

GLOVIS SANGAMAM PROJECT REPORT – DEC 2014

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 Dec 2014.

Materials for the Balwadis

As a part of the project we are also supporting four feeder Balwadis to four of our schools. These are the Balwadis at Kuppammal Chathiram, Gandhigram, Thomur and Allikuzhi. On the 18th of this month Jennifer, Narendra and Kaushal from Glovis and I went to these four Balwadis and distributed a collection of materials. These included chalk pieces, chart paper, printed charts (like ones on ABCD, fruits and vegetables etc.), a several toys that are suitable for the children. We also gave these Balwadis mats for the children to sit on. In a couple of the Balwadis the teachers were not present either because they were shared between two Balwadis or they were attending some meetings. We could see the children and their parents in the Balwadis. We finally finished our trip at Allikuzhi and had our lunch there which was prepared for us by the teachers there.

Completion of Term 2 and SA2

All the schools had their summative assessments from 18th to 23rd of this month. The term 2 got completed and then the December holidays started. The schools will reopen on the 2nd of Jan.

Teacher Training

Informal teacher training by myself continued. The next formal training in Chennai will be held on January 3rd. The planning for that has also been made. On Dec 13th Saturday 4 teachers visited Chennai for computer and internet training with me. On Dec 27th I visited the Project Sangamam Office. The time was divided between discussing some of the issues at the schools, teaching English grammar and teaching them basic computers/internet.

A Library for Ramancheri

IIT students as part of the Shaastra event in January had started a Pledge-a-Book drive. Through this they collected several children's books as well. They gave these 200+ books to Asha Chennai to setup a library at one of the supported schools. We gave these books to the school at Ramancheri as many of the books were suitable for slightly older children and Ramancheri is the only middle school that we are supporting.

Upcoming Events

There will be another training session with Mrs. Meena Suresh or Ramanujan Math Centre on January 3rd. This will focus on the lessons to be covered in the third term.

We will start the construction of the kitchen sheds at Placepalayam and Gandhigram.

As a part of the Technology and Education initiative, we will start giving laptops to the teachers and equipping every school to be able to access the Internet. This process will start with 3 teachers and schools in January.

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.