



Annual Report April 2021 – March 2022

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Background

The FreeSchools World Literacy (FSWL) mission provides free education to women and children, with the vision to end the cycles of ignorance and poverty. To this end, we focus on students' literacy skills, income-generating skills for young women, and continuing education for our teachers.

Our primary goal is to offer free and basic education to help children gain a foundation in the Hindi language and develop beginning literacy and math skills. Our students come from urban areas and villages, who might not otherwise attend school. Often their families have little to no literacy skills and may only speak the local languages and dialects. Hindi, however, is the official language of Bihar and the government-sponsored schools. One of our objectives is to prepare students for more formal education in established standard schools.

We assist young women to develop incoming-producing skills by learning to sew, by hand and

sewing machine, to crochet, knit, and embroider.

Presently we have a total of twenty-eight programs: eleven schools in or near the city of Motihari and 17 schools in or near Bettiah. This is only two programs less than the 30 schools we sponsored in pre-Covid-19 days.

Sister Crescence Shares the Emergency Relief Efforts

2021 cannot be called a normal year! With Covid-19 emergency lockdowns and devastating floods, the teachers aided by Sr. Crescence, Nitesh, and a few area coordinators, initiated humanitarian efforts along with teaching their students. When the lockdown prevented classes to gather, lessons were sometimes delivered to a student's home. Teachers' monthly meetings were held as regularly as covid regulations permitted.

As in most countries, the Covid-19 lockdowns prevented many parents, from our school communities, from working. Buying food, even if they had money (and many did not) was complicated given lockdown conditions. The exceptionally heavy seasonal rains generated floods in many villages, adding to an already difficult situation. Between illness, lack of food, and lack of clean water, most homes experienced the loss of loved ones.

In separate fundraising efforts, led by Saskia Raevouri, and helped by Service to Humanity and FreeSchools World Literacy, funds were raised to provide food and later food and clothing for the families impacted by the pandemic and nature.



Our FreeSchool teachers whole-heartily co-operated by identifying families in need, preparing and distributing food packets and later food and clothing packets. The food packets consisted of rice, potatoes, lentils (dhal), flour, onions, spices, and cooking oil.

250 packets of food were distributed during the first round of the covid relief efforts, and 400 were distributed in the second wave of covid relief.



200 Packets of Food Relief



400 Packets of Food Relief

Flood Relief Assistance

Our teachers surveyed the community and chose 120 families in “dire need”, having lost most of their household items to the flood. Along with food, families received one-bed sheet, two pillowcases, one blanket, one shawl, and one ladies’ sari. Sr. Crescence wrote, “We wish we could have done more.”

Sr. Crescence wants every donor to know that YOU saved lives.

She added: Blessed are you who thought of these people in misery. “Whatsoever you have done for the least of my people, you have done it for me,” as said Jesus.



Back to School

After the lock-down, each center became active and school attendance returned to normal. Here are some of the children you have helped to educate with your generous donations.



Neither haze from pollution nor fog from a nearby river stops instruction and learning.

Each center follows a monthly syllabus designed by Sr. Crescence. With one teacher and students of all ages and ability levels, our teachers have a daunting task. Older students often help younger students.



Continuing education for our teachers



A two-day workshop was provided by an educational specialist.



FreeSchools World Literacy Enrollment
City and Villages of Bettiah

S. N.	Teacher's Name	Enrolled children			Free School with location
		Girls	Boys	Total	
1.	Arti Kumari	31	20	51	Dularpati
2.	Anita Devi (T. Center)	15	00	15	Lalgardh
3.	Nisha kumari	25	30	55	Basopati
4.	Nishu Kumari	27	25	52	Santghat
5.	Gaytri Kumari (New)	23	22	45	Rampurwa
6.	Saina Khatun (New)	20	26	46	Sansariya
7.	Sayda khatun (New)	22	30	52	Auraiya
8.	Priya Kumari	33	30	63	Gonauli
9.	Tamana Kumari	35	13	48	Awariya
10.	Puja Kumari	20	30	50	Tiwari tola
11.	Baby Kumari	31	15	46	Tirhutiya
12.	Sapna Kumari	25	30	55	Oghatola
13.	Goldi Kumari	24	19	43	Chubetola
14.	Shilpi Kumari	20	25	45	Gogha
15.	Subhadra Devi (Sewing Center)	15	00	15	Belwa
16.	Shirsti Kumari	28	21	49	Lkahnipur
17.	Anjali Kumari	20	22	42	Sagauli Free School
	Total	414	35	772	

City and Villages of Motihari

S. N.	Teacher's Name	Enrolled children			Free School with location
		Girls	Boys	Total	
1.	Nitu Kumari	25	20	45	Baswariya
2.	Nisha Kumari	26	16	42	Rulahi
3.	Priti Kumari	30	17	47	Bankat
4.	Gauri devi	32	19	51	Rulahi (10.A)
5.	Kajal Kumari	20	25	45	Dharmuha
6.	Gitanjali Kumari	28	18	46	Lalatola
7.	Priyanka Kumari	25	15	40	Patwara
8.	Nikki Kumair	25	22	47	Bakhriya
9.	Ranita Kumari	26	20	46	Santpur Baswariya
10.	Seema Devi	28	17	45	Bara Bariyarpur Tali
11.	Shivani Acharya	25	15	40	Chhota Bariyarpur (11.B)
	Total	290	204	494	

Thank you for your support
From Sr. Crescence and FreeSchools World Literacy