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DEWI SARASWATHI INDIA TRUST NEWSLETTER



Helping the needy is a
pleasure.

Hawischar Happy Schools

Both, the Hawischar Happy High school and Hawischar Happy Nursery and Primary school, are running very well.

All in all, _ teachers work in our schools providing education to _ children. We are honoured to welcome _ replacing those have left us last year.

In June _ children started their education at the primary school eagerly waiting to learn. They, and of course all other students, will profit from the new smart class installed in 2017. This special teaching system uses modern computer technology to transport the knowledge. We are lucky that _ girls and boys finished their fifth grade and are now able to proceed to high school.

But not just children from our primary moved to the Hawischar Happy High school, in total we had 54 new admissions last year. Next to their normal classes, they will also have special abacus classes from which they will surely profit. We are especially happy about the 100% pass and 31 students finishing the tenth standard.



High school students on a trip to Munnar.



Smart class in primary



Abacus class in high school

Higher Education and college

After they finished their school, some children want to go to higher educational schools but need help to do so. We are proud to support around twenty girls and boys on their way to further education and therefore a better future. Six girls finished their college degree and are now moving on to work and start a family. We wish them the very best for their future!



Higher education students at the Christmas celebration



College students went to a trip to Vellore

Inauguration of the new dormitory



Dewi Saraswati Wisdom Home

Every year, there are new infrastructural developments in our homes to better the daily life of our children. Firstly, a new playground for the primary was built. The kids really enjoy playing with the different facilities. Secondly, we opened another dormitory in the Tsunami house. This new room offers the girls new space for playing and sleeping. And lastly, we have installed a new solar heater for the bathroom of this new dorm to provide warm water.

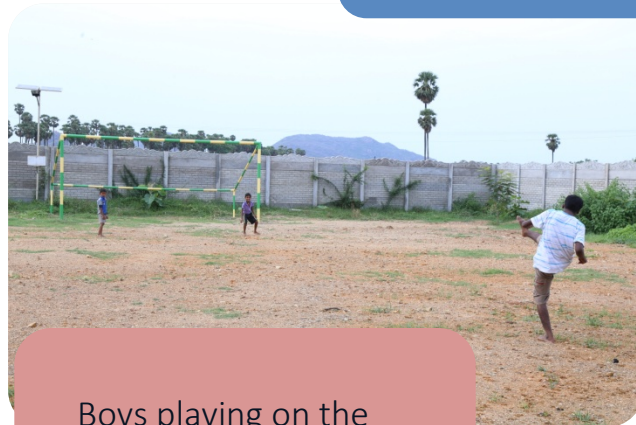
Next to these transformations, we also had some changes in our home children. Ten girls and boys left the children's village; some of them due to personal problems, others because they finished their tenth standard. We are very happy to welcome 15 new children in the age between seven and fourteen and hope they will enjoy their lives here.

Agriculture and Animals

But not just children and staff live in the children's village; our cow shelter is home to five cows and four calves. Unfortunately, there were some problems with them in the rainy season and due to sickness the fifth calf died. But with the help of the veterinarian, their sickness could be healed and they are fine again. Despite these difficulties, we are still able to supply enough milk and rice from our fields for all boys and girls in the DSI home.



Rice harvesting



Boys playing on the new football field.

Pongal celebration in High school



Important Events

As every year, we had various celebrations: the Pongal and Republic Day in January, the National Day in August and Christmas in December. Along with the festive programmes with great singing and dancing performances, we also enjoyed special meals given to our home by our kind sponsors.

Republic Day in primary school



Christmas Celebration in DSI Home

Visitors

Some of these sponsors also visited us in the last months: Inga, who supports us for many years now, stayed for one month at the beginning of the year as usual and enjoyed the Pongal celebration and her birthday here. In February, two members from Dewi Saraswathi Hamburg visited the project and were really happy to how much the children profit from their work. Barbara, our lovely sponsor from Germany, spent some time at the children's village like she is used to for 13 years now. It was a special honour to welcome Markus, one of the German foster parents, here. He loved meeting his sponsor child Mahalakshmi and seeing the great surroundings she is living. Other yearly visitors came in December: Annie and Anja, chairperson and treasurer of Dewi Saraswathi Hamburg, celebrated Christmas with us and stayed for some weeks in our home.

We loved spending time with these people and are always happy to welcome our sponsors at DSI to show them how much their hard work pays off and what benefits their money and help bring. We would like to see them again in 2018!

Annie and Ania



Inga



Barbara

Sarah



Volunteers

But not just sponsors help us, we also had two volunteers from Germany at DSI: Sarah who finished her work here in March and Julie who came in October and will stay with us until February. Both were helping a lot in the schools and home. They enjoyed joining the daily activities and we are happy to say that both sides profit from this cultural exchange.

It was a special pleasure to have Hannes with us again. The former volunteer visited for one day together with his elder sister. He was very touched by the program the boys prepared for him and happy to see that everything developed so well.

Julie



High school staff



Teachers and staffs

Without our hard working staff, we could not run this project. We are very happy to welcome all the new teachers at the Hawischar Happy schools and Rajesh, the new warden at the Boys' Hostel.

Primary school staff





Girls' Home staff



Boys' Home staff



Kollamedu students got school uniforms

THANK YOU

We thank each and every person without whose support us; all these achievements would have not been possible. Only due to your help we are able to overcome any difficulties we have to face and continue our work. Do keep us in your thoughts and continue to support us so that the children who have trusted us will see their dreams come true.