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- Day student & bus travel **£12.50/month**
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...in India more boys are educated than girls.

YOU can help these girls get the education they deserve



Traditionally, if money only allows one child to be educated, boys would be chosen over girls.

At Gnana Deepam we believe in good quality education for all.

The school has so far educated boys and girls, who have gone on to become Doctors, Engineers, Teachers, Nurses, Accountants and Bio-chemists, to name but a few!

Gnana Deepam school is set in the Chinna Kalrayan Hills in a tribal area of Tamil Nadu, Southern India.

From Kindergarten age, the school educates the children as Christians, with English as their first language. This is generally the reserve of the rich or elite.

The parents of the children at this school are at the lowest end of wage earners and under privileged. Within their rural economy they would become daily labourers working in fields or on building sites. As well as the excellent education that they receive, they are encouraged to take part in sporting activities with some children having competed at state and national levels.

Kalai and Vidy



Meet Kalai and Vidy ...

We'd like to introduce you to these young ladies, who are now into their second year staying in the hostel and studying at Gnana Deepam. Both these girls are from very economically disadvantaged backgrounds and already we have been able to see the change in their confidence, which has come about from living and studying in a stable, caring environment.

Kalai is in Year one this year. She lives in a neighbouring village close to the school, where her only carer is her elderly Grandmother. At this young age, she has had to deal with the loss of both her parents. Serious financial problems had affected her parents for some time, and this put immense pressure on them, and reached the point where they could no longer contemplate living. One day after sending her out of the house, in utter desperation about their situation, they took their lives by self-immolation. We have had the great privilege of seeing her blossom this past year, she is making friends, has a wonderful sense of humour and is now coming almost top in her class.

Vidy is now studying in Year two. Two years ago, her father went to a neighbouring state to work as a tree cutter, there he was involved in a fatal accident, where he fell from a tree and later died. The trauma of witnessing her father's death, affected Vidy so badly that she refused to talk. However within six months, both her teachers, mother and carers in the hostel were able to recognise the transformation in Vidy. She began to open up, happily chatter to her friends and even contribute in class.