



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 2015

New Motorbike for Trinity Day Care Centre



No this is not a new item of play equipment for the children at TDCC and it is not an attempt to get into the Guinness book of records . Jayaraj the manager of TDCC travels for about an hour each way from his home in Bhadrachalam. His motorbike had become old and unreliable after many years of daily use so he asked for our help to buy a new one and Friends of TREAD recently provided the funds. The delivery of this shiny new bike has clearly brought much pleasure to the 103 children attending the centre in Kudunure village, entirely funded by Friends of Tread.

We have a similar situation with the motorbikes at the Sarah, David and Hannah Child Development Centres but we have delayed support until sufficient funds become available.

If anyone would like to help contribute towards the cost of approx. £650 per bike, we would be delighted to hear from you .

Swathi and Tilak



Swathi and Tilak were both supported by our Orphan Assistance Programme. This scheme also helps provide for further education for promising students from poor families. Recently three younger children on the scheme have been adopted by relatives whose circumstances have altered allowing them to take full responsibility for the child's care .

Swathi, 21 years old, from a Hindu family lived in Khammam in a rented house with her mother after her father died at 42 from cancer .The trustees enjoyed meeting her on the annual FOT visit and seeing her progress over the past 11 years. Swathi attended the Swarna Bharati Institute of Science and Technology. Earlier this year she graduated after a 3 year course in Electrical and Communications Engineering with 80%. Companies visit the campus to headhunt the brightest students and this resulted in

her acceptance of a job offer with a financial software and systems company .

Tilak 22, is from Dornakal, he was living with his mother and elderly tailor father who latterly became unfit for work. Tilak was a pupil at the Nirmala school, where our TREAD India Trust chairman Achsah was teaching . In 2011 she referred him to our scheme after seeing his academic potential and the home difficulties .He gained distinctions in all his studies and a place at the Sri Sai Jyothi Institute of Technology in the outskirts of Hyderabad and studied for a Bachelor Degree in Technology (electronics and communications). He graduated this year with high marks and in October joined a large communications company based in Hyderabad as a Project Associate. Tilak is a very outgoing, charming, chess playing young man with a strong Christian faith..

The success of Swathi and Tilak and others demonstrates the huge benefit derived from the generous long term support of their sponsors through TREAD, which often continues into adulthood . We wish them every success in their lives and in their chosen careers.



HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

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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!

Earlier this Autumn two FOT trustees were asked to speak at a church leaders meeting to explain the benefits of the Hastings based **LOAF project**, who adopted us as their cause in 2002 to raise the £25000 needed to open the **Sarah Child Development Centre**. We asked our India director Vasanth for his analysis and this is what we received. It speaks for itself in explaining the need for and the benefits of the Development Centres .

Sarah Fruits

Brief information about Sarah

It is so exciting to share about the efforts and outcomes of the unique personality of the late Founder and Director of Tread India Trust Dr. M. Sounder Raj and the Tread family. Tread has started a child Development Centre at Podia with the partnership of Compassion East India in 2002 and named it **SARAH CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, EI418**. There were 136 children in the year of 2002 when the project has started. After all these years there are **Four hundred and Fifty Seven (457)** children who have been benefited through the centre, not only the children got benefit but also the Families became responsible and equipped themselves in four fold areas such as taking proper health care, Spiritual activities in the families and at church, inspired on educational development, Social behaviour and good relationship with other communities in the society. It has worked to make the civilized and developing society for the better future of the children, Community and the nation. It has provided adult education to the illiterate people of the community and provided vocational skills for some. Three Hundred and Forty (340) children got vocational training as on Hand Craft, Gardening, Agriculture, Paper Craft, Tailoring, Computer Skill, Nursing, Electrical, Bamboo Craft ,Art and Paintings. The ratios of literate were **46%** of the community in the year 2002. Now it has reached up to **83%**. There were **13** only the Graduates with Bachelor degrees in the community. Now the number has grown up to **Ninety Eight (98)** in the community

Among them **Sarah has produced Fifty Three (53) graduates** in the time frame of thirteen years (13) till 2015. Thirty six (36) Children have successfully completed their studies till the age of 21 years as per Compassion age limit. We are working for the people of the community on Literacy, Income Generation and Vocational Skills through CIV (Complementary Intervention), IGP (Income generating Programme) and HVC (Highly Vulnerable Children) .Tread has constructed seven houses for the poor homeless families in the community through CIV support of Compassion.

Sarah Success as Shining Stars in Leadership Development Programme

Compassion had a programme for the better standard children in fourfold areas with better educational academy named as Leadership Development Programme. There are six children selected for the programme from Sarah. It is a big achievement for the centre. Because there were 16 centres in our cluster but God's grace we got 6 LDPs and another centre got one and the rest of centres were not able to take the opportunity. We hope and pray that God's grace is with us and there is a special plan and purpose for the Sarah Community. Among the six LDP there are one Bachelor of Theology(B.Th) Graduate, one Bachelor of Divinity Holder (B.D) ,one Bachelor of Computer Application (BCA) holder, one Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) holder and two Bachelor of Social Work (BSW). The rest of children are in Bachelor Degrees in Arts, Commerce and Science streams

A Shining Star of Sarah

Here I would like to share a few lines about one of the graduates from our centre. This child's admission in the centre astonished all of us. It was the time of first children joining in the centre and the age limit was 3-9 years. The child was 9 yrs old and there was no seat for the him . The child and parents were hopeless for his joining and the office had taken a photograph without surety . But by the God's grace he got registration in the centre. He did well continuously in the studies in every year of the intermediate level, church activities and other social activities as in the centre and community. He got the opportunity in LDP for higher studies .The child's name is **Chinam Littu** and continued his studies in Computer Application as a Bachelor Degree holder at Bhubaneswar the Capital City of Orissa. He became the leader for 16 LDP children in the cluster of Bhubaneswar to all the responsibilities as in college, Hostel, Organize the Compassion programmes for the LDP children in the cluster as well as in other nearby clusters. He has a helping nature to all the new comers to the college for getting admission

and other documentation. Littu completed his BCA in 2013 and got admission in Master of Computer Application (MCA). Now he preparing himself for Civil Service at National Level where he wants to become an administrator. His aim is to be an IAS Officer (Indian Administrative Service). He is a hard worker in his studies and strong willed adult in our Centre. He attends the centre when he comes on vocation with plans to share his experiences and good things with his younger brothers and sisters in the centre for better development among all the children at Sarah. We pray and hope God will help and guide him to achieve his goal for His Glory.



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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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