

Dear friends and well wishes,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !

Christmas is coming closer and it is the time when we like to remember you. With your very generous support a lot could happen this year. The children, staff and I sincerely thank you for keeping us in your heart always.

### **MARICA KESARAM**

Most Children are in very good health as they drink their nutritious complement thrice weekly and enjoy the papayas and goyaves grown in the school garden. Harsha Vardan has finally come back from Andhra where he had a heart surgery.

Medical care is the present concern. All children are given a homeo vaccine against dengue and viral fevers. Girls are taught hygiene and care and Salvon disinfectant and Whisper products are given to them.

Most of the programme has been thought, through experiential sessions, field trips and workshops. Children use the computer and sciences laboratory, the library regularly and frequently. They enjoy school and absenteeism is minimal.

All festivals are celebrated with joy and with cultural events. The preparation of Christmas is a very important one as we integrate the visit of a home for the aged persons, donations to and visit to an orphanage, theatre and singing by the primary classes.

class Nursery to class VIII participated in the Janamasthami cultural programme of the village community and they were felicitated for their good performance.

Several outings were organised to let children enjoy in the nice weather:

Classes VI to VIII students participated in the Ganesh celebrations and offered a donation for the 10 days prayers programme.

The elder students and teachers regroup all penalties moneys to bring a gift to seniors to be visited at the time of Christmas.

Further to villagers' complain that the school buses were bringing inconvenience to local houses, the municipality requested the two neighbours schools of Marica and Satya Sai to build a by-pass road to connect their campuses to Chevella village. The works took place in October and

November.

Now, we realise that two more roads are being built and the village expands very fast.

### **KARADI CLASSES**

After teaching 30% of the program, we visited the 5 groups learning English with this method.

The remote village schools principals report that the children enjoy the very lively classes. They come daily to school not to miss the dance and the songs.

In level I, children start using English phrases n small sentences to address their teacher and peers. They are happy to sing the rhymes on their own.

At Marica, the children concentrate a lot more, they understand the concepts faster and 50% of the programme was covered in the same period. Children can do exercises by themselves. It is a huge improvement. Parents appreciate the speaking skills and a noticeable change in attitude. Marica students show more maturity. They behave well.

Correspondence with a primary school in France. The children of classes IV and V prepared a few letters and these were sent by mail to their pen pals.

A big effort is made in the school to minimise the use of paper, to ban plastic and to save water. Children are trained to wash their hands near the plants. The heavy rains refilled our underground dumps and we use this water for toilets cleaning. We have dug a rain harvesting pit to collect the play area water and redirect it to the bore well pit.

Our 5 elder students placed in another school further to their request also do their best and the girls rank well. We are very optimistic for them all for the final exam.

Gayatri of class VII has joined the government School in class IX. She does well there and ranks first among 30 students.

Gopal is studying Telugu and basic Maths in the government hostel. We do not see much happiness in his life but parents consider that this is their only option.

Our ressource and handicapped children are beaming with joy. They cannot excel in studies but they get a joyful childhood along with all students and village children. They progress at their speed and they will find a place in society.

All teachers attended the ' balamitra ' workshop for the awareness of girl child protection.

One senior teacher attended a two days class management training session along with our city school teachers for her to train other teachers of Kesaram

We got good news from the resource centre.

Sai Vinay, a low vision child studied at Marica and left us 7 years ago. He continued his studies and today he has been selected for a government employment.

All children progress. The major results noticed are these:

Salma makes good progress since she has started speech therapy.  
Rayyan progresses well and proves to be a very quick learner.  
Abdul Rahman has been selected for the final round of games and on the Christmas Day, he was our Santa Claus.

Karadi classes in the city at the Hakimpet and Golconda schools.  
300 children learn daily with the audio visual methods. They progress well and are happy to sing and speak in English.

Children prepared for Christmas in various ways. Some learned the carols, other rehearsed the nativity play, while their friends collected clothes and gifts and prepared decorations to offer to the children of Child Haven and Shunem.

## **VISITORS**

Quentin has arrived on 18.12.19 and will stay for 6 months. His mission is to help with the communications with the sponsors, last order and maintenance of the school. He will spend a large part of the day with the children for sports, workshops and activities and learn the local culture.

With your very generous support, we continue our work in the remote and underprivileged localities of Ranga Reddy District.  
We thank you all for your generosity.

Vimeo films were prepared in the month of September 2019 pending the re-opening of the website.

## **MARICA KESARAM**

<https://vimeo.com/user70112103/review/359757068/ee6c7dd011>

## **MARICA RESOURCE CENTRE**

<https://vimeo.com/user70112103/review/359757579/88e2aa9215>

## **ENGLISH FOR ALL (English subtitles)**

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With the love of all at Marica.

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