

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2009

As we enter into the festive season we are reminded of all the wonderful things our Lord has done for us throughout this year and we are thankful.

Old & New Recruits

Due to the distance from the city slums to our centre, poor weather conditions & lack of motivation, the class attendance has somewhat dwindled last month. The little children in particular find it hard to settle into a structured routine, hence needing that much extra attention and effort. This month our team members have done a great job of follow-ups and casework and have re-recruited some of the kids that temporarily dropped out.



These children are getting re-focused once again and are enjoying being in a loving & safe learning environment. In addition, our team has recruited some new faces, particularly some new little girls (the majority of the kids in

our centre are currently boys). Over December we will be having many workshops, with the main focus being on settling the new children, showing them how loved and valued they are and establishing a good routine, which will create stability and security for them. The children will be given daily meals & vitamins, as well as treatment for worms and other minor conditions, thanks to the generous donations of vitamins and medicines received by various individuals and groups.



Transportation

Tiwala recognises the serious need to have our own vehicle, as using public transport (tricycles & jeeps) is very challenging, especially when the weather is poor. It is quite tricky to gather the children in public places and then bung them into public tricycles and jeeps before shooting off to the centre. The street kids can be quite wild and tend to run into the roads or try to do acrobatic moves in or on the moving vehicles etc., which is obviously extremely dangerous! If



we had our own vehicle we would achieve a safer and far more reliable transport system and would also cut transportation costs dramatically. Furthermore, it would enable us to take the children out of the city more regularly, to visit beaches, parks, farms or other outdoor areas, which we believe is very important for them. Please let us know if you would be interested in contributing to the acquisition of a vehicle!

Community-Based Foster Program

Once we have established our foster care farm community, we will be admitting street boys between ages 5 and 12 years. As our centre-based programs are for boys as well as girls, between the ages of 5 and 15 years, we have a larger spectrum of children to run case studies on. Of these children, the majority needing to be fostered are young boys. However, for the young girls and older boys in need of a home, we have to find an alternative foster care set-up. Therefore, we will help these children by recruiting, screening and training potential foster parents in the community, who can foster these children into their own homes. We will offer support to the foster families and ensure the children regularly attend our programs at our centre and in the community.

We really value and appreciate every individual who is and has been a part of **Tiwala**. The children are so blessed because you care. God bless you & Merry Christmas!

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Founder