

THULIR TRUST

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Annual Report 2011-12



Mural on the wall

This year the staff and students decided to make a large mural on the wall at the Entrance Lobby of Thulir. This became and interesting project where we made a collage of different individual pieces, so everybody got to paint a portion!



New Batch joins

During this year 8 boys and 2 girls joined the Life skills course. Sathya, Jayabal and Parameswaran from the previous batch decided to continue, though Satya had to stop coming in October due to family's financial problems. Sakthivel, from an earlier batch, continued his training in Bangalore.

Some of the activities taken up in Thulir during the year are described below.

Exposure tour to Kattaikkuttu Gurukulam Kanchipuram

The Thulir Seniors went on an Exposure tour to the Kattaikkuttu Gurukulam near Kanchipuram. The School, a residential one, trains children in the traditional theater form of Kattaikkuttu and the students put up professional performances. It was a very inspiring experience. The school tries to balance formal academic learning with very serious, high quality training in Kattaikuttu. The apprentices group [made of former students of the Gurukula], conducted a session for our students and also demonstrated Kattaikuttu performance. Thulir students, taught paper folding, and soap making to the Gurukulam students. Though initially the students were shy, and it took a while to break the ice, once they started interacting, it became difficult for them to part when time came to say goodbyes. We hope to continue interactions for mutual benefits. From Kanchipuram, the students also visited Mahabalipuram to see the famous archaeological monuments and to go the Beach [a novelty for us living in an inland valley with mountains around].





Construction projects

Wash area

A new water conserving/ recycling outdoor Wash Area needed to be built and we thought it is a good opportunity for the new Batch to learn basics of masonry. The wash area consists of a simple wall, a drip irrigation pipes based plumbing [to regulate and lessen water coming out] and a simple mulch bed with Banana and Canah plants where the waste water is absorbed.

Outdoor seating area

Encouraged by the wash area construction, there was enthusiasm to continue. So a project to build another wash area [this time for the evening class children to use] and also seats under the trees in the Thulir Courtyard, were taken up.



Work on land

The organic garden work continued and a nice circular vegetable patch with Permaculture beds took shape. In the months of October and November, this provided quite a bit of vegetables to our kitchen, not enough to replace all our purchases but hopefully enough to spur us on to produce more!!





Cycling/ Running

A cycle tour to Sattanur Dam [about 60 kms away] was organized for the new batch boys as an introduction to long distance bicycle tours. In September, 6 of our students participated in the Kaveri Trail Marathon [2 of them did half marathons and the rest 10 km]. This has been a regular event Thulir Students have been participating over the years.

In November, the new batch students went to Bangalore to participate in a running event organized for the Karnataka Spastics Society. As has become a regular feature, they stayed at Ananya School. Sanjeev organized a day long Electronics workshop at his office [Read his report for details and pics].





Visit to Chirag school

Anu and Krishna visited <u>Chirag School</u> in Nainital District of Uttarakhand. It was an opportunity to Interact with the staff and understand the curriculum and methods of teaching the School follows. A 3 day building construction workshop for class 4 and 5 students and teachers was conducted during this visit. A small outdoor seating area was built and basics of arch building were demonstrated.

This visit was made possible by Prof Ravindran, Vanajakka and Balaji. Prof Ravindran and Vanajaakka were in Sittilingi during this time and took classes for the students. Prof. took classes in basics of Plumbing, units and measurements, while Vanajakka took Tamil classes. Balaji, also kindly volunteered to be in Thulir and take classes for the students. He wrote a report on his visit. [Read his Report]







Evening Classes and weekend classes for Govt. school going children:

Total no of children attended 196

average attendance: 22 per day

Classes were held on:

- · Story telling
- Tamil Reading Classes
- English Reading Classes
- Tamil Writing classes
- English writing
- Mathematics Activity Based Learening sessions
- Science Experiments
- Art and craft classes
- Songs
- Drama
- Basic Helath Education
- Games

Receipts and Payments Statement 2011-12*

| Receipts | | Payments | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Openinig Balance Funds | 2,81,094.99 | Administrative Expenses | 2,55,049.00 | |
| Bank Interest | 11,820.26 | Resource Person Expenses | 23,048.00 | |
| Donation Received | 2,81,005.00 | Nutrition Programme | 1,17,669.00 | |
| Donations -Corpus | 3,000.00 | Farming Training Expenses | 5,024.00 | |
| Miscellaneous Receipt | 3,184.00 | Vehicle Maintenance | 15,675.00 | |
| Interest on Fixed Deposit | 17,139.00 | Student Stipends | 52,500.00 | |
| Fixed Deposit Maturity | 3,00,000.00 | Miscellaneous Expenses | 1,001.00 | |
| Receipts - Earmarked Funds | 2,39,786.40 | Campus Manitenance | 9,396.00 | |
| Bank Interest | 1,948.00 | Exposure Tours | 5,870.00 | |
| | | Fixed Assets -Additions | 9,290.00 | |
| | | Expenses - Earmarked Funds- Revenue | 96,821.00 | |
| | | Expenses - Earmarked Funds- Capital | 19,500.00 | |
| | | Closing Balance Funds | 5,28,134.65 | |
| Total | 11,38,977.65 | Total | 11,38,977.65 | |

Liabilities and Assets

| LIABILITIES | | ASSETS | |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| CAPITAL FUND | 15,70,626.16 | FIXED ASSETS | 7,90,597.40 |
| CORPUS FUND | 1,66,331.99 | ADVANCES AND DEPOSITS | |
| FAIR GROUNDS GRANTS FUND | 2,372.50 | Telephone -Deposit | 500.00 |
| BANK INTEREST FUND | 2,895.00 | Fixed Deposit | 4,00,000.00 |
| SCHOLARSHIP AND STIPEND FUND | 1,10,102.40 | Fixed Deposit (Corpus Fund) | 1,50,000.00 |
| GENERAL EDUCATION FUND | 16,904.00 | CLOSING BALANCES | 5,28,134.65 |
| Total | 18,69,232.05 | Total | 18,69,232.05 |

Detailed audited statement of accounts is available on request.

• Auditors : J.Mathew & Co., Chartered Accountants, Ooty, Nilgiris, Tamilnadu



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[Kottapatti, Dharmapuri District, Tamil Nadu 636906 India]

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