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"Small Steps Change the World"

Arunachala Rising Sun Association

During our various trips to India, we have had an opportunity to discover, admire, and appreciate first-hand the projects we would like to share with our readers today. Accompanied by dedication and passion, young people are able to leave poverty behind and move forward towards a future worth living.

These development projects, sponsored by the Arunachala Rising Sun (ARS) and financed through donations, are implemented and managed by the Indian partner organisation, the *Regenboog India Foundation*.

ARS is based exclusively on volunteer work and all donated funds are strictly used for the intended purpose.

Most *Regenboog* team members are from the region they support and enjoy full autonomy for the realisation of their projects. Working with love and devotion, the team demonstrates unfailing commitment again and again.

A Mobile Library



The **mobile library** is especially important to us, as a large part of our donations has helped support this project.

Books are much too expensive for poor families and their children. There are hardly any publicly accessible libraries, and, even in schools, books remain a rare luxury. For this reason, children not only lack an opportunity to practice reading skills, but they are also deprived of a chance to learn through reading.

The *Regenboog India Foundation* has recognised this problem. Using a small, specially-outfitted truck, books are transported to surrounding villages and night schools and loaned out. The mobile library now contains several thousand books. It is very popular and the number of children eager to read is



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constantly increasing. When the children return the books, they are encouraged to talk about what they read.

In addition to night schools, the children's village and various other villages developed by other associations, are also supplied and supported. The aim is to provide as many children as possible with precious reading material. Recently, the mobile library has also started supplying public schools with books during the day. In this way, an ever-growing network of young readers has developed to the point where another vehicle will soon be needed

Night Schools



In several **night schools**, children from poor, uneducated families receive support for their development. They also learn about hygiene, their rights and their social responsibilities and thus start to prepare for a life without poverty. The children are actively encouraged to succeed in school. They are motivated and give their best. Later in life, these students must be able to learn about their rights, earn a living, and take care of their families.

Jawadhu Hills



The **Jawadhu Hills** are a secluded, high plateau area. The inhabitants are on their own, the schools are run-down and available medical care is meagre. The locals are visited and cared for weekly by a doctor who travels by jeep to the various villages.

The children are supported through the funding of additional teachers in public schools. This method has proven more effective than night schools on this extensive plateau.

The Sarasvathi Children's Village

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The **Sarasvathi Children's village** is a special home for girls over three years old whose parents cannot care for them for reasons including grave illness, accidents, alcohol abuse by the parents, domestic violence, or death of the parents.

Here, over forty girls and young women have found a new, loving home. In four houses, they live together with house mothers like a family and care for each other. The atmosphere is warm and helps the girls feel safe and comfortable.

We, the Kulsen & Hennig Team in Germany and the Dominik Kulsen AG team in Switzerland, are proud to be part of these extraordinary projects. Visiting the children and experiencing their joy and enthusiasm is a very special experience.

We would like to thank all our readers for their attention.

If you too want to support these projects or would like more information, please feel free to contact us or contact the ARS association directly. As a small organization, the Regenboog India Foundation is grateful for any help. If you would like to make a donation, the contact and account information is provided below:

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