FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE CLASS ROOMS, FOR THE POOREST CHILDREN AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, RAGUNATHAPALLY.

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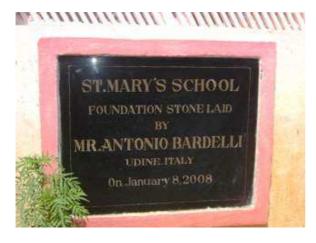
Introduction

At the outset let me express my gratitude to Mr. Antonio Bardelli (Nicopeja) for the generous contribution towards the construction of St. Mary's School at Ragunathapally. At present, with your contribution and other's help we have 9 rooms on the ground floor. The school has now grown to accommodate 627 poor children from LKG to 7th standard. From LKG to VII class there are 9 classes. But we have only 7 class rooms with staff room and principal room at the ground floor. The other two classes are held in the old sheds that we built at the beginning. Next year we are starting VIII standard. Hence we are badly in need of three class rooms urgently before June 2011. If we do not have the three class rooms by next June the government will not give permission to start the VIII class. Hence I stand before you on behalf of the poor children to seek your financial assistance to construct the three class rooms.



Growth of the Institution:

St. Mary's school which began in sheds in the year 2007-08 with 55 students has now grown to accommodate 627 children. The growth of the school is given below.



Mr. Antonio Bardelli laid the foundation stone on 8th January 2008 in an open ground and the school now has grown up to accommodate 627 children in 7 classes. With gratitude we remember Nicopeja Onlus for the great contribution to put up the ground floor.

The strength of the school year wise is given below:

Year	LKG	UKG	I	II	Ш	IV	V	VI	VII	Total
2007-08	23	32								55
2008-09	68	78	74	61	59	40				380
2009-10	72	82	68	58	60	45	40			425
2010-11	88	84	78	72	72	68	55	62	48	627







Class II



Class III



Class IV



Class VI



Class VII









Cultural programme by the children

1. PROJECT PROFILE:

This project proposal addresses the problems of the children who hail from very poor socio economic background. The villages are located in the remotest region of Andhra Pradesh. The tribes and Dalits toil all their life in the farms of the rich people. The children are drop-outs from the schools and become child labourers due to poverty of the parents. Hence, the organization wants to construct class rooms for these poor children. It requests financial assistance for the construction of these class rooms, On behalf of the children and the village communities I appeal to you, to donate generously for the project which may open new avenues in their lives to educate their children.

Aim of the project	Educating the children hailing from very poor socio economic background.		
Objectives	To educate the children whose familial conditions are miserable. To enhance opportunities for reaching the rights of children who need to develop. To follow play way methods in the school to enrol the children in the school To stop children becoming child labour. To create a friendly atmosphere in the school so that children's aptitude will be directed towards learning.		
Program	Construction of three class rooms,		
Types of Children	Poorest children of the Dalit and tribal migrant labours.		
Out come	Children will have class rooms for their education. Children will complete their basic education.		
Financial request from the donor	In Indian Rupees. 900000.		
agency	In EURO: 15000.		

2. ABOUT THE BROTHERS OF THE SACRED HEART (Mother of the congregation)

The Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is an indigenous religious Congregation, the first of its kind in India, founded by Rev. Fr. Adrian Caussanel S.J., a French Missionary in the year 1903 in Tamil Nadu, India. The Congregation has completed 100 years of service to God and humanity and celebrated its centenary in May 2003. The congregation has spread far and wide by establishing communities across the country since 1990s and it has started a mission centre in LIBERIA (the first mission center in Africa).

With the charism of "Good News to the Poor" the Brothers have committed themselves to the service of Christ and development option for the Poor which they translate into action through the social apostolate.

The Congregation has 32 communities with over 250 professed religious brothers spread over the five States of India and one international community at Africa:

- 9 dioceses in Tamil Nadu,
- 5 dioceses in Andhra Pradesh.
- 2 dioceses in Karnataka
- 2 dioceses in Kerala.
- 1 each diocese in the northern states of Madhya Pradesh and Chatttisgarah and
- 1 diocese in Africa

The congregation is involved in the following apostolates;

- Proclamation
- Education (both academic and technical)
- Social Action
- Caring

Ministries

The following are the activities undertaken and initiated by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. The Ministry among the tribes living in the Eastern Ghats bordering the Andhra Pradesh, Chatttisgarh and Orissa states are.

- a. Community based spiritual and development ministries.
- b. Educational ministry for the children of Dalits and Tribes
- c. Rural development ministries
- d. Counselling the HIV positive patients.
- e. Medical ministry for the poorest and the most vulnerable sections.
- f. Higher education ministry to the tribal boys and girls.

3. ABOUT ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

• This institute was founded by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in the year 2007 in response to the needs of the poorest children living in the surrounding villages of Reghunathpally. The team surveyed the surrounding villages. Their field of education experience in these villages revealed that the children are the most vulnerable groups and so the team wanted to plan and execute the proposed project to mitigate their pains and bring long term solutions to their problems.

Strength particulars

2007-2008 55students
 2008-2009 380 Students
 2009-2010 425 Students
 2010-2011 627 Students

Location

Country: India

State : Andhra Pradesh

District : Warangal

Village : Ragunathapally

Description of the project area

Socio economic problems of the tribes and Dalits living in these villages

- The Tribes and the Dalits are socially oppressed and are the poorest of the poor.
- The labourers remain ignorant of the values of education and the parents leave the same occupation to their generation.
- The land owning community has the accesses to education and got the upward mobility economically due to the education and migration to cities and towns.
- The children of the Tribal and Dalit communities become child laborers due to their familial economic burdens pull both the children and their parents to involve the children in farming at their tender age.
- The housing is poor and the walls are cracked and thatched roof.
- The surrounding becomes filthy during the rainy season.
- The people struggle for their basic need (food, shelter and education)
- The labourers spend a huge amount of money for consuming alcohol and smoking. The unwise spending for bad habits have dragged them into indebtedness and the situation is exploited by the land owning community and the moneylenders.

4. PROJECT FOCUS

- Infants
- Children

The above said group of the traditional communities will be given physical and educational support for primary education. So infants and children will be the direct beneficiaries of the project. The project will also influence positively the family members of the children and all the people in the communities. Thus they are the indirect beneficiaries of the project. A few parents of the children are affected with HIV positive and left their children on the streets, after being killed themselves, for the mercy of others.

About the children who are reading in the school

- Children belonging to the socially and economically backward sections of the society
- Children who have aptitude for study but constrained by circumstances to stay away from school and living in distress situations
- Poor catholic children
- Dalit and tribal children
- Children who are the first generation attending school
- Physically challenged children
- Orphans and semi-orphan children

Statistical report of the children

Beneficiaries

The beneficiaries are the poorest children from the age of 3 years to 10 years. The number of children who benefit are 537children along with the village population of 1,45,000 belonging to 20 surrounding villages. Among them there are 15 children with disabilities. All these children hail from the very poor socio economic background.

The status of the children	Total number	Boys	Girls	No of disabled children
Children from the age of 3 years to 5 years	250	145	102	3
Children at the primary school 6 years to 10 years	377	195	170	12
Total	627	340	272	15

5. THE PROBLEM AND NEED OF THE PROJECT

Educational Intervention to emancipate the children of the migrant labours

The children when they reach 13 years they accompany their fathers or with their close relatives to work as coolie labours in different manual and menial jobs. The female children stop their education for baby sitting. They assist them in weeding and cattle grazing. The parents want the male children to pick up the occupation. The farming employs for 150 days that too depend upon the monsoon. Because of the above factors the people could not save money and are always in debt. They struggle to purchase basic food items that encourage their children more to follow

their occupation than to complete their schooling. This poor situation of the migrant labours further marginalizes the marginalized.

6. PROJECT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The aim of the school is

The objective of establishing St. Mary's Primary School is to give 'right to education to the poor children' of the migrant labours living in the surrounding village of Raghunathapalli.

The following are the core objectives towards the agenda

- > To educate the poorest children in high school
- > To help the children by providing residential facilities (future scope)
- > To admit the most deserving children who are in difficult circumstances
- > To admit the disabled children and provide facilities to learn and read
- > To help the children through extra coaching since their parents are illiterate and lead a poor life struggling to meet their basic needs.
- > To provide free boarding and residential facilities by mobilizing resources

Goal

The goal of the project is to ensure the Children's primary education

Objectives:

The objectives of the project are:

- To ensure the education of the children
- To eradicate the child labour practices in and around of Reghunathpally

7. PROGRAMS ENVISAGED

Project activities	Resource required	Beneficiaries		
Construction of Three class rooms,	Financial assistance is required for the construction.	Children of migrant labours and other poor families of Dalits and Tribles living in the surrounding villages of Reghunathapalli.		

8. BUDGET:

Construction of 3 class rooms: Rs 900000. EURO: 15000:

Plan and the estimate are attached.

9. SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PROJECT

The Sustainability of the project is very high in the following grounds:

- ➤ The school will be managed by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, a religious congregation who are expertise in children's education.
- Brothers have 35 such schools in the country.
- Financial support will be mobilized from the Government and from local resources to pay for the teachers and the children.

10. ACCOUNTABILITY

The initial report will be submitted at the beginning of the implementation of the project. The Half yearly review reports will be submitted to the funding agency. And also annual reports with necessary documents will be submitted along with the audited statement of accounts. Work Completion Report will be submitted at the end of the year.

The accounts of the project will be kept according to the Indian Government's rules and regulations. And auditing of accounts will be done every year and the Home Ministry and the Commissioner of Income Tax will be provided with the Audited statement of accounts every year.

11. CONCLUSION

After having studied the feasibility and viability of the project activities, the project was drafted. The project, if materialised, will certainly create positive impact in the lives of the children whose problems were never addressed due to socio economic and cultural reasons. Therefore I humbly request you to consider the proposal and enable the brothers to implement this project.

Yours Sincerely in Christ

Bro. Thomas Kurian, SHJ Superior

12 Organization Profile

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