

Monthly Report of April 2018

Greetings and wishes to all ADA friends from the JASC beneficiaries along with the staff of JASC. All best wishes to each of our friends, for the new financial year and future ministries. We are always grateful for your support.

The month April started with planning for the year – annual plan for the year with the staff. It was also followed by monthly planning and weekly planning. Once we planned the detailed activities with the people for their all-round development, we feel much relaxed and comfortable as we need to follow the plan accordingly to implement in real life for our poor. We had outdoor games for children, regular monthly meeting with women of all the SHGs, visiting villages to start new SHG group and training, training women on writing and maintaining necessary records, training on Personality Development and Group Building, computer classes, library service to children, and LIC programs. Each of these activities enabled the women and children to have a continual personnel growth and education. We also had sendoff meetings to the previous Director Sr. Alphy in three areas separately; for her self-less, dedicated service to JASC during these seven years. During the sendoff programmes, it was encouraging to witness that more women are coming in front of the group to express their appreciation as well as gratitude for Sr. Alphy's service to them. It was really a meaningful experience. There were moments where our hearts were filled with joy and satisfaction for our service to the marginalized poor tribals. It was great indeed.

Empowerment and Education of Women

The SHG women were given training on Personality Development. About 50 women profited from it. The Group Building Session was profited also by 50 women. The trainings were conducted in two different villages where more people could participate. At some places children and youth also joined as they are on holidays. We visited few villages for forming new SHG. It was encouraging to go with one of the old SHG group member who took us to a new village to form SHG. She was talking much about our center and its services to these new village women who gathered together. Motivation of them to gather as a group takes few visits and meetings. All the SHGs meetings were attended and some of the groups were given training in small groups to write the record books. Also we collected names of those who know tailoring to encourage them to start Income Generation Programme. The meeting for bag making, will take place next month.

Empowerment and Education of Children

The early April was the exam of children where our children were guided to prepare for the exam well. As the holidays in school started we visited the children in the villages and some of them come to the center and learn computer. One of the youth helped us with the computer classes and the students enjoyed learning this technology. Some of the children make use of the library facilities by reading stories either loudly or alone. Some others take books to their homes

and read it and returns after reading and takes again. Thus, they are encouraged to read more books which will increase their intelligence, concentration, and they will use their time creatively. We also organized games for children in village which increases their group strength. The youth conducted games for the children which they all enjoyed. They gained confidence, self-worth and unity.

Visiting the cancer patients

The cancer patients as well as survivors who are poor are supported psychologically and socially. The visits with personal care encouraged many of them to have courage to face the sickness and to get healed. Some of them do not have hope, thus one of them died though after many visits. The families also need to be positively encouraged to face the situation. It is not at all easy to overcome this dreadful sickness. It needs lot of mental and spiritual power which we are able to provide. Though visited almost 10 patients in this month and provided support, we cannot take photos of many cases, thus photos are very few. They feel strengthened, encouraged, supported by our visits.

Counseling Services

Counseling services are rendered to ladies and youth. Two of the youths who could have committed suicide are saved with the counseling. It is a time consuming and need lot of patience to handle cases. For this there are no photos possible as the clients will lose confidence. Almost 10 are helped and among those 5 are counseled. All of them feel much better to face life and handle the negative realities or forces of life. Two of the SHG women are supported through this service.

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The photos will be attached