

## Treats for all at St Joseph's

Part of the funds I raise go towards some treats for the children & workers of St Joseph's Social Service Centre. Funds are sent for gifts for the Centre at Christmas. In 2006 the children were given new school uniforms and a tiffin box with sweets, balloons and a toy.

The children don't get the opportunity to go out of the Centre, so funds support an annual day out for all. In 2006 I was privileged to be able to share a memorable day out with everyone when we visited the local Zoo.

## Promoting Golf in India

Prior to going to India in February 2006 I contacted the Golf Foundation who kindly donated me a Tri Golf Kit. I visited the Montfort Matriculation School in Chennai where the children I support are receiving their English education and Principal Brother George was delighted to have me along to teach golf to the children at the school. They loved it and of course it made a great change from cricket!! On my return to the UK I had talks with the R & A and with their assistance the IGU have placed the school on the South India Golf Programme. There are now 4 Golf Professionals working with the children at the school and they are giving them golf tuition on a golf course nearby. Who knows we may produce a Golf Professional from the Montfort school one day!! My aim now is to promote golf to the Tamil schools in the area.



If you are interested in supporting my project by sponsoring a child's education at an English speaking school, giving a donation or if you would like me to run my presentation talk on my work in India, please contact me on the details below.

All donation cheques should be made payable to:  
'Little Drops Charity Trust' and sent to me at  
Portlethen Golf Club marked 'Personal'.  
100% of your donation goes directly to my project.  
All administration and postage costs are borne by  
myself.

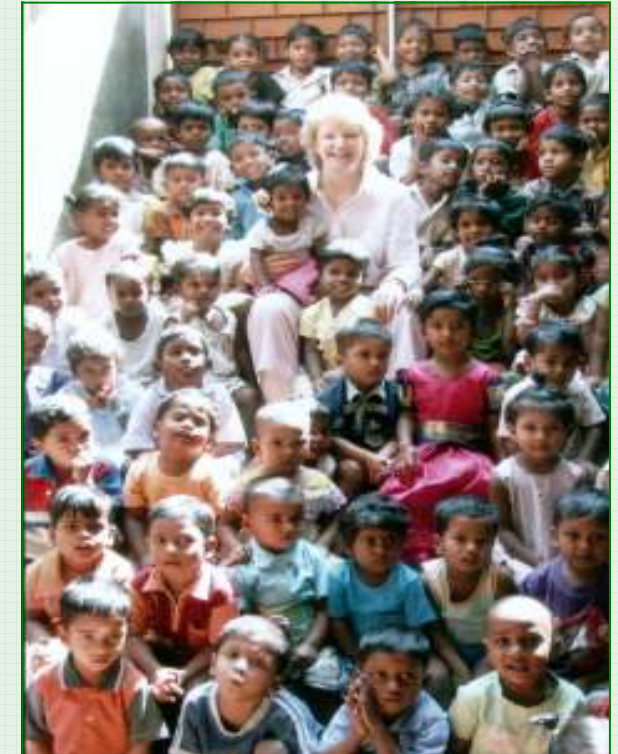
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# Help a child. Create a smile.

The  
**St Joseph's Social Service  
Centre**  
**Chennai - India**



Muriel Thomson with the children of  
St Joseph's Social Service Centre,  
Chennai, India  
February 2006

## Working with Sister Bakkiam of the St. Joseph's Social Service Centre.



In February 2006 I found myself in India doing voluntary work helping the children of the St Joseph's Social Service Centre in Chennai. The Centre caters for semi-orphaned children and also helps around 100 children of the poor neighbourhood area. Touched by the plight of the people of the Centre and the surrounding area I could not turn my back on them and walk away without trying to help. I am now running a series of talks and presentations on my work in India to help raise funds to give the children a better future in life. My project is run under the umbrella of the 'Little Drops Charity Trust'.

The aims of my mission are:

- To give as many children as possible an education at an English Speaking School in Chennai.
- To give full health checks twice yearly for 100 children from the surrounding neighbourhood.
- To employ teachers to give tuition to the children and help them with their English homework.
- To give support to 11 children living in the Centre.
- To give all the children and workers at least one day out a year.
- To promote golf in the schools in Chennai.

Muriel Thomson

## Sponsor a child to have an English Education

In June 2006 thanks to the people who had supported my fundraising, Antony started his education at the English speaking School in Chennai. I now have 11 children at the school all of whom have their education fees secured right through until the end of their school days. The children start in the school kindergarten at the age of 3 1/2 giving them the best opportunity



to learn English. To sponsor a child's education at the English speaking Montfort Matriculation School in Chennai, where English will be their main language, costs approximately £200 per year. This covers the costs of education, uniform & books. You can sponsor a child for as many years as you wish—there is no obligation to sponsor for all their school days. Sponsorship can be paid £200 annually or £17 monthly by standing order through Little Drops Charity Trust.

## Teacher employed to give extra tuition

On my visit in Feb 2007 I employed a teacher to help the children in the evenings and during school holidays. I thought it was important to give the children as much help as possible to ensure they had an opportunity out with school hours to speak English. The teacher works



with the children who are receiving an English education to assist with their homework.

## Improved Health Care for 100 children

One of the most satisfying things I have been able to set up are regular health checks for around 100 children from the surrounding neighbourhood. With the assistance of Dr Mallikesan, the Medical Superintendent at the Sri Ramachandra Hospital, the children will be given full health checks twice yearly. My fund raising will support this and cover all medicines and any treatment required from such checks. This is an area I would like to develop by working with the mothers in the area, to help them to have a better understanding of general health care for their children and themselves.



## Support for the children living at St Joseph's Social Service Centre

The children living at St Joseph's Social Service Centre are semi-orphaned children ranging in ages from four to fifteen. They receive a good upbringing in the Centre and are extremely fortunate to have been given a safe haven there to prevent them from being on the streets. I have agreed with Sister Bakkiam to support 11 of the children for the next 5 years. The approximate cost to provide full care is £160 per child per year. You can sponsor a child for any length of time up to five years. Sponsorship can be paid £160 annually or £13 monthly by standing order through Little Drops Charity Trust.