



One By One

“So it is with children who learn to read fluently and well: They begin to take flight into whole new worlds as effortlessly as young birds take to the sky. ”

William James

2 Month Successes!

- Excellent registration process at our Nallasopara school with full family interviews; resulting in the admission of many children that otherwise would have no opportunity for education.
- Registration of more Grade 10 children.
- Excellent progress in our PreStep (preschool) programs with exponential increase in care and attention being given by our PreStep mothers.
- Development of work-books/curriculum that better cater to the specific needs of our children.
- Staff cohesion and productivity at an all time high.

Vijay’s Corner:

“Winning Hearts is the Ultimate Weapon of Social Work”

“ ‘Be the change you want to see’ is said by India’s father of the nation, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, also known as Mahatma Gandhiji. He used his ideal methods like Non-violence, Satyagraha (insistence on truth) as an ultimate weapon in India’s freedom movement. He was a firm believer of humanity and also believed that it is the human being themselves, who are responsible for the good and bad doings in the society. No particular country, religion, caste, section should be held responsible.

Indians fought with the British to get freedom, as they felt they were injustice and treated them as slaves. But Partition of India in which many innocent people were killed, after getting Independence clearly proved that it is the human being themselves who are responsible for good and wrong behavior on earth.

Social work is not just helping people, it is working to bring a change in people’s behavior which seems to be bad for the community. No person changes until and unless he feels guilt of what he

does is wrong. We make rules and regulations to make the environment a better place to live on. Although everyone knows about the rules and regulations, but still many don’t follow. They follow only when they feel really sorry for their wrong behavior from their heart. That is where the true change lies. This change can be achieved by giving love, care and attention. It takes a long time, but surely one day we will see the change. Sun is at the center of our solar system and with its gravitational force it holds all the planets and other celestial bodies around it. While doing social work, we have to behave as a sun and with love, care and smile, we can bring a change in people’s behavior and can hold everyone around us to make this world a peaceful and beautiful place to live.

People whom we want to change should feel that nothing else is more important than us. To meet that state, we have to win people’s heart and not their mind. We have to be a good listener and make people comfortable in telling their problems to us. We also have to be careful in giving too much love and attention

in doing social work as it may make people stubborn and disrespectful. We have to maintain a balance in giving love and attention on one hand and on the other hand also teach the right way of living life. Once we get that balance we will see that how everything seems beautiful around us and we can face any difficulties that come our way.

We need to respect all living and non-living resources on earth. We have to throw out jealousy, anger, ego, stubbornness and greed from our character if we really want to be happy and keep others also happy. We can bring all the good changes in the world if we work on winning people’s heart.

Have patience and believe in the work we do. Just as we accept happiness in our life, we should be strong and welcoming for all the difficult and sad things that come in our life. Although some times we may feel stressed out, we still find that the work, we work on gets done slowly by slowly.

Life is very beautiful, but it is in our hands how to decorate it. Before you leave this wonderful world, feel lots of love, and fill love in everyone else’s hearts.” - Vijay

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"I do not know how to express my gratitude for the experience on paper. I am not embellishing anything when I say that those two weeks entirely shifted my perspective. This organization is the reason that these kids are living such lives, I break into tears thinking of all the



kids who do not have such an opportunity. The work being done through the schools is heart warming, genuine, difficult and most of all prodigious. Any amount of awards cannot capture the change you are bringing in these children's lives. It is my great honour to know and have met people like you—that care so much, love so much and feel so much." - **Madura**

"...I thoroughly enjoyed and looked forward to going to the school along with Madura, the school helped me as much as I helped them...I always thought that I, as a single person, can't help or bring about any change, but after going to One! International I am confident that one can at least create ripples by casting a single stone. This will definitely create a big impact, especially on the families that One! is helping..." - **Neeraja**

"A volunteer asked me what was the greatest change I've seen at the schools. The answer was easy: the staff. Over the years, I have watched this group of fragmented individuals grow into a brilliant, self-sufficient, and dedicated team. I feel that longevity of non-profits is always in question, however with this incredible and committed staff, the future of One! is assured."

- **Honey**

QUOTES FROM VOLUNTEERS WHO WERE ON THE GROUND IN MUMBAI...

"Every two years I try to go to Mumbai, India to see the school, staff, students, families, and overall situation. The knowledge helps in promoting One! in Canada and to the world. This time I was accompanied by my 15 year old grand daughter who gave a younger perspective on things. I am always amazed at the development of the children. This time I was "blown away" by the development and growth of the staff, including the client staff. They are taking on responsibilities for the successful operation of the schools. They are problem solving to develop new approaches for teaching, counselling, and general operation procedures. They respect one another's talents. They are having fun, and doing a great job. The success of the students is a testimony of their commitment to One! International.

I am always grateful for the opportunity to witness "making a difference One! step at a time".

-**Marilyn**



"Volunteering with One! wasn't exactly what I expected. However, that is certainly not a bad thing. I immediately felt at home at the school. And that's all thanks to the wonderful people and kids who I got the privilege to interact with. I already miss them all so much! It was an experience I will carry with me for the rest of my life and hopefully one that I will be able to repeat, as I fully plan on returning!"

- **Talia**



"It truly was an inspiring, eye-opening and influential experience that will always hold close to my heart. The lesson-planning and logistical aspects were one thing, but the camaraderie and overall living experience among students and staff was something that I will never be able to replicate. To put things more simpler. It was amazing. I loved it and I look forward to the day that I return!"

- **Colin**

"Over the summer, I got to spend two months in India teaching in Khar at the One! International School. It was hands down the most amazing trip I have ever experienced. India in itself is a hidden gem with the people and the food and the busyness, but I think the most impactful and perspective changing part of the trip was meeting and working with the kids. I was unsure how my teaching adventures would go and had some serious doubt in my own ability, but I have never felt so involved, included and respected as I did at the school. The kids were so amazing and it is impossible not to click and fall in love with them the moment you meet them. I cannot say thank you enough to all the staff and students who made my trip so unforgettable and to all of the people who helped make this trip a reality. I can't wait to go back and am already counting down the days!"

- **Brianne**

