Russian Volunteers help children in Kilinochchi

Two volunteers from Russia, Alisa Bykova and Pavel Anisimov, worked with CORD to teach English to school children of Grade 2-4 at No.1. Tharmapuram.

During teaching sessions using videos they helped the children to learn basic methods of forming questions and answers in English. This was an interesting experience both for the school staff and students. They also shared information and videos about their native country. This was considered as one of the best programs done at the school. The Principal, teachers, students, and the volunteers were very happy with the arrangements and the new experience of learning the English language. They thanked CORD.
Swami Mahadavananda, Swami Chaitanya Nanda & Baramchari Darshan Chaitanja visited Jaffna & Kilinochchi to get first hand knowledge of the situation of war victims along with fifteen devotees from Ranchi & Calcutta.

**Thanustan Tharmaraja enters Jaffna University**

Thanustan Tharmaraja was just 15 years when his father left him, his mother and two sisters. His mother as a sole bread winner had to struggle to support the family without any source of regular income. CORD helped the mother to start a livelihood project of tailoring to earn an income to maintain the family. Further, when it was found that Thanustan and his two sisters were in difficulty to continue their studies, CORD enrolled Thanustan and a sister to its child sponsorship program supported by generous donations from Mr. & Mrs. Kumar and Manisha Melvani from the Canada Chinmaya Mission. From Grade 9 onwards Thanustan received educational
assistance to pursue his studies. He made the best use of the opportunity offered to him by CORD and today he is an undergraduate at Jaffna University following a degree in Mass Media and Psychology. We are genuinely proud of his achievement and wish him all success in his studies.

**Tube wells for drought affected families**

One of the problems that hampers the agricultural activities of the poor families in Kilinochchi district is the lack of water. During the drier months of the year these families face severe hardships due to the lack of water. Considering the plight of these women, CORD has initiated a project to construct tube wells to help these families to continue their farming activities throughout the year. Beneficiaries have been already identified and construction will commence soon.

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**English Training by Helga Schafheutle (Olga)**

Helga Schafheutle (known as Olga) was a retired principal and a civil servant in Germany who was domiciled in Sri Lanka. Since 2008 Olga volunteered to train the English teachers and ISA Officers (In Service Advisors) on behalf of CORD in Batticaloa, Vavuniya, Nuwara Eliya and Jaffna districts with support from Zonal Educational Directors. She was an energetic lady who had a passion for teaching and devoted her valuable time to uplift the English teaching standards. Nearly 200 Teachers who completed the session appreciated and benefited from her techniques. **Her Training has enabled to become Directors.** It is with profound sadness we record the passing away of Olga and we offer our condolences to her family.
SELF HELP GROUPS (SHG)

Three students, Shanmukha Priya Chadarada, Tanzila Zeenat Haque and Chippy Raj of the Department of Social Work from Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetam, Coimbatore, India participated in CORD social and religious activities in June 2017.

The students went to the villages, met SHG Members and conducted five sessions. These sessions covered many aspects of organic farming including soil preparation by organic and manual methods (Ghana Jeevamritham) and use of insecticides (Pancha Gavya). Training included video presentations.
CHINMAYA VALUE PROGRAM (CVP)

These programs are being conducted in Kilinochchi, Mullathivu & Jaffna district schools. CVP covered moral values self-control, personality development, motivation, personal hygiene & child safety. Nearly 100 children participated in each program.

Personal hygiene includes the importance of hand washing. Child safety, including sexual abuse, explained how to escape from such abuse and how to get help. Video presentations were used to explain these issues. Trainees discussed good habits such as maintaining personal hygiene and a proper diet. Children were also taught to keep their class room and environment clean and tidy.
HEALTH & PSYCHOSOCIAL CARE

CORD Sri Lanka conducts medical & eye camps for the most vulnerable people. CORD is also providing counseling sessions for those suffering from psychosocial issues.
Cashew Project

CORD Sri Lanka initiated a cashew processing project to provide employment to deserving women during drought seasons when agricultural activities are not possible. For this purpose, 5000 kg of raw cashew nuts had been collected for processing. This initiative required a cutting machine and a dryer which have been ordered. CORD is working closely with the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation who is providing the needed technical advice and assistance to ensure highest quality of the processed cashew nuts.

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