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2009 Program Report

Enrollment of children from Brick Kilns

This program was started in September 2009 with the objective of enrolling children who have migrated with their parents from neighboring states for work at brick kilns in the Hathin block of Palwal district in Haryana, India. These migrant workers come from Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and West Bengal for work as they cannot find regular work in their home states. These people are generally landless and have no regular source of income to sustain the family. Each family has 3 to 5 children and some parents leave their children in the age range of 12-18 back home to look after their grandparents and homes. Some children who are studying are also left behind so that they can continue their schooling. These migrant workers bring their younger children along and many of the children help the parents make bricks as they are paid by how many bricks they make in a day. The average family works 14-18 hours each day to make \$3 to \$4.

These migrants wanted to send their children to school but were scared that the local villagers would harass them because of their different caste and religion. In addition, the families are very poor and are not able to bear the expenses of uniforms, shoes, bags and school fees. When we visited these brick kilns in April and May 2009 to motivate the people to send their children to school, the parents refused for the above said reasons. After getting assurance of support from Lotus Outreach, we asked the parents again to send their children to schools and offered financial support. We had to visit the brick kilns many times to motivate the parents and convince them that Lotus Outreach had secured commitments from local school teachers and headmasters that the children would be safe and would not endure harassment from other students.

The financial support and the behavior of school staff and children from the villages played a positive role and we were able to enroll almost all the children from the 31 brick kilns within commutable distance from schools. The list of students enrolled in 2009:

	Brick kiln name	School/village name	Number of children enrolled
1	Lakhan	GMS Malokhra	9
2	Om Bhatta	GMS Malokhra	8
3	Goyal Bhatta	GPS Meethaka	8
4	Bhagwati Bhatta	GPS Meethaka	18
5	Lakhan Bhatta	GMS Bhanguri	11
6	Om Bhatta	GMS Bhanguri	11
7	Krishna Bhatta	GMS Kot	6
8	Sitaram Bhatta	GMS Mamola	4
9	R.B. Bhatta	GPS Lakhnaka	51
10	Bhawani Bhatta	GPS Pondri	43
11	CBC Bhatta Jarali	GMS Jarali	22

12	M.B. H. Bhatta	GPS Kot	24
13	Shankar Bhatta	GPS Kot	4
14	Baba Bhatta	GMS Pahari	12
15	R.B. C Bhatta	GPS Bhodpur	19
16	Lakhan Bhatta Bhanguri	GMS Bhanguri	37
17	Sitaram Bhatta	GPS Mangoraka	16
18	Sriram Bhatta Mamolaka	GPS Mangoraka	11
19	PBC Bhatta	GPS Mangoraka	19
20	Lakhan Bhatta	GPS Malokhra	27
21	Om Bhatta Malokhra	GPS Malokhra	51
22	Bhawani Bhatta Pondri	GPS Pondri	22
23	RBC Bhatta	GPS Bhodpur	39
24	CBC Bhatta Jarali	GMS Jarali	29
25	Village Nurpur	GMS Nurpur	16
26	CBC Bhatta	GMS Rupraka	25
27	Arora Bhatta Ferozpur	GPS Ferozpur Rajput	14
28	Bharat Bhatta Mohdamka	GPS Mohdamka	34
29	Baba Bhatta	GPS Paharpur	53
30	Puja Bhatta Kalsada	GPS Kalsada	54
31	NBC Bhatta Manpur	GPS Manpur	18
		Total	715

Case study: Faku, his son and two daughters

"My name is Faku and I migrated from Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh to work at the brick kilns as I do not have land for farming back home and do not get regular work there. I get work here but I was concerned about the education of my children as I was scared to send my children to school. I could not leave the children at home to go to school as there is no one to look after them. Some people from Lotus Outreach came to our houses and asked us to send our children to school. They also offered to provide support in terms of uniforms, bags, shoes and notebooks etc. to every child going to school. We were not even asked to pay the school fee. This is like a dream come true for me. I never imagined that my children would be motivated to go to school by the people from Lotus Outreach who also visit us from time to time to ask about the well being of the children and how are they feeling in school. This type of support is unheard of here. All the children at our brick kiln are now going to school and are very happy."



Lotus Outreach will continue providing annual scholarship packages to these children and has increased the GlobalGiving project budget accordingly. We thank you for your past support and encourage you to sponsor one of these children again in 2010 at <http://www.globalgiving.org/projects/endchildlabor/>.