

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
EDUCATING THE UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN
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- I. Pupil and Personnel
 1. Over 700 students in Three different places
 2. This program primarily began to educate the orphans who are under our care at BTH but eventually expanded to street kids and many other underprivileged children in villages around us.
 3. As with the demographics of the area most of them are Hindu, Muslim etc.
- II. Estimated student needs
 1. **Note books**
 2. **Text books**
 3. **Study material** (Bible study & extra-curricular)
 4. **Dress uniform**
 5. **Pair of shoes and socks**
- III. Long Standing Needs
 1. **Permanent Building:** We do not have a place of our own for the Academy. We are currently housed in a tiny space with asbestos roof; class rooms are separated using bamboo mats. The children sit down on the floor all day long. In order for us to increase the enrollment, the present space will not be sufficient.
 2. **Teachers:** It costs around \$500 per month to hire depending on the subject and hours they teach.

3. **Urdu teacher:** This is primarily to attract Muslim children. It costs around \$500 per month to hire a teacher depending on the experience. Urdu is the Muslim sacred language in this part of the world and it is extremely difficult to get a teacher to work at a non-Muslim school. But it will be worth it. One thought is to use Urdu Bible to teach Urdu.
 4. **Teach via English medium:** Many people are interested in English medium schools. Yet there is no way the poorer sections of the society can afford it. One thought is to teach English using Bible as the textbook.
 5. **Infrastructure:** Benches, desks, tables, chairs, cabinets, teaching aides, other equipment etc.
 6. **Children Bible teachers:** So far volunteers are being used.
 7. **Nanny** to care for very young and crying children
 8. **Janitor**
 9. **Lunch** for the students: Most of the children do not receive needed nourishment at their homes. Malnourishment is one of the major issues in India. An estimated 70% of the children in Andhra Pradesh are anemic and undernourished.
 10. **Children Bibles** both for Academy kids & other schools in the area that we visit.
- IV. **Primary Funding:** My dad is using his retirement to help with this. He was a public-school administrator and teacher.
- V. **Miscellaneous**
1. The students do not have sufficient textbooks. We got some used ones and the whole class will use them. Students do not have their own copies of textbooks.
 2. We have tried to provide fruits during lunch. These are mildly damaged ones that are donated by a brother who is a fruit vendor.
 3. We also try to secure damaged notebooks for the students since they cannot afford
 4. Most of the children do not have shoes, dress uniforms, textbooks, notebooks, etc. for they cannot afford them. We do not want to force any of these on them for we fear they will just drop out from the academy.

Proposed Work Strategy for the Academy

- I. Teaching Bible together with secular education to poor and underprivileged children
- II. Making inroads to the Hindu and Muslim families of these children
- III. Teaching Bible to various public and private schools in the area upon invitation. The education secretary here is a member of the church and he is making things possible so that we can teach Bible to the children in these schools.

Potential:

- I. To reach out to several thousands of the street kids (*see the info on the Street Kids*) in the area to give them the hope of eternal life and a future.
- II. To reach out to Hindu students with the Word of God. The Bible is a part of their curriculum at the Academy. Hindus are around 85% of the population here.

- III. To reach out to Muslim students with the Word of God. Muslims are 13% of the population but the academy boasts 27% of the students that attend here are Muslim.
- IV. We are planting the seed, the Word of God into the minds of these young ones who are Hindu and Muslim. And who knows what kind of impact the Bible will have on themselves, their families and communities now and the days to come?
- V. With Lord's help, we plan on making a huge difference for the Kingdom in this part of the world.

