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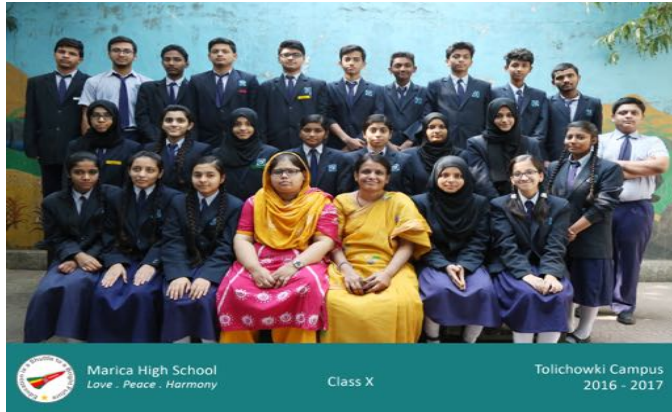
Love, Peace, Harmony

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Dear Friends and Well wishers,

Our projects are successful thanks to your very kind support and we wish to heartily thank you for your generosity and support. A poor village has now become an affluent community and we now turn our efforts towards more remote villages of Telangana and destitute urban and rural children. Here is the account of what could be done in this past term.

MARICA I IN THE CITY - 375 students



Our mentor school (under the control of the Academy of Delhi) re-opened on June 1st. Our first gathering was for felicitating the class X students who all passed in A division, several among them obtained 10/10. Work then started with the training of 20 persons to the use of tablets, their applications and the online classes management. Audio visual teaching is used in every class. Parents meetings were held to explain the methods and show the responsibilities of educators and parents respectively. Hygiene training for staff and children started to keep the school and surroundings clean. In turn our staff trained the staff of Kesaram to help them progress on the same lines.

Verification of our 50 computers and 100 students' tablets, upgrading of applications, uploading of the respective class syllabus on tabs and use of Google facilities for instant communication between the principals and the founder.

Renewal of all annual contracts for the safety equipment, water control, health and fitness classes in small classes and online management.



Classes for children having special needs are now regular and students learn happily.



MARICA DKK – now closed

All students passed their class X exam, three of them with the supplementary session. All have now joined college. Some of them also work part time to pay for their studies.

This school has ceased to function. But it remains a center for the support of the present class X students to help them get ready for the final class X exam under the control of the Telangana Department of Education. Daily, boys and girls come before school starts to have an audio visual class on the subject taught in their new school. This programme was organized upon the request of Gangamma and her friends.

The sports ground remains and is well maintained. Children practice all ball games, badminton and drills, mainly.

An office is maintained to meet people who wish to apply for sponsorship. Several persons came from various places in the city. Preference is given to children having no father or a handicapped father. Till now, only 4 ladies came back to request.

MARICA KESARAM- 300 children

The re-opening was very slow. We have witnessed intimidation of families to stop children not coming back to their 'old' private school. The village of Gundala was one of these places.

Employment of the required staff and enrolment of all into the ESI (government medical care) and pension fund. Training of the staff to use computer and audio visual methods in the class. Classes have resumed. Identification of slow learners and special needs was possible. Teams are formed so that visitors and educators can give special care and additional classes to our little friends. All practical activities resumed under the control of our first visitor, Mr Leo.



The pre primary section construction is now completed and children learn with modern and interactive methods: Three rooms well equipped with audio visual equipment, communication with our Delhi mentor company, educational material. Skills are taught by teachers with the collaboration of some mothers. What a beautiful change.

MARICA CHEVELLA



In collaboration with 'All India Women Association' and the mayor Chevella, Marica organized a gathering for more than 150 ladies of remote villages and hamlets at the Chevella Health Centre. They received information about feminine hygiene to avoid sickness, they could see a doctor and discuss with her, get advice. Then, the municipal representatives visited the Marica workshop and encouraged the workers to produce more and the ladies to spread hygiene in the villages.

PROJECTS

C – 3 Centre - In March 2017, Marica donated 25 dual desks, 8 tables and some chairs to the C – 3 centre. In turn, they could open a pre primary school in their premises for 100 children of their Shunem hostel for street children and children of leprous families and the nearby Budwell orphanage. This is an improvement as none of these children were going to an official school before.

Bright Horizon Academy of Golconda – With the help of Tolichowki and Kesaram principals, we could find and recommend the employment of Mrs Waheeda to be the principal of the school, which was newly established in the slum of Golconda, right below the fort wall. A collection of

CD's (Digital Teacher) were offered for the audio visual teaching in the classes of Nursery to V. Monitoring of education management is offered mostly by Sarasvathi who also works under the control of the Telangana Department of Education. The Golconda school starts like Marica did it, 25 years ago.

At the village of Gundala, 7 kms from Chevella, parents have finally managed to brave the intimidation of some villagers who threatened them of stopping the distribution of seeds, rations and pension if their children were attending private schools. After several meetings with the parents to help them get organized, order came back and parents now have the freedom of sending their children to the school of their choice without fearing for the essentials of their life. Gradually children come back and the number of children steadily increases.

Spoken English classes resumed at the village de **Chengomul**. Our teachers now teach and practise conversation with the children of class III. A second class is being organized to start a new group of beginners, using the programme prepared by Tiphaine , who visited Marica in 2016.

VISITORS



Léo's action at Kesaram and DKK :

- Organisation of cultural Activities for children of class VIII : Watching a Telugu film and frequent communication in English
- Monitoring the sorting of DKK games newly received at Kesaram and putting order in every class.
- Seminars
 - on hygiene, the need of keeping the school clean and indispensable methods
 - on French culture
- Re painting students desks, with the help of 3 elder students
- Sports and Maths classes for the children of VII and VIII
- Maintenance of the seats of two buses with the collaboration of Sripal, our apprentice tailor.
- Transfer of DKK photovoltaic panels and furniture to Kesaram

Elisabeth and Berenice have just joined. After selecting a shalwar kamiz to adopt a national costume, they assessed the learning difficulties of 20 children and help them start bridging the gap to integrate the class in which they are sitting. Life at the village is an adventure and they enjoy discovering all the ladies arts and occupations at their homes to prepare the festival of Bonalu.



All are happy to be active for the benefits of rural children thanks to your encouragements and support.

With the love of all at Marica.

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MARICA KESARAM



Illustration 1: Impressions



Illustration 2: Show performed by our little tots on the occasion of the republic Day.



Illustration 3: Preparing a fruit salad, what fun!



English class at Chengomul