GLOVIS SANGAMAM PROJECT REPORT – FEB 2015

Glovis Sangamam project is continuing to support the 8 schools in Thiruvallur Dist. Here is a report of the various activities that took place during the month of Feb 2015.

Teacher Training

I visited the Glovis Sangamam office on 21st Feb. I continued the class on fractions and moved into decimals and percentages as well. After that I introduced them to a some good contents on the web including onestopenglish.com and puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com.

Preparation for the next year

We collected details about several different things at the schools like:
- Fans needed.
- Stools needed.
- Infrastructure required at the school.
- Number of English and Tamil books available for the school library.
- Number of students/teachers.
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Technology and Education Effort

We provided the necessary Wifi hotspots and Airtel data cards to the teachers who received the laptops. They have been learning how to use Email etc. on their own. We visited two schools Thomur and Pattarai Perambudur specifically to see how they are able to use the computers there. I was happy to note that these schools had 5 and 4 usable computers resp. The teachers were able to get all these computers connected to the Internet using the hotspots we had provided. They were also already using the computers to show some educational videos in Youtube.

Upcoming Events

We have start the construction of the kitchen shed at Placepalayam. We will be finishing that and then starting the construction at Gandhigram.

The computers repair effort will continue and the expectations will be for the initial set of 4 teachers to start using their computer effectively.

We have started the process of purchasing the second set of materials (tumblers/plates, mats, and educational/sport materials for schools and Balwadis). We will be distributing these during the month of March.

We are also in discussion with Madras Dyslexia Association to have a Dyslexia awareness camp for both the Asha and the government teachers at Thiruvallur. This has been dragging on for a while. We hope to conduct this soon.