

Mielkal School

SCHOOL FOR THE POOR CHILDREN OF THE MIELKAL MUSLIM AREA

No. Of Children: 38 | Staff: 4 (Head Master -1, Teacher -1, Watchman -1, Cleaners - 2)



In the Picture above, you see the headmaster Mr.Xavier stand with the two children who have won a shield for the school. Teacher Mary also stands along. The school was started in the 80s for the benefit of the children living on the hills most of whom were Muslim. There have been more than 3000 children who have been benefitted by the school. The school once boasted of strength of around 800 children for many years. But there has been some problems with the approval of the land with the government. But it is in the verge of coming to a conclusion where the school can begin to function again as before.

In the picture on the right, you can see the children of the lower primary and upper primary school. You can also see the non-teaching staff – the janitor, and the cleaning staff. ----->



The Alumini..

It was a joy to see about 30 alumini (picture on the right) come together and recollect all the good things the school has done in their lives. Most of them shared, how the school was a blessing to them and how they are placed in different jobs today because of the school. Some of them earn about Rs.12000 to Rs.17000 as monthly income. Some of the women are housewives, some still pursue their higher education. Their one cry was for the school to be revived to its highest glory and they would co-operate and associate in every possible way! One girl shared that even before the school was started Pastor Job used to distribute buns. She came to the school just to get food in the afternoon because if they stayed at home they would have no food to eat.



"I am one of the students of the first batch studying from the start. Now I am the organiser of the Mid-day Meals for the schools" - Mahitha Banu



"This school gave me the atmosphere of a family, which I could not feel in any other school"



Sounder, works in a factory and earns Rs.17000 a month. "If I have English knowledge today, then it is because of this school" shares Sounder



Rajesh studied here till 8th grade. "Our parents felt so proud that we studied in this school. We want our children to study in this school. I work for a jewellery company and earn Rs.15000 a month".



Babu is a machine operator in DRO and earns Rs.16000 a month and he is happy to have had successful schooling here.



"I am Masitha, and I studied till my 8th grade in this school. Today I work with Self-Help Groups and get a good income. It is because of this school".

Future Vision..

We are dealing with the land issue right now, but we are hoping that it will soon be solved, before we start the next academic year. IPA has a vision to start an English school in that area for the children. With the support and co-operation of all those living there, we can continue to do a lot more for the people and children of Mielkal.