



Newsletter  
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INDIA –  
Annai Home  
Tamil Nadu

*Dear Friends and  
Supporters,*

During the Fall of 2022, SB-Foundation received a request from an aid organization in Skara, which would discontinue operations, if we could take over its project, supporting a boarding school named Annai Home in Tamil Nadu, India, beginning in 2023. The school was founded by the Catholic priest, Father Francis, for the benefit of casteless and/or orphaned girls, among the poorest in society. According to the Internet: *The “casteless” are to be found at the bottom of the caste system’s social hierarchy. Today they comprise about 170 million people in India and often live in abject poverty. In the past they were sometimes referred to as “untouchables,” because they were considered impure. The primary champion of the casteless was India’s popular leader Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948).* – In other words, casteless children have difficulty being accepted in regular schools due to their poverty and exclusion.

SB-Foundation discussed the issue at a Board meeting and since we have received good reports about the boarding school, we decided to contribute school supplies to the students. Here are some photos from Annai Home.



*Father Francis surrounded by a group of pupils*



The home was founded on June 3, 2006, and currently has 318 students, ages 5-18, from Grade 1 through high school/university. The school provides them with basic needs, such as food, clothing, education, healthcare, and a roof over their heads, with the aim of giving them a good life today and a bright future.



What joy if we can contribute to these students’ education and bright future!

Greetings from both Annai Home and SB Foundation via us on the Board, *Arne, Elisabeth, Gloria, Ivar, Lena, Roger*

*Worship in the school chapel.*

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