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Annual Report - 2013- 14

The Centre admitted more free children in the year 2013. Some had Learning Disability along with Autism. Though the centre didn't charge anything for therapy some parents couldn't bring their child regularly as the bus fare was too high for them. Some profoundly autistic children are not suitable for bus journey. The loud noise by the speakers made the children show their worst behavior. Some parents have to break the journey and take buses without music.

In April, Diya was getting ready for summer classes. As usual some of our children left for summer vacation and children from other schools streamed in. There was a big group of above 10 children. They were taught fundamental Science, Mathematics and Social Studies. The children who study through the medium of English were taught separately. They showed much interest in Arts & Crafts. They enjoyed gardening and playing games, They had regular story time that they never liked to miss.

One of the volunteers who came to help us was found very suitable to be a teacher is sponsored (by Niya Trust) to do Diploma in Special Education - Autism. Once she finishes the course she will be the first of that kind in Tirunelveli District.

Some of our teachers resigned to do the entrance exam conducted by the Government. Diya struggled hard for quite some time without trained teachers. With great difficulty proper teachers were recruited in October. To our great surprise a speech therapist offered to join us. By the same time some toddlers were also admitted. However we could manage very well with the new trained teachers and the Speech therapist.

We applied for Grant in Aid. If that gets sanctioned there will be stability of teachers.



Summer Classes



Some New Admissions



Child with autism with visual impairment



Child with Down Syndrome



Speech Therapist



Christmas 2013



By God's immense grace we are able to do some service to these little ones. We have also received the Prior Permission of FCRA. Hope Disabled Child India will be able to support us soon.

Needs

- Parents will be happier if the centre is shifted to a place near a bus stop.
- Parents will also appreciate some form of transport to be arranged between bus stop and centre.
- It will be very good if any school comes forward to accommodate the Early Intervention Centre in their campus.
- As one teacher could handle only two children with profound autism we need more teachers
- Finding Special Educator in Autism is impossible. Hence some more candidates have to be sponsored for special diploma in autism. This of course is an expensive affair.
- Some children above 14 are also brought to us for help. They have to be taught some pre-vocational skills. We haven't admitted any so far as we are not prepared with any pre-vocational skill.