



Seeds of Love Worldwide (SOLWW) On Location: Assam, India in 240 hours

Silchar, India August 12, 2018: Tony H. Walker, a board member of SOLWW, visited India for 10 days in early August. He had the privilege to meet the students' local support and resources, and, most importantly, spend time with the SOLWW scholarship recipients. His purpose to visit India is twofold: one is to ensure that the program's infrastructure and governance, put in place for the School Year 2018-2019, are implemented and working effectively as planned. The other goal is to touch base and evaluate local resources currently providing support to the students.

India Trip in Images





Tony's 10 day visit was a whirlwind of activities in promoting the mission of SOLWW. His visit included a live interview for a local TV news station, several meetings with Non-Government Organizations (NGO's) on possible program collaboration, and a speaking engagement to faculty and students at GC College in Silchar about Seeds of Love Worldwide and the importance of giving back to the community. This speech prompted a local newspaper to feature Tony and SOLWW in an article highlighting the generous work and support the organization has provided to the Chakma community.

As a Board Member of SOLWW, Tony Walker is proud and happy to report that not only were the goals met during his trip, but the governance and infrastructure that Dana Le and her team have meticulously planned and created are successful and running smoothly. Tony would also like to underscore the following important wins from the recent trip:

1. Mr. Swapan Dasgusta plays a key role as a local mentor and guardian to the 5 college students in Silchar. He is an invaluable asset for SOLWW and the students.

2. Student housing for both male and female students is secure and appropriately conducive for learning.
3. Students are now fully adjusted to their new environment and focused on their studies to pass class 11. While this will be a significant challenge for the students, everyone is moving forward and headed in the right direction.
4. To enhance the learning of the 5 students, they are currently enrolled for private tutoring at Adarsh Academy, an academic after school program connected to Aryan Junior College.
5. A productive meeting with the Tea Tribe NGO in exploring possible partnership with SOLWW: Students volunteer in needy communities as teachers for basic Math, hygiene practices, or assist in building low cost water filtration system, just to name a few examples in giving back to the community.
6. Highly pleased with the leadership of Dr. Majumader, Director of Aryan College, in making sure the SOLWW scholars are up to speed in meeting the requirements and ready to help and step in should there be any academic concerns.
7. We appreciate the MBRS staff who have been working doubly hard to meet all the student requirements in getting enrolled at Silchar and to get the students fully situated in hostels and a new location.
8. Thankful for all the hard work and planning that Dana Le has put in to ensure that I met the right people on the ground and have the itinerary planned out all throughout the trip.
9. We also have something to look forward to as a follow up visit to India is planned in late November by the SOLWW Founder, Dana Le.

Because of your support, the SOLWW scholars have what they need to focus on their studies in their new school. Your generous spirit is actively changing lives and we are witnessing them in real time.

Thank you for joining us in this journey, and until next report!

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