

Anu and Krishna Fellowship Renewal



Progress Report & Financial Proposal
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Thulir

- ❑ Education Resource Center for children and young adults
- ❑ @ Sittilingi, a tribal village in Dharmapuri District, Tamil Nadu
- ❑ Provide a place where children are in the presence of adults who can motivate them and provide support for learning, and
 - can access basic learning resources that are not available to them in their homes or schools
 - attend supplementary classes or prepare for exams away from cramped and noisy homes
 - interact with visiting professionals from various walks of life to get exposure
 - Young adults are trained to create similar spaces for children in their own villages

Some of the areas focused

➤ **Academics**

- reading and writing skills in Tamil and English, basic math, science experiments

➤ **Arts and crafts**

- painting, embroidery, drawing, paper folding, clay work

➤ **Livelihood skills**

- soap making, bee keeping, bamboo crafts, masonry, electrical wiring, plumbing, basic electronics, organic farming

➤ **General exposure**

- news analysis from around the world; geography, politics and culture group discussions to improve thinking and expression of opinions

➤ **Music and dance**

- folk songs and folk dances

➤ **Sports and games**

Academics

- ❑ Theory classes — basic math, Tamil writing, basic Engineering Drawing, Estimation of quantities, writing a diary, preparing bills of work done etc.
- ❑ Daily sessions for improving Math skills
- ❑ Basic Technology Course started June 2009
- ❑ <http://thulir.wordpress.com/the-bt-course-diary/>



Organic Paddy Field



Encouraged by the results of a test paddy field, the students tried it in a bigger scale

Vegetable Gardening

- ▣ Able to grow sufficient vegetables for domestic needs (not enough rain for farming)
- ▣ Grew brinjals, beans, pumpkin and bananas



Bee Keeping Sessions



Cycle Shed Construction



Arts & Crafts Update

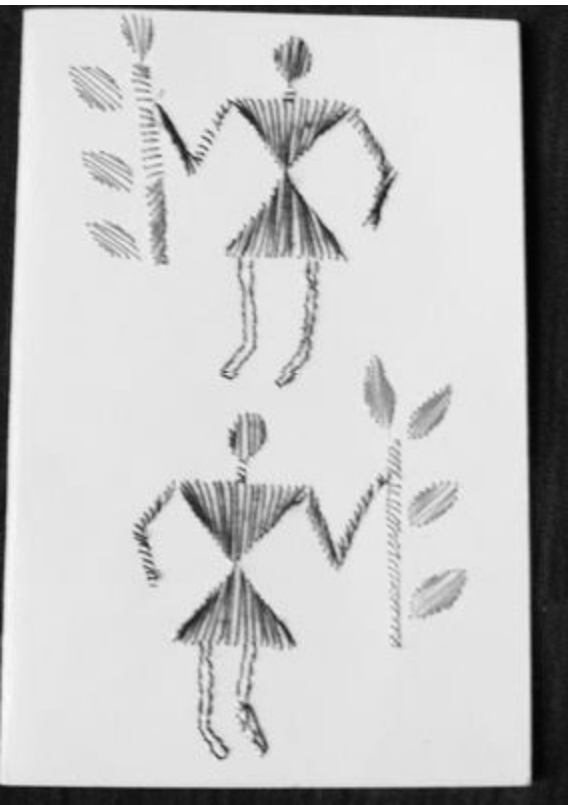


Arts & Crafts Update

- ▣ Bamboo key chains continues to be very popular with friends of Thulir



New Year Cards



Soap making workshop

- ▣ Students, Rajammal and Devagi, conducted a workshop on how to make soap for a local



Electronics

- ❑ One of the children has really taken to electronics intuitively, he is the village handyman when it comes to repair and installation of electrical/electronics. He manages the street lighting, needs of the hospital, etc.
- ❑ *Lighting:* A good part of the lighting at Thulir now runs off solar and is LED based. The kitchen, school rooms and Anu and Krishna's home run off LED lights and these help the battery from the solar panels last the night in the more critical places.

Electronics

- ❑ Bamboo table lamp using white LEDs
 - Got some orders for bamboo LED table lamps, and so started with a prototype

- ❑ LED lamp for cycle dynamo
 - Designing and assembling white LED based headlamps for bicycle that can run on dynamo
 - This project gave students an opportunity to see how an engineer designs a product



Old hard
disc!!



Marathon Update

- ❑ Team Asha and Runner's High have been coaching the children over the last year for various events.
- ❑ They were monitored on a weekly basis from Bangalore. Detailed training schedules, guidance, injury prevention tips etc. were provided on a regular basis.
- ❑ This season three children trained for the Kaveri Trail Races.
- ❑ Vinoo and Ezhumalai successfully completed their first half marathon in a good time of 1hr 54mins and 2hrs 02mins respectively! Sakthivel successfully completed his 10K in 1hr 02mins.

Parent Meeting

- ❑ Visited each of the students' homes to interact with the parents.
 - Malaithangi village
 - Sittilingi village
 - Moola sittilingi
- ❑ Able to understand each student's situation and problems better
- ❑ Better dialogue with the parents this year compared to earlier years

Visitors to Thulir

- ❑ *Prof Ravindran and Mrs Vanaja Ravindran* have been regular resource persons for Thulir. Prof Ravindran took sessions on Basic Engineering drawing and Vanaja akka has been teaching Tamil reading and writing skills for the seniors.
- ❑ *Sanjeev, Anita and Vinod* came to Thulir end of July. They held several sessions for the Basic Technology Course students as well as for the younger children. The electronics sessions were great fun. They demonstrated how 'or' and 'and' circuits work and how LEDs could be made to light up in different patterns when switches were put on in different combinations. This helped to introduce the Binary system in the following week. Sanjeev and Anita spent 10 days again in Thulir in October. This time they took a series of sessions on basics of electronics, Maths , and also taught new songs.
- ❑ *Balaji* too has been making regular trips to Thulir. Under his care the running programme has really taken off. Balaji has also been assessing the running styles and potentials of the students and has introduced many new aspects in the training sessions. His first trip to Thulir was on a bicycle and this has made quite an impression on the Thulir seniors. Now almost every weekend they go biking for distances ranging from 20 kms to 140 kms ! What is more remarkable is that they all have old secondhand bikes and so this means they have to do a bike servicing session before setting off and often have to carry out repairs on the way. Balaji has also been teaching the senior students Tamil, communication skills, basic computer skills and commercial maths [prices, interests etc.]. He showed videos of football matches to introduce the sport and its rules and also showed a wonderful video on the enviromental crises.

Visitors to Thulir

- ❑ *Dr Carolyn* from UK who had visited Sittilingi earlier came for a visit. She did an origami session with the younger children.
- ❑ *Mrs Julie* from Nalam Child Development Centre, Namakkal visited Thulir.- She conducted a very effective session on the facts and myths around AIDS/ HIV.
- ❑ *Ms. Niranjana* an artist visited and demonstrated sketching for children.
- ❑ *Anand* , electrician from NIOT took a 2 day session on wiring and electricity. The students were extremely happy with his classes as it was a very practical oriented class.
- ❑ *Sourabh* , architect from Poona ,showed them pictures of his work. His projects involving reuse of waste materials were an inspiration.
- ❑ *Archana*, from Keystone Foundation, Kotagiri, talked to students about the Tribal forest right's bill.

Asha Princeton Funding Overview

Asha Princeton has been actively supporting the Thulir effort since 2004 through Fellowships for Anu and Krishna, who started Thulir.

Asha Princeton Funding Details

1	Fellowship: Anu & Krishna	\$4100	2004
2	Fellowship: Anu & Krishna	\$4300	2005
3	Fellowship: Anu & Krishna	\$4200	2006
4	Fellowship: Anu & Krishna	\$4400	2007
5	Fellowship: Anu & Krishna	\$5750	2008
6	Fellowship: Anu & Krishna	\$4900	2009
	Total	\$27,650	

Funding Calculation - 2010

- Apply 5% increase over last year's amount of Rs. 2,40,500
 - The proposed amount for 2010 is Rs. 2,52,525
 - This is approx. equivalent to \$5500

Additional Information



Other Asha Chapters Funding Overview

Asha Bangalore is also providing support for recurring expenses of the Thulir initiative. Asha Bangalore is the stewarding chapter of this effort.

Proposal :

<http://www.ashanet.org/projects/project-view.php?p=967>

Asha Bangalore Funding* Details

1	Thulir - Education Resource Center, Dharmapuri	INR 96,600	Nov 2008
2	Thulir - Education Resource Center, Dharmapuri	INR 96,600	Jul 2009
3	Thulir - Education Resource Center, Dharmapuri	INR 63,600	Dec 2009
	Total	\$5,598.24	

*This slide is just FYI