



Sponsors — Connect

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From the desk of the Executive Director

Dear Sponsors,

Greetings from NEICORD!

It has been four months since we had initiated Child Sponsorship program in Meghalaya. I am very grateful to you for your sacrificial gift to these needy children. Your child's profile has already been sent to you by our team. I am sure that you are delighted to share your blessings to this child who otherwise would not have experienced the joy of receiving a gift. Way back in 1967, my high school had introduced school uniform for the first time – a white shirt and a black pant. There were about half of the students who could not afford to have the school uniform. I was one among them. I had experienced being the odd guy out there in the school as I wear a different colored dress! How shameful, how painful and how awful it was! My Sundays were spoilt as I used to be tormented by the thought of the coming Monday.

In August 1967, after surviving 7 months of torment and shame I received ` 30/- as gift from Mrs Sanford E Carlson from USA. My mother immediately bought me a shirt and a pant. Since then my life was never the same again! I can play freely with other children and Monday was no longer a threat to me! How much ` 30/- had changed my whole life can never be fully explained. There are so many children who could not afford to have school uniform; there are hundreds of children who could not have 2 square meals a day. It is people like Sanford E Carlson and you who give a smile to the face of children, who build children to grow and make others grow.

Thank you very much and May God bless you abundantly.

Rev. Dr. H.M. Songate

THANKING YOU FOR ADDING A SMILE ON THEIR FACES



Sponsored Children with their gifts

We are delighted to say that NEICORD was able to sponsor 15 children from Tynra village, East Khasi Hills District of Meghalaya. On 31st March 2011 NEICORD's personnel visited the village to meet the sponsored children and their parents. The NEICORD team includes Ms. Thethem Dounge, Ms. Baloralin Sohkhkhet, Mr Kitboklang Suting, Ms Ibarilin Wanshong and volunteer Ms. Letisha Nongrum. On this day stationery items like pencil, rubber, box, ruler, water bottle, tiffin box and crayons was given as a first gift to the sponsored children.



Ms Thethem Dounge, NEICORD & Mr Grifit Sohkhlet, Church Elder giving away gifts

It was a real excitement for the kids receiving those gifts with a heartfelt gratitude which could be seen from the expression of their faces. We are grateful to the sponsors for allowing us to experience this wonderful moments of joy of giving. We also had a prayer for the sponsors thanking God for this valuable contribution. Indeed you are the angels whom God has sent to help these many unprivileged children.



"Taking a child, He set him before them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them, "Whoever receives one child like this in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me does Not receive Me, but Him who sent Me." Mark 9:36-37

The local Church leaders have been a great help in gathering parents and children and making necessary arrangement required for this program. They were also grateful to NEICORD for coming to their village and identifying their needs and coming forward to help these children who are in need.

The volunteer Ms. Latisha commented that *"I am so happy to be a part of this program; I have come to know more about the problems that many parents face today due to poverty. NEICORD is doing a great job in helping the poor and needy."*

During the visit we had an interaction with the parents and children. Issues like health, nutrition, financial constraint, etc were identified and discussed. In the future, NEICORD also plan to take up some family basic needs.

One teacher is also appointed to monitor the performance of each child and to teach basic health care and also give extra tuition to the sponsored children.

We are thankful to you all for your kind helping hand.

List of our valued Sponsors

Mr. Tony T.C. Marak,	Mrs. Pearly Marak
Dr. C.R. Diengdoh & Dr	L.M. Darlong
Mr.Danny Shylla	Baby. Grace L. Songate
Ms.Thethem DOUNGEL	Ms. Tina Limbu
Mr. J. LhungdimMs.	Ms Baloralin Sohkhet
Sherry Lalthangzo (IES)	Mr. Michael Syngkon
Mr. Toshi Sanglir	Roselyne Dkhar
Liz Lyngdoh	Mayvelene & Zachary Bareh

One time donors

Danny Shylla	Ms. Melory Pakhuongte
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Meghalaya ranks poorly in elementary education: Report

Shillong: Meghalaya ranks way below the national average in imparting elementary education in the country, according to the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER), 2010. ASER is the largest household survey on elementary education in India.

Source: IANS

The national average of children in the 3-4 years age group in 'anganwadi' schools is 75.7 percent, whereas Meghalaya's average is way below at 46.7 percent, revealed the report, released Thursday by Leader of Opposition Conrad K.Sangma.

According to the report, the national average of children in the age group of 6-14 out of school is 3.5 percent and Meghalaya's average is more that double at 7.2 percent.

Moreover, children between ages 3 and 6 years not attending any kind of pre-school is very high in Meghalaya and the percentage of such children in the state is increasing year after year since 1997.

Amongst the seven districts of the state, Jaintia Hills fares the worst in imparting elementary education, the report stated.

Can you believe that the highest school drop out rate in India sub continent is North east India? Average India school dropout's rate is 62%, Tripura drop rate is 86%, Assam is 76.48% and Meghalaya is 75%. All these dropout will become anti social elements, drug addicts and militants. We are alarmed and concerned NEICORD is taking up this huge challenge with your support and cooperation. Please we request you all to connect more people into this Programme and let us built a better and safer society for our future children.

They are waiting for you!

There are many other poor and needy children who could not be part of this program. The child profile is ready! If you are interested please contact us. You may pass this information to your friends



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