

PUDUPATTINAM
CENTRE OF HOPE



Quarterly Report

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Summer Camp

In April, the school organized a special summer camp for the students. About 20 students participated in the camp. The children had a chance to take part in activities like crafts, painting, drawing, singing, indoor games, etc. The children were very excited to learn how to make the crafts. On the last day of the camp, the children were taken to the Crocodile Park and they had a great time. Most of the students had never seen snakes, crocodiles, or tortoises before and they were fascinated to see them for the first time. They were also amazed to see the trainers touch the animals with their bare hands. They also went to Mahabalipuram to see the monuments and temples there. The children were very happy as they never before had an opportunity to visit such places. They are very grateful to Explore for giving them the chance to have such memories to treasure.



Jayapal Walks Again

51-year-old Jayapal resides in Pudupattinam. He is the sole earning member of a family of four. A few months ago, he had a stroke that paralyzed both his legs and hands which made him unable to work. As there was no other way to sustain life, his mother and his wife started selling dry fish. However, the meagre income they got was not enough to provide for both the financial and medical needs of the family. They approached HOPE *foundation* centre for help and the medicine for his treatment was duly supplied to him. After one year of such treatment, he is able to walk and move again. Sadly, he was not able to resume fishing, but he later got a job as a watchman. He and his family are very grateful to Wilhelm Hamm for helping them in their time of distress.



Against All Odds

T.Vasanthi is a sweet, chirpy, and active girl in her class. Her resilient spirit rises above the many traumatic events life has put in her path. She was only 2 years old when she saw the tsunami wipe out everything that their family had. Yet she was one of the first students to be enrolled in the HOPE *foundation* school in Pudupattinam in January 2005. Her two elder sisters and her elder brother study in a government school.



However, there was another tragedy. Her father, M. Thulasingam, was an alcoholic and he continually fought with her mother. For no apparent reason, he committed suicide on 22nd January after dropping Vasanthi off at school. Her family was shocked at this turn of events. In spite of this, Vasanthi gave and cleared her annual examinations. The HOPE *foundation* staff also visited and encouraged her family. Vasanthi's mother, Dessammal, now works as a daily wage labourer and earns about INR 70 (USD 1.6) to support her 4 children.

The HOPE *foundation* school has supported Vasanthi with educational and stationery expenses for the whole academic year. Her class teacher, Jayanthi, makes sure that she spends a few minutes separately with her to encourage her. Vasanthi's mother is very grateful to Explore for giving hope to her family.

Statistics:

Number of patients at the Primary Health Clinic: **467**

Number of students in the Nursery & Primary School

Class	Number of students at the end of June
Pre kindergarten	33
Lower kindergarten	32
Upper kindergarten	43
Standard 1	31
Standard 2	35
Standard 3	31
Total	205

Screening Medical Camp

On 27th June, "LIFE HELP HEALTH SERVICES" (LHHS) with the support of AWO International, Germany organized a Screening Medical Camp for the schoolchildren. 74 students within the age groups of 3 to 6 years of upper kindergarten and the 1st standard were screened at the medical camp. The objective of the camp was to identify the children with special needs and provide them with a general medical check-up. Dr. Karthick of Kilpauk Medical College along with the LHHS medical staff screened the children. They also interacted with the parents and the class teachers and advised them on how to take better care of themselves and the children.



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