



January-March 2017

Dear Friends,

Last July and August, we started two new E4L centres: Mehrauli and Sion Sangati. This means that, together with Dakshinpuri and Sangam Vihar, we are running four centres. For several months, Mehrauli centre faced some unfriendly attitudes and difficulties from the neighbourhood, but it is now getting more stable. Praise the Lord for the endurance and faithfulness of the teachers.

On 8 November, the government announced the "demonetization", at around 8pm. From 9 November, all 500RS and 1000RS notes no longer had any value. From that time up until January, everyone in India has lacked currency and it caused lots of problems. It was very difficult to prepare the E4L Christmas activities but, praise the Lord, all four centres were able to have Christmas programmes. Students performed dances, dramas and bible memory verses joyfully. Their families and neighbours came and joined in too, and Pastor Devender shared the gospel with them. **Pray that God would keep using all E4L centres and draw kids and their families' hearts to himself.**



Praying at Mehrauli Centre



Drama at Dakshinpuri Centre



Dancing at Sion Sangti Centre

At Dakshinpuri centre, we also had Christmas party for the women who attend the women's literacy class. At the party, many women shared their testimonies. It's great to see how, through learning Hindi, the women have come to know the Lord, started to attend Sunday services and begun believing and trusting the Lord more and more. It's not easy for these women to attend classes regularly. I do feel grateful for the teachers' patience and continuity. **Pray that the women will keep growing in faith and taste the sweetness of the grace of the Lord more and more.**

This year, for the needs of different centres, we hired two new teachers. Now, all centres are getting stable. From April, all centres will run both A class (level 1) and B class (level 2), and we plan to hire two more part time teachers.



A woman sharing her testimony



Two ladies praying



All the women and staff

The following table gives information about the four centres:

E4L Manager (in charge of all centres) :	Sangeeta (volunteer)
E4L Coordinator (training and materials) :	Penny (volunteer)
Dakshinpuri Centre (five days a week, 30 kids and five women) :	Anita (leader), Anita, Anu, Sangeeta
Sangam Vihar Centre (four afternoons, 32 kids) :	Janki (leader), Anu
Sion Sangti Centre (four days a week, 34 kids) :	Sushma (leader), Sunali, Tamana, Uncle (volunteer)
Mehrauli Centre (five days a week, 14 kids) :	Shivani (leader), Archina, Penny (two afternoons)

Please pray for all the teachers and volunteers: that God would strengthen them, give them love, joy and wisdom to love and teach kids, and that God would use them to show God's truth and kindness. May God comfort and encourage the teachers through his work in the children's lives.

In March, we finished the latest teacher training. It was joyful to see senior teachers helping new teachers learn how to teach. Now, we are giving students their final exams and preparing for the new school year, which will start in April. We will have a teachers/ volunteers outing on 8 April and a kids' picnic at the end of April. Then we'll have VBS (holiday bible club) from 15 - 18 May. Please pray for the new school year and all of the activities.

Stories

Muskan attends both E4L and bible club. She loves coming to church. For several years she could only recognise random Hindi letters. At the beginning of last year, Muskan's new year wish was to be able to read and write Hindi. We prayed and she attended extra Hindi classes at church. By the end of the year, Muskan could read a whole story in Hindi by herself. She is so grateful to God and encouraged to study more. However, at the end of last year, Muskan's mother was seriously ill and sent to hospital. Muskan had to take care of her two young sisters and could no longer come to E4L. The E4L teachers visited Muskan's mother, shared the story of Jesus with her and prayed for her. Soon after the prayer, she started to get better and was able to return home a few weeks later. She started to have desire to know Jesus more. Muskan's mother has now fallen ill again, leaving Muskan to do all the cooking and cleaning, and taking care of her two little sisters. She never complains and her only wish is that her mother can get well and come back. She prays with her seven year old sister, Prachi, every day. E4L teachers visit her from time to time and pray with her.



Prayers points:

1. Pray for all the E4L teachers.
2. Pray for all the children and women who attend E4L.
3. Pray for Muskan and her mother

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