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Teachers left and 6 kids affected by TB – Jan-Feb 05

There is Rs. 5000 in the bank for all running expenses. For everything. The employees have been informed that they will need to go without pay till funds can be found. They have also decided that in the present scheme of things they will not pay rent to the owner. Food gets arranged on and off. Every few days food is donated on request by a hotel and this is what they are surviving off. Sanjeev (Asha volunteer's) mother is also taking care of the food whenever possible. Jaygopal (one of the core person's at the orphanage) has resigned and joined the ICICI bank. All the other teachers have left as well.

More news from Sanjeev's mother :

The six 6 children diagnosed with TB are doing ok. The sputum tests show that the children are just in the very beginning stage and the lady incharge of the treatment has said that the children can go to school and it will not spread because they are already under treatment and no need to be isolated. So far so good.

The best person to contact regarding the TB about children is Sukanya cause she is dealing with the doctor and the people concerned directly. There are no additional funds required specifically for the TB treatment as Suma had asked.
The treatment is provided free by the govt, it is only important to follow the schedule of taking multiple tablets properly.

It is sad now that there are only Velayudam, Lakshmi, Sukanya, Gowri bai, Somu the driver and Neela the cook there. They have a watchman. **Teachers have all left.** The elder children Laksmi, Salomi, Mohana Priya and Mahalakshmi are holding the fort at other times when the regular staff are out .