



All India Movement for Seva

Educating Rural India through Free Student Hostels



The All India Movement (AIM) for Seva (Service) is not just a 'schooling' initiative. Nor is it for merely sheltering the underprivileged. It is an integrated community development program, reaching out to rural and tribal children across 16 Indian states.

Feature Story: Global Youth Leadership Program (GYLP)

This annual volunteer program is designed for high school & college students of USA, during winter holidays. They will travel to Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu, the birth place of Puja Swami Dayananda Saraswati and share their knowledge, skills and interact with children from over 120 villages who attend Swami Dayananda Matric Higher Secondary School in Manjakkudi. More details can be found at www.aimforsevausa.org/gylp

GYLP participants travel to rural India, stay in the villages, teach/learn with the children in a rural school, experience and appreciate each other's opportunities to "give & receive" and eventually become contributing members of the society. Each participant will be given a class of students to teach spoken English, written English, hands on science concepts, Indian classical music & dance, history of USA and US sports.

AIM For Seva recognizes each participant with a certificate of 100 hours of voluntary service. Please contact Srini Raman: srini.seva@gmail.com - 248 979 8900 for details.

Started as 5 students in 2010 has grown to 31 students in 2017

Aditya Kanakasabapathy (11th grade) who moved to Bay Area recently went on the GYLP trip Dec 2016. Both Aditya and his younger brother Niyanth back in NY collected bottles, recycled them and donated the money collected to AIM for Seva. **They called this project - Bottles for kids.** They collected \$450 (with some matching funds) to sponsor a child for one year.

Let's hear from Aditya about his experience.

1. Tell us one story or experience that opened your eyes about these students in India

- When we went to some of the students' homes, although their homes were very small, the children's hearts were not. They would offer us what little food they had. They were content with what they had and were willing to share with others.

2. What was the biggest take away from this trip for the GYLP students? If there is one or two things you had to mention.

- Don't take anything for granted. Whether it be electricity, A/C, internet, school, or even a roof over your head, be thankful.

3. How was it visiting the Chatralayas (FSHs)?

- Visiting the Chatralayas was heartwarming to see the children really appreciate and be thankful for everything they are being provided. It's amazing how a roof, a warm bed, a healthy meal, caring friends, and access to an education can change a child's life. I got to see first-hand the effects of the fundraising done here in the US. Every dollar counts...

4. How did the experience impact you as youth from a different country and culture?

- As I said before, I've learned to not take anything for granted. Even though I have a lot of homework, and my phone battery is about to die, I remember that at least I have school to give me homework, and a phone to call.

5. If you could, would you go on this trip again?

- YES !!



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We ask you for your contribution to this well-defined, well-deserving, and well-run program.

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