

The visit culminated with a much needed break to Ooty, a drive by the beautiful Avalanche Lake and the drive back through the national forests of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka before heading back to Bangalore. We thank God for this wonderful opportunity and we hope to see a lot of traction and progress in work from this fruitful visit.



praise and prayer points:

- *FCRA permission still in process*
- *Successful completion Of our annual camp directors course*
- *More opportunities to serve*
- *Drop-In Center project to take shape at the earliest*
- *Our growing team of staff and volunteers*
- *Success in our computer education programs at the various schools*
- *Upcoming campsite development projects*
- *Good health and strength for Team TFT staff*
- *A new office space to move into by the new year*

PHOTO BLOG

CampWorks! An ICC Initiative



Krishnagiri Camps



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CAMPWORKS! 2013— Participants and resource people get together for a team photo on the third day of the conference.

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Camp Works! ...We know it does!!!

Greetings from Team TFT!

God has given us yet another opportunity to do so amazing work through our ministry and the various affiliate programs that we have going on at the moment. Take a few minutes of your time to read some of the exciting things He has been doing through us!

CAMP WORKS! 2013 – An Indian Christian Camping Initiative

It was indeed two very busy months at The Fishermen Trust office but very exciting! We still seem to be reeling from the success of a blessed Camp Works conference. As an Indian Christian Camping Initiative, Team TFT was able to anchor the event and organize and manage all the logistics of the conference.

After successfully organising camp conferences since 2011, we were able to showcase new resource people as well as reach out to a fresh team of participants who were keen on learning about Camping as a credible for ministry.

God has been growing this network and we are thankful for being a driving force for Him.



Camp Works! 2013 - One of the sessions in progress at Visthar, Bangalore

From the Director's Desk

"... For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. "We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you"
- 2 Chronicles 20:12

King Jehoshaphat makes this prayer when his neighboring kings came to attack and wage war against his people. He finds his

enemies to be too big defining his circumstances, but He looks up to the Lord and says he does not know what to do but his eyes are fixed on the Lord. His action of dependence on the Lord is comforting and heartwarming. He fixes his eyes in anticipation and expectation to receive from the Lord. His help came from the Lord.

For me, the last few months have been extremely challenging, at times i have come to the point of not knowing what to do and have been clueless where to seek help, the challenges and opportunities for growth have been enormous and overwhelming. That's when this prayer made sense to turn my eyes from my circumstances and unto the Lord; my eyes are fixed on him with anticipation and expectation for I know this ministry is His.

The potential of building a campsite at Anaikatty in Coimbatore, starting an MA program in Youth Ministry/Outdoor Leadership in Camp Ministry, Youth Drop In center, etc., seems a mammoth task but my eyes are fixed on Him and I am assured that Help comes from Him. It's in our helplessness that He shows himself to be faithful and His strength is greater than ours.

-Rajashekar Moorthy

Krishnagiri school program

We had an opportunity to work with Kingsley school located in Krishnagiri. We conducted a three day program that comprised of activities in Yelagiri and Krishnagiri.

Day one: We took all the teachers of the school to YMCA. They had the opportunity to take part in team games and activities. One of the highlights was the Archery session that we conducted for them. It was something they had never tried before and were excited to try it out. It was a session that they thoroughly enjoyed. After the activity, the debrief and reflection session was the highlight of the day. Through their experiences they were able to discuss topics like goal setting, focus, balance and never giving up. They were taught on how these reflections could then be implemented in daily life as well as in school.

Day two and Day three: We conducted activities for the students of the same school, on their campus. There were a bouquet of activities such as tree climb, river crossing, archery, water slide and some fun games to finish the day. Initially the children seemed anxious but gained their confidence from the briefing and the way Team TFT conducted these activities. They were debriefed after each activity and were taught some practical life lesson that they could use from these experiential learning activities. Some of the things we talked about included trust, team work, overcoming fear and building confidence. It was a humbling experience for us and a brand new experience for the kids. We can't wait to get more such opportunities!

Backpacking In Sri Lanka!

-Nandan Kumar



I had an amazing time backpacking and traveling to Sri Lanka in the month of October.

Understanding a new culture, traveling, exploring and learning about camping in a new environment are some of the many things that I learnt on my trip. I had the opportunity to visit Miracle Valley, A beautiful campsite located in the mountains of Kandy on the shore of a beautiful water body. It was a picture perfect place.

I was in the good company of Priyanka, the Owner and Director of Campsite along with Stan and Ginny Gillespie, a wonderful couple who have been part of many a TFT programs and a part of the TFT family.

It was amazing to listen to Priyanka talk about his vision for the campsite and I even had the opportunity to organize fun games and activities for children from the local villages. Many of these children come to the campsite for English lessons.

I had the opportunity to travel some more and see a few more places before returning to India. I thank TFT for their encouragement and support.

STAFF SPEAK....

"Our Budgets were huge and we literally started with nothing, but God in His time met all our requirements for the ICC conference. I am humbled by this experience and also thank all our donors for their generous support".

-Balasubramani Kuppuswamy, Finance Manager, Team TFT

"We talked about teamwork, confidence building and overcoming fear at most of our camps in the last two months. It was new and exciting for the kids and a very humbling experience for me"

-Dinesh Chakravarthy, Outdoor Instructor & Logistics, Team TFT

"Before each activity at KARA for kids, we play a game and tell the kids a small story. I am overjoyed that these children not only enjoy these activities but learn from them and ask some really smart questions"

-Kumara Velu, Office Admin, Team TFT

"I had an amazing time backpacking and exploring different parts of Sri Lanka in the month of October. God has been working wonders through the ministry of camping, all over the world!"

-Nandan Kumar, Senior Outdoor Instructor, Team TFT

"Painting banners for the ICC conference was fun! I've started teaching at Diya Foundation, teaching them 'Zoombinis' for the last few weeks and it has been an enriching experience."

-Samson Sujay, Intern, Team TFT

"The growth potential for TFT is huge and the way I see it, God has been providing us with a basket of opportunities ranging from campsite development, drop-in center plants, outdoor leadership ministries, computer education at various school, to name a few. I see TFT's growth as imminent in God's big picture".

-Steve Dass, C.O.O, Team TFT

"The archery sessions at the Krishnagiri School camp were a lot of fun. I was able to run the tree climbing sessions as well. Thank God for such fun opportunities"

Franklin Rajsekar, Climbing Instructor, RecRoc Climbing Gym, Team TFT

CAMP Road trip

It was an amazing experience to travel over 900kms on a working road trip with a team dedicated professionals with a heart for the Camping Ministry.

Stan and Ginny Gillespie, friends and mentors of TFT as well as campsite development consultants along with Ken, a professional land surveyor travelled all the way from Anchorage, Alaska, to be part of a road trip that involved visiting and consulting with several campsites at different locations like Bangalore, Coimbatore, Anaikatti, etc. The consultation involved campsite land surveys, development strategy meetings, brainstorming with camp operators and leaders.

