

Highlight August 24

1. Establishment of more NTI Branches at new villages is continuing:

NTI is expanding its services to deserving villages in Jaffna and Killinochchi districts. NTI team visited the following villages on 17th Aug. The team visited in order ;

1. Kaladdi in Keerimalai,- .. No:37
2. Nallenakka puram (a Govt settlement village) No:38 .
3. Thyiddi Thiruvalluvar village No;39
4. & Kaali kovil village. No;40

These four villages have dry red soil full of lime stones. As there is water scarcity cultivation is not ventured. Each village has an average of 400 families except one with 900 families. Their main income is from menial daily labour work; fish and vegetable vending at markets. The team organised them as a formal group with a leader to communicate with NTI and arranged two persons to attend the monthly leadership seminar. The group leaders are expected to hold discussion and submit their self employment plans . Ms.Sathyiyarubi a Pre-school coordinator in Arlali joined the NTI team and visited all the villages. Dinopan, Branch Representative, from Paandaveddai also joined us.

Meeting at Kaladdi and Nallinakkapuram. and Rubi a volunteer advises a group leader.



Meetings at Thiruvalluvar and Kalli kovil villages



2. NTI Team Visited Killinochchi villages;

Kirishnapuram	No; 41
Malayalapuram	No; 42
Bharathypuram	No; 43
& Ponnagar Central	No; 44.

Eight Project Officers Mr.S.Kogulathasan, Director, Mr.Dinopan volunteer and Vijay CEO comprised the NTI team that visited Killinochchi on 31st Aug. The working team met on 25th Aug and also convened two whatsapp meetings. Agenda, budget, flip chart were prepared & each PO was assigned with one task.

Participants were given lots of information on NTI, its activities and how they can join in the development journey. They were made in to small groups to study on issues affecting them and make proposal to meet the challenges. Group leaders submitted their findings. They were asked to prepare their individual and collective proposals to submit through the coordinating PO. The team engaged in the task from 8am to 2pm whole day without a break. There will be a more detailed news release in Tamil for the beneficiaries.

POs, Thanushiya - Moolai , Prashanthini - Tholpuram & other POs made briefings at Krishnapuram



Bharathy puram members. Thushana & Pasanithya led a session and report was presented. .



Visual aid used to make presentation at Bharathy puram and in all villages. POs Ajanthi- Navaly, Thanushiya, & Niloji Moolai, and Asha Thirunagar are sharing their experiences.



Meeting at Malayalapuram

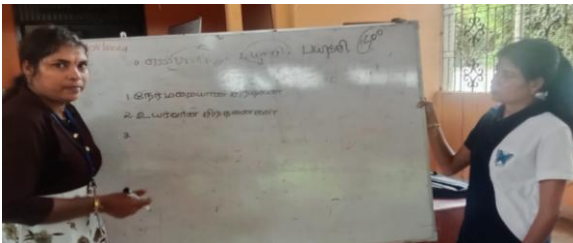


Meeting under a tree at Pon nagar Central;



3, Leadership Seminar Batch (III)

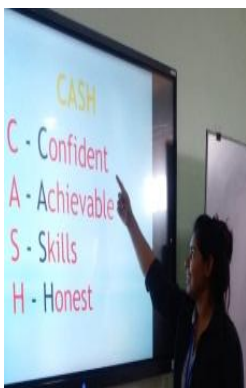
Enthusiastic participation and growing in number (40) were noted. Senior POs who followed the Leadership Batch (I) and (II) are fit enough to share experiences and hold short sessions. It was an opportunity to exhibit PO's leadership potentials and offer career guidance. As a result school drop outs agreed to resume studies. After the seminar the POs met to review their task, report and plan their future program. Surely the circle is big and the group photo accommodates all the forty participants.



4, NTI PO participated at the SED training program .

The Small Entrepreneurs Development Division of the Killinochchi Provincial Secretariat provided 12 days (12 -24 Aug,) training program to selected 30 successful entrepreneurs.

Asha from Thirunagar Killicochci attended same, received the certificate of participation from the Govt Agent. She also has completed the Beautician course, NVQ Level 3 and yet to face the viva the following week..



5. Nursing course completed by Slojana, of Moolai.



Slojana has completed her 7 months training course at the Nightingale at Maruthanarmadam. After the capping ceremony, certificates were collected back. The school instructed that all the trainees should follow the five months practical training to be eligible to receive the certificate. Slojana is in full uniform with her mother. NTI fondly remembers with gratitude the sponsorship by Pastor Kumar Reginald of the Tamil Church of God. UK.



6. Supplementary educational support from a well-wisher.

A well-wisher from Australia was in contact with NTI Chairperson and wanted to support needy students. The purpose of this support is to encourage students pursuing further education after GCE A/L. NTI is convinced that such a support will go a long way in their educational pursuit. He then started to support with Rs;4,500 per student per month for two. Based on the circumstances this support will be increased. NTI selected two students one in Pon nagar Killinochi Puhai Arasan, Sooriuakkumar following GCE O/L at GTM school. The other student is Shalomi Vicnarajah from Pandaveddai following GCE O/L at Jaffna College.



7. NTI Community is on the increase;

Ms. Abilashini, NTI Recourse Person has been blessed with a baby girl. A group of POs made a courtesy call on her. The baby's registration with the NTI community is pending until she stands on her own feet.

Abilashini earlier prepared a concise Booklet on her lectures in English. During the discussions she agreed to make it in Tamil as well..

Training seminar for POs-

conducted by Professor Rajan Navaratnam - Canada.

*16th Oct NTI Main centre
Navaly.

*18th Oct Killinochchi district.

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