



Create a legacy by funding the construction of a purpose built tuition centre in a village within the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve.

Funding Proposal Tuition Centre

Funding Charity Adventure Ashram

Estimated Budget Construction of building \$ 26,310.39USD / £15,686.40GBP

Project Start Date Monday 10 August 2015

Delivery Charity Grace Charitable Trust. Under leadership of Solomon Daniel, Managing Trustee

The Concept

Adventure Ashram runs a successful child sponsorship programme which began in 2011 and helps 400 children, living in 7 villages within or on the outskirts of Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu, India, access their education.

Grace Charitable Trust, is the Indian registered charity, that delivers this programme. The charity is run by Solomon Daniel. Child sponsors donate £150 per year to cover the cost of a child's education. This includes the child's attendance at a village tuition centre, run by a teacher employed by Grace Charitable Trust. The child goes to the centre after school. They are given help with their homework, they play games, listen to stories illustrating moral values and dilemmas and practise traditional songs and dance.

Currently all the tuition centres take place in rented buildings within the villages. A few of the centres are used by other village groups, a few are old and impossible to use after rainfall for fear of the roof collapsing and others are too small for the number of children wanting to attend. None are child friendly. Solomon, his team of teachers but most importantly, the children, all feel that the new tuition centres would be transformational.

To learn more about the education project, click on the links below:

Click here to watch a short film about the project

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RB97-O1q6f8>

Click here to download a fact sheet

<http://adventureashram.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/AA-GCT-Update-November-2013.pdf>

Click here to visit online for our child sponsorship campaign

<http://adventureashram.believe.in/appeal/child-sponsorship-campaign-summer-2014/>

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Abishek

Abishek is 11 years old. He will shortly be completing his second year of school. He is only able to attend school because of the support from an Adventure Ashram child sponsor.

"I should grow up fast and complete my studies soon and start supporting my grandfather who is taking care of me and I've to help my sick mother financially. I'm studying well in Good Shepherd School, I love my School and love you all who love me and support me."



Tuition Centre Proposal.

Adventure Ashram's vision is for each of the 6 villages where sponsored children live to have a new purpose built tuition centre.

Funding for the first centre has been secured, which once constructed, (planned opening is November 2015) will act as a blueprint for the other centres.

	Item description	Rupees	USD \$	GBP £
Breakdown of one off costs for construction:	Earth work and compound wall	6000	102	60
	Building (concrete belt)	45000	769	450
	Masonry, rendering plastering on building & compound wall	137000	2339	1370
	Brickwork/masonry	198000	3380	1980
	Roofing concrete	62000	1058	620
	Floor plastering	21600	368	216
	Wall plastering	53000	904	530
	Colouring & painting	70000	1195	700

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**Breakdown of
one off costs for
construction:
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Item description	Rupees	USD \$	GBP £
Door & windows	66000	1126	660
Tuition Centre gate	8000	136	80
Electrification	40000	682	400
Transport of materials	30000	512	300
Water	10000	170	100
Sand	50000	853	500
Jally and stone	40000	682	400
Workers transportation & Solomon travelling to site	70000	1195	700
Blueprint & official works	4000	68	40
Purchase & transportation of trees	5500	93	55
Computer suite with printer	151000	2579	1511
Furniture	60000	1124	600
Underground water tank	80000	1365	800
Boys & Girls toilets	80000	1365	800
Miscellaneous	20000	341	200
20% contingency	257840	4385	2614
Total	1,547,040	26,310	15,686

Please note:

To contribute towards Adventure Ashram's minimal running costs, 10% of the total donation is added, making the final donation \$28,941/ £17,254

What will it look like?

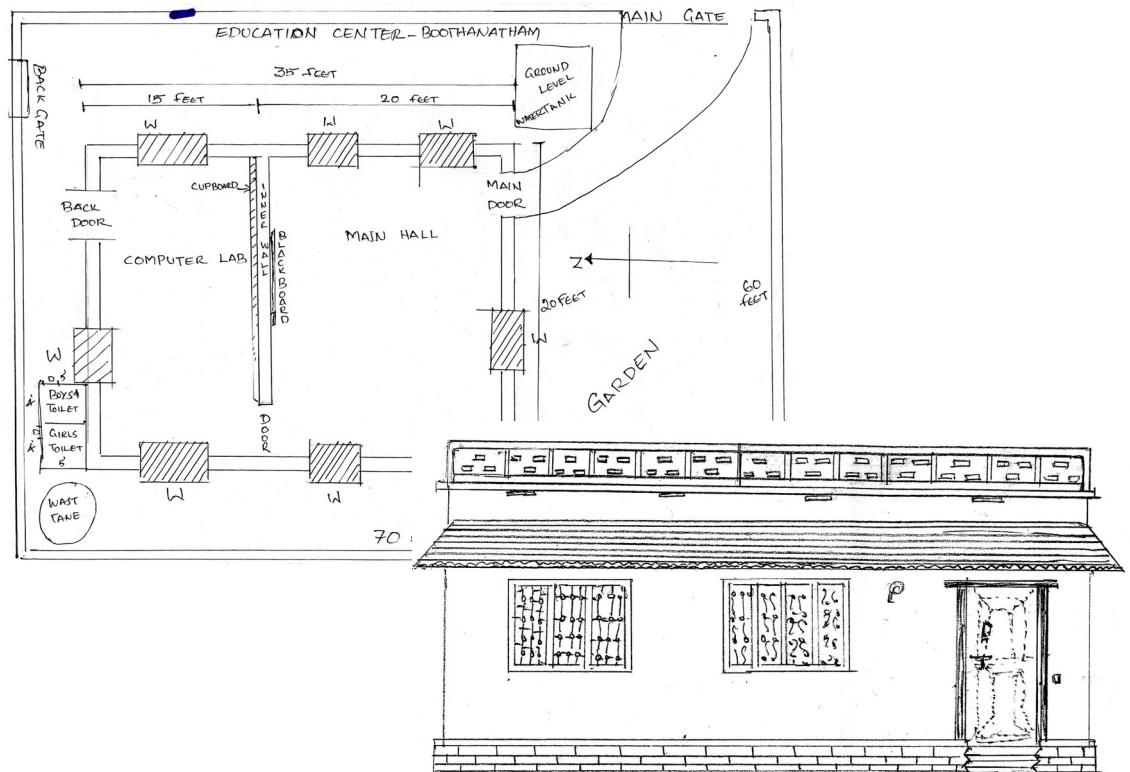
The centre has been very carefully designed. Firstly the children were consulted. They were told about the centre and asked to draw pictures of what they would like it to look like. The village teachers where asked for their opinions too. To pull together the final design, Solomon worked with a local man called Christopher. He is a well known and experienced builder living in Gudalur, a town 25kms away.

This education centre will have two big halls, one bigger than the other. The main hall will be where the teacher teaches all the children together and the

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smaller hall with have 5 computers and a big, colour printer for use by the older children who have weekly project work that needs printing out. The halls will be interlinked and the smaller hall will have an addition door going straight out onto a covered walk way. Having an extra door means villagers, where appropriate and agreed, can take part in computer training or learn other skills via computer programme.

2 sketches of the tuition centre



There will be a girls' and a boys' toilet (western style), which can be accessed via the covered walk way ensuring they don't get their feet wet during monsoon. Solomon believes it is important to encourage the children to become familiar with western style toilets and discourage them from going into the forest for hygiene and safety reasons.

Many meetings about the centre's appearance took place



Solomon took advice from founders of another Adventure Ashram funded charity, *Odanadi*, who are experienced and well known for building child friendly spaces. Solomon asked their advice on how to paint the inside and outside of the tuition centre. The main piece of advice they gave was to ask the children what colours they liked and then to follow their advice boldly.

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The inside walls will be painted in bright colours, using high quality paint and the outside will be painted leaving one wall for the children to paint their own mural. Furniture will be purchased including tables and benches for the children and a table and chair for the teacher. There will be a cupboard in the computer room and each computer will be on a table with a chair.

Within the compound wall trees and plants will be planted. Each child will plant a tree and name it after themselves. They will be encouraged to maintain the garden and water their trees and the plants. An underground water tank will be installed for the garden and it will be filled from a water connection from the Panchayat. Solomon is hoping the plants or trees will be given by a local group called Masinagudi Eco Naturalist Club or from the Forest department. If not they will be sourced and purchased from either Mettuppalayam or from Karnataka. The children can dig with the help of their parents or the other villagers to establish the garden in the beginning.

Who owns the building and the land it is built on?

Grace Charitable Trust has been gifted the land and will legally own the tuition centre. The village is in a tribal settlement, so none of the villagers have proper ownership documents for the land. Settlement means a separate place given for the tribal people and no one can disturb them as long as they live there. The land cannot be bought, it may only be gifted by the village head man and/or village committee. They will organise a basic document to prove they have turned over the land to Grace Charitable Trust for the children. The forest department will not be involved. Solomon will seek written approval of local government officers as an extra precaution.

Will there be mains water, electricity & Wi-Fi?

Since all the villages are tribal settlements, it is often difficult to get mains connection for all required services. The companies will only connect settlements with proof of legal ownership. Often tribal settlements are without this sort of documentation. However, there are ways around this, see below.

Water. Some houses do have mains water supply and if possible the local Panchayat will agree to put a water line into each tuition centre. Water tanks at the sites will be installed before construction takes place in case the water connection is delayed. The water tank can be filled up by a lorry carrying water from the nearby reservoir.

Electricity. Solomon has spoken to members of the local government who know about his work and understand the importance of the tuition centres. They have promised to write an official letter to the electricity company asking them to agree to put mains electricity in. If this is unsuccessful then a solar system can be brought and maintained. The solar system is £2,000 to purchase in the first instance and the annual maintenance is significant. Solomon would much prefer mains electricity.

Wi-Fi connection. There are lots of network companies offering connection through a phone line on a monthly basis, however Solomon feels that the most realistic option is to buy an inexpensive dongle with a sim rechargeable at 200 rupees per month. The benefit of using a dongle is that the mobile phone provider can be chosen depending on who offers the best coverage for each village.

After receiving funding, how long will be the build?

The building project will take around 5-6 months to complete. The construction will not be interrupted by the monsoon.

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Once built how much will the tuition centre cost to run?

Description of expenses	Rupees	USD \$	GBP £
Annual maintenance of the building (12 xRs500)	60000	1025	600
Electricity (12 xRs700)	8400	143	84
Water (assuming mains water)	15000	256	150
Wi-Fi (12 xRs1000)	12000	205	120
Computer maintenance	8000	136	80
Paper and printer ink	13000	222	130
Teacher's salary (12 xRs1000)	30000	512	300
Equipment for children Charts, toys, outdoor playing	60000	1025	600
Garden/tree maintenance	5000	85	50
Children's health camp twice a year, run by the centre	10000	170	100
4 field trips per year for the children that attend	30000	512	300
Building tax will be fixed by the local Panchayat after completion of centre.	2500	42	25
Total	253,900	4340	2539

Adventure Ashram is constantly trying to increase the number of children fully sponsored to ensure that the running costs of the centres are covered by income generated by the child sponsorship programme each year. In addition to finding new sponsors, Adventure Ashram will apply for funding from UK charitable trusts, and support Solomon's fundraising efforts within India and overseas. Grace Charitable Trust is a FCRA registered charity, which is also working towards a validation of efficiency from Charities Aid Foundation India. Anyone funding the centres is welcome to include one, two, or three years annual running costs, or sponsor any number of children in addition to their donation towards the construction of the building. All child sponsors receive a six monthly e-newsletter sharing the children's stories of success.

With the help of the children, each village teacher will be encouraged by Solomon to start an informal education fund. The teachers and children will ask each family in the village to contribute towards the fund on a monthly basis. This will be an empowering step for the village community. They can then decide how they use that money in the future. A perfect example of how it could be used is to help a young person afford to go to university which costs around £1,000 per year.

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