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Class at Anbu Illam, Vellore

Questions

- What can you see in this picture?
- What are the children learning?
- Can you work out why the class is so

small?

Compare this photograph to some of the other school photographs in this pack.

The words on the blackboard are: corn, feathers, chilli, light, dove and winnowing pan— do you know what they all look like? Can you make up a story or paragraph using as many of these words as possible?

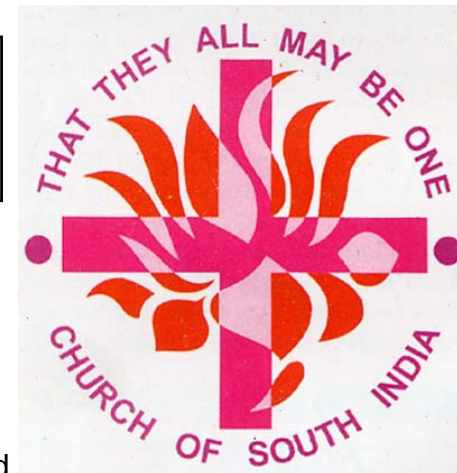
Background

This is a class in a Christian special school for children with cerebral palsy. Often children born with this problem are kept at home and not educated. They may even be treated badly or thrown out by their parents because they do not know how to look after them. Anbu Illam is a residential school so that children can stay there during term time.

When they arrive at the school some of the children will not be able to walk or talk, they may have very poor co-ordination and not be able to look after themselves, perhaps not even feed themselves. The school has to teach them all these skills, as well as how to read and write and do simple sums.

The school aims to educate the children and train them in a craft which will enable them to earn a living, or at least to earn enough to contribute to their family's income. Trades the school teaches include such things as: repairing bicycles; making and selling washing-up liquid; making jewelry; repairing chairs. Some of the children will be very good at their school work and be able to go on to secondary school and even college.

Anbu Illam means "House of Mercy" in Tamil do you think this sounds like a good name?





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