

Trip to India 2023

Jim is planning a trip to Sdetland in 2023

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Greetings

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Chairman's Report

The pandemic has caused a drop in numbers of children in India and what I understand is a trial period of supporting some children on home based support system.

Currently there are 32 children who are residential at Sdetland and that number comprises 19 boys and 13 girls.

In addition there are 24 children who are home based.

So the grand total is 56 children within the higher education students. Home based does mean that they will be supported educationally as well as providing them with equipment and food.

There are no sign of the Corona pandemic and everything appears to be slowly getting back to normal according to Ignatius

The coronavirus did mean that SDET did lose some of their local donors however and there is still a real need for Lincs with India to continue to support the poor and vulnerable children.

Ignatius expects the numbers to increase at Sdetland but we have to live within our means . Ideas for raising funds in the coming year will be most welcome as would a call for one or two of our supporters joining the committee.



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We lost some of our members following the pandemic and it is important you continue to support us.

In 2024 one of our members Isabel Carter is wanting to take to the skies to raise funds for Lincs with India. Peter and Anita Carter have been long term sponsors of a child at Sdetland and may have encouraged their granddaughter in this fund raising event.

Thank you all for your support. A trip to Sdetland is being planned for 2023 – please let me know of your interest in order that I can put forward details of a proposed visit.

Jim Needley Chairman

Success Stories



Pandiammal has been at Sdet for 12 years, she has now completed a BA (History) which was a 3 year course, and the first girl to a degree course among all the Paliar Tribal community in southern Tamil Nadu.

Karuppasamy has been at Sdet for 10 years and he has just completed has BA in History.



Both Students a grateful to Sdet & their Sponsors for the support & encouragement they have received.

The have taken an exam which means they can take a Government job, and they plan to help, less fortunate people in the future.

Life at Sdetland

The life at Sdetland is now entirely different after the Corona Lockdown. Now our children have to be very active and no time for any relaxations except Sundays. Really they are seems to be very pitiable.

There are 27 children living at Sdetland. Two or three usually will be absent for any of their personal reasons. Every working day they awake in the early morning 5.30 am and started to do their morning activities and will have to gather at Dining Hall within 7.00 am for their Breakfast. We usually give any light meal in the morning for breakfast like Tomato Rice or Dosa or Idlies or Plain Rice with any Gravy. The primary (below 5th standard) school children will be provided the noon meal at their Schools. The remaining children take their noon meal in their Tiffin Boxes with them. (Even the primary children some time take the Gravies from here, because they don't like their school meals due its poor quality. But they are compelled to take them. If any special meals prepared at Sdetland for any special occasion, we will collect the primary children to Sdetland for noon meals). They have to finish their breakfast within half an hour and the Mini Buses will be started with them on 7.30am. Boys and Girls are using separate buses for their travel. All of them have to be at their Schools within 8.00am. The Schools will be started at 8.15. Really that time is very peak hour for all the children and staff members at Sdetland.



Celebrating Ponnaalai Poluphu 31st August the birth of Lord Ganesh



In their School courses they are having five subjects usually, they are Tamil, English, Science, Mathematics and Social Science. As usual all the children feel the difficulties in English and Mathematics. The Higher Secondary children are having couple of elective subjects (major subjects as per their selected group) more than these usual subjects. The Schools

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are having four periods in the morning and four periods on after lunch break. All the high school and higher secondary children are having Special Classes (extra coaching) for one hour in the morning and an hour in the evening. Lunch break is for an hour. All the Schools will be closed on 5.30pm in the evening. Our Mini Buses will pick up them and returned to Sdetland within 6.30 to 6.45pm. The primary children are having exemption from these tight schedules.

After their return all the children will take Snacks and Tea. We usually give various types of boiled Pulses or Cereals, Biscuits or Mixtures or any other local snacks as Snacks. As they are not having enough light and time for play, they will engage them with some of their personal works and gather at Dining Hall on 8.00pm for their night meals (supper). We give Rice, any Gravy and any one side dish for their supper. They will finish their night meals within 8.30 or 8.45 pm and watch the Television programmes up to 9.00 pm. Then all the primary children will go to their beds on 9 pm and the high school and higher secondary children will sit for an hour for their Night Study. Sharply 10 pm all of them go to their beds. Minimum five staff members will stay with them for their safety and security in the night times. They are couple of Wardens, couple of Cooks and a Watch Man. I will stay with them at weekly once and at the times of their Examinations.

In the Sundays they are free and not having any restrictions except the time for their three time meals. In these days they usually wash their clothes and play Cricket or any Indoor games (girls). We encourage the high school children for attending the Computer Training Classes and Tailoring Classes in the evenings. We provide the non-veg meals (maximum chicken) minimum once in a week, some time it will be increased by the support of local Donors. Some parents visited them on these holidays. Sometimes we will organize the Prayer Meetings or Moral Session for an hour in the Sundays. There is a Children's Programme (Golden Evening – pon malai pozhuthu) at Sdetland once in a month which shows various talents of the children.

We pay the school fees for all our children. We also provide all the educational materials to them like one set uniforms, bag, note books,

books and other stationeries. Every month their weights will be registered, if any one loses their weights regularly we will concentrate on their health by a Medical analysis and follow the necessary treatments. We have a First Aid boxes in all the Blocks and our Vehicle will be ready for all the time for attending any emergencies. Both of our Wardens visit the Schools once in a month for deal with their educational standard and also about their behavior problems. As all of them are coming from bottom of our community, their educational and behaviour standard are in very lower level. We are in position to increase them. We usually organize the Medical Check-ups twice in a year. But this year we don't yet, we will do it in the coming days. We are also planning to bring them to a Yearly Tour on coming January.

As I mentioned in one of my earlier message, the Psychology of children have changed in many ways after the Lock Down. So we have to face their critical behavior issues in many times. We are not able to conduct the Motivational Sessions, Extra Coaching Classes, Sports Meet, Carrier Guidance and some other essential events due to our financial crises. Even among many issues, limited staff members and limited funds we are trying to do our maximum best services to our children.

On my personal view the life at Sdetland is being with a big family with lot of characters, experiences, problems, needs, difficulties, crisis and also lot of joy and fun.

Ignatius Amalraj



Home Based Support Scheme

There are 24 children at this List, among them 15 are girls and 9 are boys. Many of them are our former beneficiaries who have withdrawn from our Children's Home for their various personal reasons. Some of them are new to us and cruelly affected and needed our supports.

We are trying to do our supports to these children as much as equally to the residential children. At the time of the school beginning on June, we have given all the educational materials to them like Note Books, Papers, Pen, Geometric Box and other stationeries. We supplied some of their personal needs like Soap, Past, Soap Boxes and Tooth Brushes. We have also given payment to them for purchase of a School Bag. We gave the second payment Rs.1500 on last week of September, to get one set of Uniform and pay the school fees. Some of them used that for their bus travel to the schools.

We have maintained a School Attendance Register for them at our office and register their attendance regularly through the phone contacts with their Teacher or their Parents. Couple of our staff members visits their School weekly once to know their standard of education and find out the difficulties in their schooling. It will help us to support them in their education. The school timings are same to all the children like our residential children, so there is no time for them to do any work. Hence we don't need to worry about the child labour issue among them. We also maintain a Health Register for them at our office to register their weights, heights and their health issues. We believe that it will be used at the time of Medical Check-ups which we are planning to do them shortly with the residential children. We understand very well that we will have to give more importance for their health development very equal to their education. We are also planning to bring them to a Yearly Tour with the residential children on coming January.

They are in need of some food materials; particularly they asked Cooking Oil which is expensive for them. We are trying to do that support in the coming days. As it is new approach to our Team, we are gradually extent our full support to them. Due to the uncertainty in the availability of funds

and its limits we are in position to move our steps very carefully. As you can understand well that we are not able to do any pre-planning for our activities at this situation. We can do lot of activities for them to promote their integrated development. We hope that we will do all by your continuous support.

I personally feel that this Scheme will be a good approach for support the poor children in their education. It will be more effective and also less expensive and less trouble.

Ignatius Amalraj



*Celebrating Diwali
(Festival of Light)
November 2023*

