

Dear Friends and well wishers,

A short break outside Hyderabad and the school allows a mean external look on the last term activities and life at Marica to thank you all for your precious support and inform you about the latest developments:

MARICA I - TOLICHOWKI -

The Resource Department is in constant evolution to suit the needs of the existing and new children coming. For Darmikh, it is the introduction of music classes with the support of You Tube and of his very resourceful mother. For Maryam, it is a Science project to be presented to parents in the auditorium, on the second floor of the school. If the academic research and work is already a sum of efforts, then what about the challenge of climbing stairs for our student who can only walk with great difficulty? Maryam climbed her Everest! Akansha comes to school as to a retreat to get peace and company.

What to think of our sports champions who study at home in evening, come to school to get their syllabus and guidance and spend the day at the stadium. With this discipline, Aghaam, 10 years old got a second rank in national badminton. As for Danesh in class X, with special arrangements, he could follow fairly regular classes, get a gold medal in football and be selected with Aijaz for the nationals.

Our class X students have gone to the final Class X exams. Let's hope that they will meet the same success as their friends, last year.

MARICA DKK

In several occasions, the founder could visit the families or talk with the students to be sure that all children have joined and paid the new school. A few are not satisfied with the present arrangements and came to express their disappointment. Information about Marica High school Kesaram was given to them and guidance and support are offered for those willing to follow us to the new school. Assistance would be needed for the transport, mainly. If we get 40 students, we can provide a bus. The canvassing campaign has started.

On last February 17th, more than 80 ex students came for a sports meet and excelled in football, volley ball and cricket. We noticed that several of our ex-DKK students have joined the state level and national level teams!

As for the girls, they came on March 3rd. What a pleasure to see them bring sports, dynamism and *dépassement de soi* in their life.

MARICA CHEVELLA workshops

- Canvassing 26 villages gave some results : some people went to the stitching factory, some others joined the mass of agricultural workers – the advantage of this occupation is that it needs not be daily. Several of our bigger students do it in the week end.
- Our ladies workshop moves to the hamlet of Kandawad. Under the sponsorship of the 'Sarpanch' (mayor), it should integrate better in the life of rural somehow partly unoccupied ladies.
- Teaching at Chengomul continues. Although the year was incomplete, we could teach children and families appreciated this improvement offered to their children. Slowly, a door

opens for them.

MARICA KESARAM

The construction of the second floor progresses well. The slab is over and walls are being build. Meanwhile, painters are active applying a lime coat on the wall of the other part of the building to protect it from extreme heat and rain.

The two big halls will be used for seminars for the education of children first and also for the education of parents and adults. If primary and secondary school education is the knot of life, it is important that parents understand why children need building a personality and learn to integrate in the present world with dignity. We expect children to pull their parents into learning respect of their children, English and some technics to improve their intellectual and economic standards.

The daily nutrition distribution continues for the 280 children. They grow healthier and learn with more success.

The 22 children of the resource centre are looked after by the teachers mainly as our visitors did not stay long. It is our community's duty and the better life of famililes. Teachers accept the task as part of their life.

THE VISITORS

In February, we got the short visit of Mrs Josanne, a born animator for pre primary classes. She stayed a couple of days only, but literally "took the children to heaven' with her dances and choreography.

OTHER PROJECTS

Visit of a home for 32 HIV positive children. A group of 10 Italians were present on that day and we could understand the functioning of their house. Many sport T-shirts were donated to them.

Our bus has started the transport of children going to the Bible School. Approximately 50 children come daily to the Christadelphian Centre in Kismathpur, close to Marica Dkk.

With e-governance coming stronger, administrative work increases. The founder could meet German and French who brought ideas and suggestions that could be useful to the children.

Your strong support is highly appreciated and we thank you again heartily.

With the love of all at Marica.

Marie Christine de Rochemonteix
Founder