Sahitya School, Chickballapur District, Karnataka, INDIA

Mid-Term Volunteer (MTV) 2020

**Description of the project:** The school is finally set up and started to function with June 4th 2018. Enrolled are 162 children aged 3 – 5 years in pre-school, and 6 to 11 years in 1st + 2nd Standard primary school. As a English Medium Institution it teaches in Kannada and English, + Hindi after 5th Standard. With 2019 the school aims at 380 children, mostly in the above age group, up to 5th Standard. Classes are up to max. 25 children of the same age group. The school engages 10 Teachers full time, who are all in the age Group of 30 – 40 years with teaching experience and Teacher qualifications.

**Aims & work of the volunteer:** The idea is to integrate the volunteer into the Team and the school activities to support the programs, to support extra curriculum (this can include sports, games and play, song +dance) activities and the Teacher Team itself through the volunteers participation. The volunteer is seen to assist the school, not being an extra teacher giving lessons. The school believes the volunteer to have a positive influence for the children and be encouraging to the Teacher Team.

The idea can be different, depending on age and qualification of the Volunteer. Assistance to the Team, participation in the curriculum, being part of the Teacher Team is more the background idea for a volunteer with professional background.

**Requirements/required skills:** Person should have professional background in the field of education, teaching experiences, skill and liking to work with young children, pre-school and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade. Interested to be in a quiet environment and enjoy the peace, simplicity of rural India, along with only little entertainments.

**Location:** About 60 km east of Bangalore City in Chickballapur District, on the outskirt of a medium-size village, 1 – 1 ½ hours by bus to Bangalore Central; ½ hour to the District Town.

**Accommodation, food:** Accommodation is possible at the school or in host family in the village, where you eat breakfast and dinner. It is at walking distance to the school. Option to take lunch prepared at the school.

**Fee/ Costs:** There is no Fee. Accommodation will be free of costs. For Food a minimal amount Rs 5000 (around 75€) per month has to be payed by the volunteer.

**Duration of the service, period of the service:** Ideal duration would be 3 months. There is no specific time, any interested volunteer should join after May because of Summer holidays from April to end May.

Some impressions of Sahitya School: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZ5DOZ8se2A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZ5DOZ8se2A)