

Annual Report for the year - June2013 – May2014

The school reopened on June 5th, 2013 with 42 children on roll. In July 2013 there was a drastic change in the functioning of the school. 15 children who opted for residential learning shifted to Samuha campus. Their attending the school and returning to the campus was not practical and so had classes in the campus itself. Margaret took charge of this group. 7 children from std.1 group joined Government school. The parents of these children felt that they loose the government benefits if they are not in the Government school.

Though there is an understanding between the government school teachers and us this incident made us aware of the fact that we have to be alert and active in strengthening this relationship.

8 children from the youngest children's group went with their parents who migrated to towns in search of work because of the drought situation here. 1 child who was staying with his grandparents here went back to his parents in Hutti.

The 2 girls who were helping in the school left because of personal reasons. The cook from the school was shifted to the residential school .

So Prakash was left with a handful of young children to manage on his own in the school

The residential children also needed time and space to work on themselves ,in order to face the change from a pattern of life and culture they were born and lived to a new set of values and life pattern. To accept themselves as they are and work on is a challenge and a risk Yet, they are facing it bravely. Going through this process of change affected their academic performance the first term.

So this year was not a smooth going one for all of us at PNCC but a year experiencing a drastic change in the entire functioning of the school, Change stirs a system from top to bottom. We have to see, how far this change has to be accepted in order to bring about positive result.

We help our children and parent understand our aim of education. To run a school or an institution is not our aim. We believe in a process and such with patience and trust in the person of the child we give him/her the time and space.

Now some spirit lifting events in the school and centre.

1. The residential learning centre children 10 of them are growing steadily and there is a definite positive change in their thinking and behaviour. From this month onwards they have seriously taken up academic studies and are preparing for examinations. The residential learning centre children after the examination stopped in the campus for the 2 months of April and May. They had a summer camp during this time and after the camp they went home for 5 days.

- 2 In the Pampanagar School we got a helper to sweep, clean, wash vessels, fill water and help in getting the school ready.

3. For personal work Prakash has to take one month's leave. We got a substitute. Who has experience in working with school drop-outs and a reliable and committed person. He was recommended by one of our old teachers with whom this person works.
- 4 Pichamma from Bangalore, will come for 3 days from 25 -27 of January to start work with the mothers. Now that the children are steady we felt it necessary to take the next step in educating the parents.
- 5 This term we had 3 parent –teacher meetings . There is a need to have more meetings with the parents. Once pichamma starts the work we feel we could do this.
6. Children's health has improved a lot.

In the month of October 2013 children had 8 days outing to Bellary Ashram. There they had a good experience and an opportunity to visit the police station, fire station, hospital, Mother Theresa's home, deaf and dumb school ,physically challenged children's school. and the discipline of the Ashram itself. All these have made a positive impression and change in them. Volunteers who were informed about the camp by the ashram came. They taught children physical exercises, yoga, dance and songs, outdoor and indoor games, painting, and drawing. Children very much enjoyed all these activities and felt at home in the new environment. The ashram also provided them good meals which was appreciated by children and staff.

Dr.Gokul a member of the donor team's contributed of Rs.50,000-00 for an inverter. It was a great boon to us. Now we are not troubled by constant power cuts. Children feel safer to stay in the huts and use the toilets during night. That fear and tension had vanished. We thank our friend's thoughtfulness for our children . They have enough warm cloths to protect them from the cold in the winter.

Besides this the donor team formed their own trust called Jomythri Trust and give us a donation of Rs.6,42,726-00. Two other donors who gave us donation in the previous years also joined the team. Samuha though couldn't support us financially promised us the space to run the programme. Their whole campus was free and children could use it.

We had an unexpected, surprise visit Mr.Shreekanth Shreedharan from wipro in the month of March 2014. He visited the day school for young children at Ambedkarbavan, visited the Pampanagar area and also observed the class held at the RLC, visited the campus area. He sat silently listening to all the activities, the ups and downs, clarified things and asked us to send a proposal. He provided the headings. In April 2014 we sent the proposal.

Our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all our donors and well-wishers and all who supported the programme in various ways.

Thank you.

Prakash

