

# PEACE CHILD INDIA/ARIVU

NEWS LETTER

**April - June 2010**



Dear Peace Child India/ARIVU friends, we hope you have had a wonderful 3 months. PCI has been able to concentrate and organize a number of projects at the Government Children's Home for boys and enjoyed making the schools' rooms colourful during their summer vacation.

### **Stepping Stones**



Sabitha and Sebastian, two students completing their Masters in Communications from Christ College here in Bangalore, spent one month of their summer holidays interning with Peace Child India in the Children's Home. Sabitha and Sebastian were a great asset to our internship program, teaching the boys lessons about the geography, history and culture of India. Having them with us was a great experience, and the boys especially loved getting to know them both.

### **Sports Day**



As a present to boys upon the completion of her 5-month internship, Ellie Mann sponsored a Sports Day at the Children's Home. The boys had a blast having running races and sack races, and got to finish their day with a massive game of Fire on the Mountain and enjoyed some snacks and prizes. Thank you to Ellie giving the boys

such a great day!

## **House Father**

As many of you know, we have long been raising money to hire and train a House Father for the Children's Home. It has been a long and laborious project, but we have almost reached our goal. We need further monetary support to be able to see this project through to its completion, so if any of you would be willing to help us out, we would highly appreciate your help. Thank you to those of you who have already contributed to this project!

## **Team Work**

We were happy to have visits from our friends at St Charles Catholic Sixth Form College (London) and Impington Village College (Cambridge, UK) in the past few months. Six students and two teachers from St Charles worked with us for two weeks in April, transforming a classroom at a local government school into an animated learning environment for the students.



For one month this summer six students from Impington Village College's International Sixth Form painted a classroom in a government school and organized games for the boys at the Children's Home. For both groups we organized evening programs and trips into town so they could get a broader perspective of Indian life. Upon completion of their projects, both groups spent some time traveling to various sites around south India. We enjoyed having both groups with us, and we look forward to their return visits soon!

## **Corporate Social Responsibility**



Ness Technologies, a local corporation in Bangalore, has adopted the school Doddabelle Colony and has instituted a 3-year renovation program. Employees from Ness Tech have been volunteering their time on Saturdays and have already repainted three classrooms in the school. Their next plan is to build new toilets for the students. Since the school is one that we teach in regularly, Prabhu is monitoring and assisting in the renovations.

## **Scholarships**

For the past two years we have been sponsoring children to continue their higher education whose families are unable to do so. Last year we sponsored 7 children, and this year we have added three to our list. It costs Rs.3,000 (approximately \$70 or 35£) to sponsor a child for one year, and we are in need of sponsors for this academic year. If any of you are willing to contribute, we would again appreciate your help.

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## THANKING YOU

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