Computer Education Programme for Disadvantaged youth and Dalit Children :

A. Computer Center at Guindy, Chennai

(1)Software course:

30th batches of students have completed their studies and the 31st batch is undergoing the training (Govt. batch 27th completed and 28th batch undergoing institute certificate course)

(a) Job Oriented Desk Top Publishing:

Computer Fundamentals, MS-DOS, MS-Windows'98/XP, MS-Office
XP, PageMaker, Corel Draw, Photoshop, Scanning Fundamentals of
Internet, Email and browsing, Lamination and Spiral Binding.

Duration: 6 months.

B. Computer Education on Basics

This project was sanctioned by the World Council of Churches in Geneva.

Chief aim of this programme is to empower dalit children in the villages through computer education. The present education and economic setup is, 'to know computer is to know life and find life'. Computer education helps young people to self motivate themselves, find a meaningful career, to climb upward in economic pursuit and regain their dignity ultimately. Therefore about 10 to 12 computers were transported to every location and placed for the students to operate the computers. Theory was taught through LCD projector and every student received opportunity for practical exposure to computer for about 5 to 6 hours a day. On the final day tests were conducted on theory and practical. Certificates were issued with the credits marked.

a)The first programme was conducted at **Villupuram** The Rev. Abidhanandar John,

the Presbyter of the CSI Church, Villupuram organized the programme. About 44 students learnt computer.

Students's Responses :
I come from a Hindu family. My friends from church invited me to attend a computer course at their church. I wasn't interested because the course was conducted in the church. But my friends forced me and I agreed to come the first day. I thought learning computers would be a tough task, but later found out that the teaching was very good and easy to understand.- *Silambarasan. T*

I am a house wife, now I am working in a private company for lowest salary. I am not able to get a promotion at work because computer knowledge is necessary for my promotion. I thought learning computer was very difficult but when I heard about this computer course, I felt very happy. So I got 2 days leave from my office and attend this course, this course was very useful for me and easy to understand. So I enjoyed this course.

-Gracy Milka

b).   Pudupakkam, Near Kelambakkam Chennai   -- 27 participants attended this programme.

Student's Response:
I am working in a company as a house keeper. I wish to study computer and join an IT company but couldn't afford computer education. This course was very useful to me, . I could understand the lessons easily and I want to study more on computer. I thank the pastor and Tamilnad Christian Council.
     -M. Abraham

I am a house wife. I have a kid. I'm on maternity leave. I heard about this course and joined in.   *- R. Aruna*

c) Sathiyavani Muthu Nagar, Chennai - 30 participants

Response
I'm the youth secretary of our church. Our church has never conduct such of program before. This computer course was very useful to me.   I thank the pastor and I thank Tamilnad Christian council. They taught us very well. I want many more such programs to be conducted in our church.
     - Arun Andrews .R

I learn computer at school but I never operated the computer individually. I've spent lots of time here operating the computer individually. We covered one year's syllabus in just

3 days, the teaching was very good and easy to understand, I thank to Tamilnad Christian Council.   *-Ranjith Kumar*

Redeemers Church, Palawalkam. The Computer Course was conducted at Palavakam. About 20 students attended the Course and were benefited.
Examinations were conducted and certificates were distributed.

Moovarasampet. Computer Courses conducted About 15 students underwent the course.

4. **Mugalivakkam**. Course conducted. About 40 girls and boys attended the course.

5. Advent Christian Conference Church, Vengavasal Courses conducted About 35 students attended the course.

6. Advent Christian Conference Church, Pallikaranai Courses conducted About 20 persons were benefitted.

7 Pothathurpet, Thiruvallur Dt. Course conducted About 45 students attended the course.

During the period under report 210 students underwent the Computer training and were benefitted.

Feed Back/ Beneficiary's statements:

S. Suganya

I come from a Hindu family. My friends from Church invited me to attend a computer

course at their Church. At first I was not interested because the course was conducted in the Church. But my friends insisted me and I agreed to come the first day only. I thought learning computers would be a tough task, but later found out that the teaching was very good and easy to understand.

S.T. Selvakumar

I learnt computer at school but I never operated the computer individually. Here in this training programme, I could understand the lessons easily. This course was very useful to me. I spent lots of time here operating the computer independently. They covered one year's syllabus in just 3 days. The teaching was very good and easy to understand, so I thank to Tamilnad Christian Council.

R. Jansi Rani

I am working in a private company for lowest salary. I am now able to get a promotion at work because computer knowledge is necessary for my promotion. I thought learning computer but it was very difficult. But when I heard about this Computer Training programme at our Church, I felt very happy. I took two days leave from my office and attended the course. This course was very useful for me and easy to understand. Now I can operate the computer myself.   I got promotion and now am able to get a good salary. I thank the Pastor and Tamilnad Christian Council for this free Computer Education.

Short term Courses: 10 days Computer Education Programme for Rural Dalit Children at Chingleput, Gumidipoondi:
On the final day tests were conducted on theory and practical. Certificates were issued with the credits marked. 110 students underwent this training Programme, i.

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