



Nursery & Primary School Tigri, New Delhi

HALF YEARLY REPORT

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INDIA

Tigri School



Hundreds of thousands of people live in Sangam Vihar, the area surrounding the Tigri school. It is one of the largest urban slums in India. People live in crowded conditions. Sanitation is almost non-existent. Children grow up in insalubrious circumstances and are prone to diseases and malnutrition.

The children's parents are often so overwhelmed by life and the need for survival that they devote very little time to their family. The children are left to fend for themselves. One can see toddlers and very young children roaming the alleys of the slum, playing in sewage water for lack of attention. As the children get older they become involved in crime, prostitution, and are easy prey for human trafficking.

This is where the HOPE school can make a difference. We provide basic education for 260 primary school age children. The training HOPE provides goes

beyond academic teaching. We instruct the children on basic life skills, such as hygiene, health, social manners. We also conduct training sessions for the parents once a month. Here again we teach about life issues. The parents need to understand the importance of education. It is the way out of poverty.

Statistics

Around **250** children benefit from the HOPE school.

This means 250 children off the streets, safe and enjoying the prospect of a brighter future...

Number of Students	Formal Primary school		Tuition		Satellite school		TOTAL
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Beginning of the month	96	95	5	2	34	28	260
Enrolments	34	31	8	5	6	2	86
Dropouts	5	6	0	0	0	0	11
Transfer	8	15	0	0	34	28	85
Course finished	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
End of the month	117	105	13	7	6	2	250

Sashi

Some stories are very heart warming. Sashi, like most children who live in Sangam Vihar, moved to Delhi with his family a couple of years ago. Poverty drove them out of their native place. They came to the capital hoping to make a living. Unfortunately Sashi's father's health failed and they faced very difficult circumstances. Sashi was now fourteen and unable to attend school.



Fortunately he heard about the HOPE school and soon enrolled. At first it was hard for him. He had to sit with much younger children as he had a lot of catching up to do. Sashi's determination served him well though. He finished his 4th standard, took the 6th standard exam (which he passed), and with our principal's help he was admitted in 8th standard in a local secondary school. He is now thriving and hoping to become a doctor. It is amazing to see what a young boy's determination can make him achieve!

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- Mother Teresa

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Thank you note!



We are incredibly grateful for the support of Oracle who provide a large portion of the funds needed to run this school. We are also indebted to Dunhumby for sponsoring the midday meal. The children really enjoy a hot nutritious meal every day. For a lot of them this could be the only meal they eat!

So many volunteers come and help. HUL volunteers always reach out to our children by organising drawing competitions, outings, and by serving the community. A group of HUL employees spent a day visiting the homes of our students, educating the parents on health and hygiene.

G4s also organised a Happy Day outing for the kids. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We are grateful for the many donations from individuals and groups (like the Dublin Church of Christ, the monega school, the Woodcraft group, Mark and Jennifer Chisholm, etc) who have sponsored children's uniforms, books, and stationery. They are too many to mention. Please know we are extremely thankful. Sometimes we may feel our contribution is insignificant. Mother Teresa said, "What we are trying to do may be just a drop in the ocean, but the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."