

## **COPE- TRUST** **(Children Oriented Progressive Education)**

Children Oriented Progressive Education(COPE-Trust) is a secular, non -governmental ,non-partition ,non-political and charitable Trust. COPE was established in Sep, 2001, is now serving in and around Tiruchirappalli, Pudukottai and Karur districts in Tamil Nasu, India. The COPE is run by a group of dedicated and committed members whose hearts are for the welfare of the poorest children.

### **Challenges/Problems in India**

- 1.**Casteism**—Inhuman divisions by birth and people are very much discriminate and suppressed in life in every level on the basis of caste.
- 2.**Communalism**—fanaticism on the basis of religion ..divides the people and society and country
- 3.**Suppression** of women and gender disparity on of the basis of sex
- 4.**Poverty, illiteracy and child labor** ..due to poverty poorest children are not able to get education even upto 8<sup>th</sup> standard leading child labor and illiteracy.

### **To counter the above challenges the COPE was started**

**Vision**-To make aware that the origin and essence of every human being is same, call to live harmoniously surpassing all the divisions on the basis of caste, creed, color, gender and wealth and to create a society where in future generations live in peace ,love and harmony. No caste, No religion only human family.

## **Mission**

To achieve the above vision, the best possible way is to give holistic orientation and education to the children of this age, especially to the poor and orphan, the marginalized of the society.

## **Objectives**

The best way to overcome the above challenges is to give hundred percent quality/good education in the society specially the orphan, poor and marginalized children must be educated to have self esteem/respect/confidence and enable them to form a human family of love and mutual respect and dignity breaking the caste, creed and gender. Support the orphan and poor children to study and come up to live better life.

## **Criterion to receive help**

We follow the following four criteria to get support and help from the COPE-Trust

- Orphan and marginalized child will be supported
- Semi orphan and poor child will be supported
- Drunkards or broken families with more children whose mum is not able to manage the family will be admitted for help
- Make personal visit or enquiry about family condition before the child gets our support

## **Trust Team**

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## **Our needs**

- 1.New sponsors for the poor children  
Per child needs rs18500(300\$) per year for his/her education, food, dress and medical.
- 2.Need donors to meet the expenses of the running of St.Fatima middle school.The school needs Rs50000 per month for per year 600000rs, paying 6 teachers and a watchman,a cook and for maintenance.
- 3.Donation to start Arivahams-learning centres in three more villages.To build an Arivaham we need Rs350000(5550\$) for one.So for three Arivahams we need Rs1050000.(16650\$)

# Activities of the Cope-Trust

## 1. HOME sponsoring program,



This year we are sponsoring 250 orphan and poor children. These children stay at their respective home and go to the school and get our support for their school fees, study materials, medical, dress and food fully, the help is paid to their bank account every month or once in three months. We allow the parents to use the money to support other children in the

family too. These children are divided in to four groups and one group of children in a week end will come with their parents to our centre for meeting and seminars where we interact with the children and parents to know their behavior, health, study and family life etc. During this time of meeting we counsel the broken and problematic families privately and settle the family issues



amicably and make the family life happier again. We feel this is very good projects because now whole family feel close to us and have confident in us that somebody loves them and cares for them so the children are able to study and live happy life. The parents appreciate this projects very much as their children

are able to go to school by being with them more over now whole family is under our watch and care so feel very satisfied and happy now.

We conduct seminar on various topics to enhance their family life and to make them feel close to each other and are able to make friendship with other families of different caste and live as one family breaking this caste barrier and religion.



The main impacts of this projects are

-Poor children get support to have holistic education and can stay with their family and come up by being aware of the family, local problems and sufferings and become strong mentally and psychologically.



-Caste system is broken as they become friends during the course of time and get chance to relate to each other. The only thing that unites them is their poverty/poor condition. -Get chance to socialize and relax and share their family with other families who were unknown till now so sense of communion is built.



-Get chance to share their faith and belief and get it corrected now and then and have right look towards their God and learn to respect other religion and caste. At the end they have tea and snacks and some days have meals together and go home

relaxed.

## 2.St.Fatima Middle school-Muthanampatty

As the education has become a business in India specially in Tamil Nadu so to get admission in a good standard school for middle class and poor children has become a impossible dream and very expensive too. After knowing the presence situation in Tamil Nadu, We have decided to take up a very poor school in a remote village (Muthanampatty) to give good standard and free education for the poor children by keeping in mind our Trust values and aims.





In 2011, we have taken up this school which is 12km far from Nesakarangal and is very interior. At time of taking up this school had no enough class rooms, no kitchen, no toilets, no drinking water and no compound wall and was with full of bushes and unwanted trees. Now at present St.Fatima Middle (1<sup>st</sup> std -8<sup>th</sup> std) has 210 children from eight different villages with newly built good class rooms for the children to sit

and learn, enough toilets, good drinking waters, clean kitchen and repaired the existing building to give good infrastructures/facilities for the poor children .The children feel nice and comfortable to learn and enjoy coming to school.We have provided desks and benches for the children to learn. We have built compound wall. This school serves children from 8 villages which don't have transport facilities and most of the people are illiterate and poor. But the people are very much motivated to educate their children so we give them good education and our school is the best among 44 schools in the surrounding. We are very happy that we have taken up the school to bring changes among the village children by giving holistic and open minded educations. Their dreams come true thru us. However we need to built toilets and five more class room for the school children.

-Best school for its quality, infrastructure and cleanness





- Trust pays 6 teachers and a watchman
- Trust takes care of whole running and maintenance of the school
- Gives free study materials and uniform dresses for the needy and marginalized
- Computer facilities given
- Encourage sports and games and have good playground
- Conduct literary and cultural programme



every month.

- Encourage speech and easy writing
- Two of our 8<sup>th</sup> std students got qualified to receive scholarship for their further study in the district.
- By having regular meeting of the parents and children we make them aware of the importance of protecting the mother earth and encourage them to plant trees and build and use the toilets.

### 3.Arivahams

Arivaham means house of Knowledge- learning centre for the children whose parents are illiterate. This is to enhance and improve the children's standard of education because they go to government run schools which are very poor standard and learn minimum there and the parents are not able to help their children as they don't know to read and write. So we have employed teachers and built centres to teach these children in the evening from 5.30to 8pm.Many villagers ask us to start Arivaham for their children. The poor and middle class parents can not afford to send

their children to private schools as they are very very expensive so they send their children to government school and learn very little. We supplement it thru Arivaham.

a) **MATHUR-Arivaham - (House of Knowledge) - 90 children benefit from it**



Inam Mathur is 5 km far from Nesakaragal. This village has around 250 families with four different castes. The village is very poor and people are farmers depending upon the rainfall which is getting worse every year. Most of the people are daily wage workers and have very poor living condition. We started this Arivaham ten years ago for the children whose parents are illiterate and poor and the children did

not know what to do after coming from the school to do their home work and to clarify their doubts etc so we have started this Arivaham to enhance their study and improve their standard of education. Now there are 90 children get all the help in our centre for their



education. We have employed teachers to take care of them from 5.30 pm to 8pm where the children will do their home work, learn to read and write well and change their handwriting. As the children go to the government run school where the education is generally very poor and low now with this projects the children are able to study well and get chance to change their behavior. In our centre we teach good behaviors, manners, and give awareness about the society and the importance of trees and respecting earth and keeping the surrounding clean etc.

-Free tuition centres for children whose parents are illiterate and poor.

- Arivaham children got first ,second and third in ranks in their 10<sup>th</sup> std annual exams in the school level last year.
- Supply needed study materials for the needy children
- Give awareness class on environment and the importance of keeping house and village clean and encourage to plant trees and create sense of respect for the earth.
- Parents are given courses on various topics like hygienic and civic behaviors
- Trust pays the teachers, EB bills , watchman and maintenance of the building
- Now more than 30 girls and boys are qualified graduates, diploma holders and engineers with our support. Lot of changes among the people and are motivated very much to educate their children and change their life.

## **b) SURAALIPATTY-Arivaham--80 children benefit from it**

Suraalipatty is a remote village which is 7 km far from Nesakarangal. This village has 200 families belonging to one/same low caste. It is a homogenous group but with lot of internal problem. They are very poor and depending upon daily wage work which is very bad these days. We started Arivaham four years ago and now we have 80 children who are under our care and support. This village has got very low literacy rate and most of the children don't go beyond 5<sup>th</sup> std so now after our going to this village lot of children going to high schools and few study college with our support and guidance. Here we conduct regular parents meeting to make the parents feel the importance of educating their children and make aware of socio political



problems in their day today life and motivate them to stand up and give their voices. We have built a good centre where the children come every day from 5.30pm to 8pm to study and learn to read and write .The children and parents are very happy about it.

- Trust pays the teachers and maintain the building.
- It is completely free for them and support the poor children with study materials and school fees.
- Trust pays the EB bills
- Conduct parents meeting once in three





months to get their feedback on Arivaham and rectify the mistake if any and make it good and useful.

- Give awareness on environment and surrounding and importance of keeping the house and earth clean and plant trees and respect the earth.

**c) .MUTHANAMPATTY-Arivaham-45 children benefit from it.**

Muthanampatty is a very poor remote village which is 12km far from Nesakarangal. This village has 150 poor families from three different castes. Two years ago the village elders requested us to start Arivaham so we started it. Now 45 children benefit from it. The people were not very much interested to send their children to school due to poverty and lack of rain and income. But now with our support and care all the children go to school and get good education in our school freely. We have started in an old building at present and planning to find a good safe place to have a centre in this village with the support of the villagers. The parents are very happy that their children are cared and get good education and tuition in evening.



- care for the mother earth by respecting and planting Trust has employed two teachers and pays them too



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Get study materials and some are paid school fees.

- Conduct parents meeting once in three months to know about Arivaham and their children behavior and study.

- Give awareness on global warming and how to trees etc.



#### d) .OORUNAYAGANPATTY-Arivaham-50 children benefit



Oorunayaganpatty is a very poor remote village which is 14km far from Nesakarangal. There are 48 families in this village. They are basically hunters and do agricultural but not now. They don't have any income due to lack of rain for last five years so no farming anymore and no hunting as most of trees are cut down and no forest too. They are very closed community. The girls get married when they are very

young to older man and don't allow their children specially girls to go beyond 5<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> std. Normally they don't allow the strangers to come in to their village but after knowing our service for the poor children around here they invited us to start Arivahams for their children. Last year we started this Arivaham and now 50 children benefit from it .Now the classes are held in a government building and looking for a place to have our own private centre for the children with the support of the villagers. The village elders promised to educate their girls minimum up to 12<sup>th</sup> std and asked us the support for their study. We agreed to support them with the condition that they listen to us and allow their girls to study. They agreed for it. Very good news. They are very loving poor people but very poor ignorant and illiterate.



- We support their children study and give study materials and dress
- We pay the teachers salary
- Conduct meeting to make them aware of the importance of education especially of girls .
- By having regular meeting we make them aware of the importance of protecting the mother earth

and encourage them to plant trees and build and use the toilets.

## 4. Help to the aged and neglected

After knowing the places and people around we have decided to



support the aged people. The poor aged and neglected people from surrounding areas get our



support now and then. Every year in December more than 100 aged people get good



dress (sarees or dothi and shirt) , delicious food and get chance to see our children dances and singing. During the year the poor aged people come for meal or dress or any other medical need we attend to it. Here the poor aged people are



always welcome to get support specially to eat or get other small help during the year.

## 5. One time Help



Cope is also helping **Rithis** the girls and boys who are in need of help for the education during the month of June and July and sometimes other time days of the year too.



As Cope is to support all those poor who aspire to study but to poverty there Cope support for such boys and



committed children cannot due extends in girls.



During this year till now we have supported 17 boys and girls for their various study up to college and B.Ed. Sometimes we give medical help to the poor needy people. The small boy Rithis was help to undergo heart surgery and the



girl Jerin was

given help to treat her blood cancer. Some of the

girls were given help for their marriage and for

other emergency needs of

the poor children and

people.



## 6.Flood relief in Cadalore and Velupuram



Cope-Trust is always sensitive to the immediate needs of the people anywhere in Tamil so on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015, Cope Trust geared up in to action to give help to victims of flood affected people in four villages in Cadalore and Velupuram districts. We distributed food items, clothes .bed sheets, gas stove, bucket etc.



## Conclusion

In short the Cope Trust is keeping in mind its vision , mission and objectives doing yeomen service to hundreds of orphan and poor children, women and poor aged in around Trichy, Karur and Pudukottai districts. We try to build a society of love and mutual respect for each other going beyond caste and creed and gender and to create civic sense and respect for the mother Earth which cares and carries for years even after death by planting tree and using the toilets and keep the surrounding clean.





