still make the toilets unusable in the rainy season.

We are investigating the possibility of a double pit latrine system , which has been used elsewhere in these situations and are awaiting feasibility studies and costings for various schemes before we make a decision on the way forward.

HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

People often ask us how they can help support the work in India. This month we are focusing on using the internet.

If you copy the link below and make it your homepage, each time you use a search engine you raise money for Friends of TREAD.

It doesn't cost you a thing but donations to us add up!

<http://tread.easyssearch.org.uk>

If you do any shopping on the internet—anything from your weekly groceries to buying flights, try

easyfundraising.org.uk

who provide a FREE fundraising service. Every time you shop online using all your favourite retail outlets you raise funds for Friends of TREAD and it doesn't cost you a penny!

News snippets

We reported last time that Swapna of the **orphan assistance programme** was married this summer .We have just heard that she and engineer husband Narsimharao are now expecting a spring baby. She is living with her husband's family and has continued her education with support from her husband and family.



Mounica continues her remarkable recovery from life saving heart surgery a year ago. She is on a small amount of long term medication and visits her consultant periodically at Hyderabad for checks . She has now started a two year vocational course as a Multi-purpose Health Worker at a college in nearby Charla. On medical advice she no longer tutors part time at TDCC but does visit the centre after her college day for her evening meal and this also enables our team to monitor her progress,

Message from TIT Director Vasanth '*Grace trainees 13th batch has successfully completed their training. GOD has blessed them with the new sewing machines through FOT & TIT they look beautiful and bright in their colourful garments designed and stitched by themselves. All the trainees thanked GOD for giving them this great opportunity to be in Grace ,where they could learn many other things like singing, dancing, cooking, home decoration ,and also to express there feelings and emotions. They could achieve all these only through FOT&TIT. GOD bless our organisation and partners supporting TREAD from UK for changing the lives of the poor young girls in the remote villages .*



We have received a very generous donation from Brian Amesbury of St Michaels congregation in **Bristol**. It is given in memory of his wife Marjorie who died 5 years ago. One of the items on our wish list has been to build a wall on the rear boundary of Trinity Day Care Centre. A road running along this edge is used by farmers to move herds of buffalo and the existing fence has suffered damage.. The wall with iron gates for access will need to be of sufficient strength to cope with this. We send our thanks to Brian and with his agreement are making plans for this wall to be completed as soon as possible. Marjorie loved children and education.

The annual **St Leonards** garden party in August raised £1167 despite some appalling weather on the day. We give thanks for all supporters and helpers who shivered and sheltered their way through the afternoon and to those who sent donations after the event.

We send our thanks to all who have supported us through the past year and wish everyone a **very Happy Christmas**

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