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English Volunteer Service

FROM DARKNESS INTO MARVELLOUS LIGHT

Henry Baker College, Melukavu Is a Christian, Minority, Co-Educational, Government-aided Arts and Science College Established In 1981, affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala.

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Report of the English Volunteer Service conducted in Henry Baker College, Melukavu in collaboration with Birch hall Learning Centre, Kirby, England.

The Memorandum of Understanding between Birch Hall Centre for Learning and Leadership, Kirby, England and Henry Baker College, Melukavu was duly signed by Mr. Alexander Philips, Director of Birch Hall and Dr. Abraham Daniel, Principal of the college on 14 June 2013 on the 195th birthday of Rev. Henry Baker Junior. It is a covenant made between both Institutions for educational partnership and cooperation.

Prime Objectives:

- To witness the loving presence of God which Rev. Henry Baker(Jr.) from Kirby has demonstrated to the people of Melukavu and adjoining places.
- To enhance the English speaking and communicative skills of the students through service of volunteers sent from Kirby.
- To provide exposure to the Indian life and culture to the volunteers from Kirby.

During the Academic Year 2013 -14, Mr. Felix Austin, the first volunteer tutor from Bridge hall joined the college on 1 June 2013. He had taken communication English training class for the students. He returned to England on 15 August 2013. Birch Hall volunteer tutors Miss. Olivia Vonberg and Miss Rebecca Smalden were in the college from 22 of September 2013 to 28 December 2013. They were provided accommodation in the women's hostel. The following programs were organized in the college:

1. Language Training programmes\
2. Certificate Course in Communicative English

The classes were scheduled from 1.20-2.00 p.m as well as 4.00-4.30 p.m. The training programs helped the students to enhance their English speaking skills. The college provided all the possible opportunities for them to experience the Indian life and culture by visiting places of historical importance and tourist destinations. They were given farewell on 28 December 2013. Principal Dr. Abraham Daniel presided over the meeting. They were given mementos as a token of gratitude.

During the Academic Year 2015-16, Ms. Tracey Walker, Birch Hall volunteer tutor visited our college in the month of June 2015. She had taken conversation English training sections through various speaking activities like group discussions, role plays, debates and games. Classes were scheduled from 1.20 p.m- 2.00 p.m. As she had given accommodation in the women's hostel, the hostellers got an opportunity to interact with her. She conducted special Communicative English classes in the hostel along with Yoga classes. The classes were concluded by 3 July 2015 by giving her a Farewell by the students. Dr. Aniyamma Varughese presided over the meeting and presented a memento to Ms. Tracey Walker as a token of appreciation.

The Conversational English Training Programme of the academic year 2016-17 started on 6 September 2016. Mr. Joby Philip and Mr. Oscar Gravell, from the Birch Hall were the tutors. They were provided accommodation at Bishop's House, Chalamattom. Classes were scheduled from 1.20 to 2.00 pm as well as the free hours. To make learning more interesting the students were introduced into various games and other activities. They had visited some of the student's home and made familiar with our culture and lives. The classes were concluded on 3 November 2016. The farewell meeting was presided over by Smt. Lisa George, Principal in charge of the college. Dr. Antony Joseph, Head of the Department of Commerce presented the mementoes to Mr. Toby Philip and Mr. Oscar Gravell.



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Students with Mr. Joby Philip and Mr. Oscar Gravell

