Bighelp for Education Post Internship Report

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I held a two day workshop at Markazi High School in Warangal, India. It is a government school with about 1400 students and 100 teachers in 25 sections or classrooms. Some students that I enjoyed this experience with were K. Karthik, Suryaprakash and A. Bhuvan. These students all participated very well and helped organize the class as well. The teachers were also very helpful, I conducted my workshop in section 8D. This section was a English medium section that spoke mild English. The teacher's name is Satish and the headmaster, Srinivas. I would like to thank them for making this experience possible. There was also another teacher in place of the principal when he was out that helped me the most. His name is Krishna, he nicely went with me to 20 sections and gave a brief description of why I was there and that they should feel inspired that the toppers were getting school bags. This was my experience with the teachers and the students at the school.

Warangal is a small Telugu speaking city in India. Here there are many shops for occupations like medical, vegetable and tailor shops. There is not much room for any farmers in this city. The town has one temple that is popular known as the thousand pillars temple. Weather is always pretty hot as it is in Southern India. It is humid and rainy a lot in this city. The city is more calm than Hyderabad, but still has lots of traffic and wastage everywhere. I am connected to it with my grandparents and many uncles and aunts.

Things I learned about education in India is that lunch in government schools for kids is free. I also found out how small and tight the classrooms are in India. The last thing I was surprised by is that the town is doing some project like my Go Green project where they make schools plant trees in their courtyard. The topics I delivered at the school were Go Green and chess, I did not have time to get to my football topic. Go Green was the first day where the introductory speech and Go Green speech took 2 hours, then the tree planting also took two hours. With the Go Green speech I talked about how to conserve energy, be clean in school and the three r's of recycling. The second day, I explained chess and its rules and had a tournament which all took 2 hours. I also distributed bags for an hour. But I could not conduct football because the school had a strike and I had to leave early.

All in all, this experience has been very enlightening and it exposed me to the education system in India. I felt very happy when I gave gifts to kids like chess boards, reusable water bottles, watches and USA can holders. I also felt happy when we donated trees to the school and that I would leave a long lasting effect on not just the kids, but also the school. Bighelp is a very

special organization that should continue its work in helping underprivileged children in India. There are many people I would like to thank who made this internship possible. First I want to thank my mentor, Mythili aunty for helping me throughout the process and letting this presentation become a reality. I would like to thank Bighelp for this wonderful opportunity. I would like to thank my parents for following me through this experience. I would like to thank the school teachers and headmaster, Srinivas for allowing me to conduct the internship at the school. And finally, I like to thank the students who were patient and cooperative with me.

Introduction Speech:



Section 8D:



Day 1 Activity (tree planting):

