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Dear Friends,

One more academic year has passed and our kids have done us proud by their great performance– 100% pass results in 12th grade. (10th grade results are expected in a week's time). They are not just pass cases also – 22 out of 117 who appeared for the exam, scored above 1000 out of 1200 marks. Such achievements become more significant as all the children are first generation school goers and many of them are orphans and destitute, children of single parents, children from broken families etc. Also this achievement is repeated year after year!

As our results are always very good and there is no fee charged as it is open only for orphan, destitute and poor children, uniforms, books, note books, all stationery, pick up and drop for young children are all given free of cost, there is always too much pressure on us to increase the numbers every year. We are making careful selection and our intake has been 250 to 300 net additions every year. We are expecting to grow to strength of 1750 from the current strength of 1500 this year.

Of course, to run a school with nearly 1750 kids, without any financial support from the government, needs a big support from public. Contributions are welcome – Rs 1000 per child to start the academic year – to buy two sets of uniforms, note books, pens, etc. or Rs 6000 to support a child for one full year or Rs 80,000 to create an endowment, which will support one child's education for ever.

All such donation will qualify for 100% tax exemption, in India. Please send us cheque or cash, or do a direct transfer to our back account – details of which are given on our website www.sevalaya.org.

In addition to all this, the basic requirement is commitment from the staff. Right from the cook and the driver, all the staff members share the same level of happiness like the head master or the trustees in seeing these kids coming out with flying colors. All the extra hours the teachers spent with the kids and the tireless, repeated and enthusiastic teaching and clearing doubts, have helped the children to show this kind of performance.

Apart from education, finding jobs, like parents, we also make arrangements for our orphan children to get married and get settled in life. Like typical Indian parents, our role never ends in supporting our kids! On 23rd of May, one such girl, who was found abandoned on Thiruvallur railway station at the age of 4, got married to Mr.A.Vijay Senthil, a software engineer. The couple is happily married now and we thank all our donors who supported the wedding by their contributions, who came in person and who offered their best wishes.

We have more kids this year. Why don't you plan a visit and inspire our children?

**Thanks & Regards
Murali**



Hon'ble Minister for Mr. B.V.Ramamoorthy, Hon. MLA Mr. M. S. Narayanan and Union Chairman Puthur Mr. S. Ramasubramanian at Sevalaya's daughter S. Jothilakshmi with Mr. A. Vijayasenthil



**S.Praveenkumar
(1086)**



**G.Jothilakshmi
(1084)**

On 20/05/2012, Sevalaya's Institute of Sustainable and Natural Farming conducted a Training Programme in Thamarapakkam highlighting the need and viability of organic farming and a demo on preparing Panchakavyam, an organic manure. Nearly 50 farmers participated in this camp.

A new tailoring institute of Sevalaya was inaugurated in Ayalur village on 28/05/2012 in the presence of Mr. Jaishankar, Union Council Member, Kilambakkam. Mr. Putlur Chandra Sekar, Union Chairman, Mr. Putlur Senthil, President, Putlur Panchayat, Smt. Gomathi Babu, President, Ayalur Panchayat were the special guests and many Panchayat members participated in the function.

On 29/05/2012, an eye camp was conducted in Sempedu village. Dr. Senthil from Pranav Foundation, Mogappair, Chennai and Sevalaya conducted the eye camp in the village. Nearly 150 villagers participated in the camp.

Vivekananda Team

Camp Tonakela

The Annual 3 day Camp at Camp Tonakela, Avadi was organized from 05/05/2012 to 07/05/2012 this year. On the first day Ms. N. Jayanthi, Trustee of Sevalaya spoke to the children on Bharathiar's life and poems followed by a quiz based on the talk. On the second day Mr. Ilayaraja, Trustee of Sevalaya had an interactive session with the children on the Life of Swami Vivekananda. Ms. Nirmala, AHM of Sevalaya spoke to the children on Gandhiji on the third day. Apart from the lectures various sports events and various competitions like singing, drama and dance competitions were conducted for the children. The children also enjoyed playing in the swimming pool in the camp site which was a welcome change from the scorching summer heat.

The valedictory function for the camp was held on 07/05/2012 in which Mr. Mahonaran, Camp Manager, Tonakela Association, Chennai and L. Poonam Chand Sharma, Venkateswara Jewellers, Avadi were the special invitees. Mr. V. Muralidharan - Founder and Managing Trustee of Sevalaya welcomed the guests.



Dr. Senthil of Pranav Foundation in eye camp in Sempedu village.

Prizes were awarded to the winners of the various competitions held on the 3 days by the special guests. Mr. Dhinakaran of Sevalaya thanked the Camp Tonakela Association and the guests in his Vote of thanks.

Village students' visit to Sevalaya

65 students and 5 youth visited Sevalaya from Malliyan Perumal village near Arani on 17/05/2012. As a part of their Summer First Education Camp, they were taken on a tour of Sevalaya and after lunch Mrs. Nirmala, Assistant Head Mistress, Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Hr. Sec. School gave a lecture on Bharathi, Gandhi & Vivekananda for the visitors.

Wedding Bells at Sevalaya

Sevalaya's daughter D. Selvi entered into wedlock with Mr. A. Vijaya Senthil (Associate Consultant, Polaris Solutions) on 23/05/2012. The wedding was solemnized in the presence of Honorable Minister for Environment, Mr. B. V. Ramanaa B.Sc., D. Pharm., Honorable Member of the Legislative Assembly Mr. N.S.A.R. Manimaran, Mr. Putlur. R. Chandrasekar - Chairman, Thiruvallur District Social Welfare Officer Ms. Ruth Vennila, Probationary Officer Ms. Syad Ravoof, District Councillors Ms. A. Selvakumari, Ms. Bommi and Film Artiste Ms. Revathy.

Tours

13 students from Sevalaya homes and 2 staff members went on a 2 day trip to Mysore on 25/05/2012 & 26/5/2012.



Ms. Sangeetha of Sevalaya talking about personal health & Hygiene to Women at Pallathumbur Village



Inauguration of Sevalaya, Ayalur Unit