## BOYS TOWN SOCIETY

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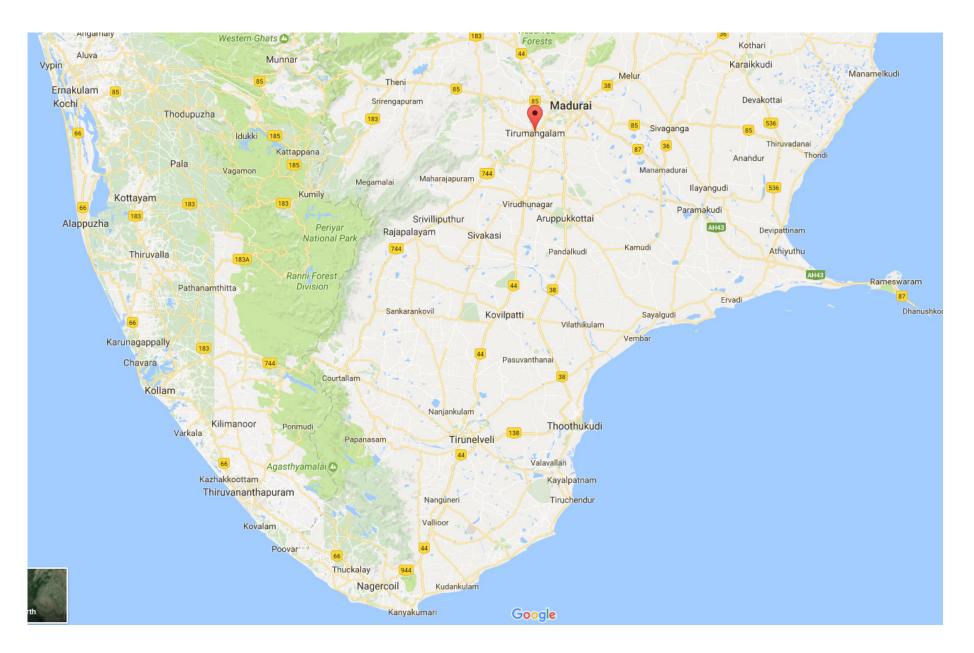
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# Project background: Support of school initiated in 2014

- Thirumangalam village in Tamil Nadu
- Founded in 1965 by Joe Homan to educate and empower street children
- 5 Boys Towns, 1 Girls Town and 2 Children villages (residential homes) can accommodate up to 480 children
- End of year: BTS is assisting 401 children under residential care and another 248 children under non-residential care in a primary school
- Non-residential program in four villages covering 300 children who stay with their parents and attend evening program from 5 to 8.30 pm
- 10,00,000 INR in October 2016 approved towards running of school



## Asha Zurich activities in 2016

Two site visits were done by our volunteers in 2016



### Death of BTS founder Joe Homan

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### Francois Meyer School - BANYAN

- Initiated end of 2015
- Situated right next to the current school
- Campus will be called *Joe Homan campus*
- Asha Zurich pointed out the extremely high and unproductive noise occurrence in current school → 3rd, 4th, and 5th standard classes were transferred to the premises of one of the residential homes (in immediate proximity)

#### From this in January 2016...



#### ... to this in January 2017







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### Academic achievements

- Academic year 2015-16:
  - 99% success rate in 10th Standard examination
  - 100% success rate in the 12th Standard examination.
- Besides academic achievement, a lot of other activities were initiated this quarter by the onsite team to ensure the social, physical and extracurricular development of the children

## Apprenticeship program

- Vocational Guidance Department organized a career counselling session
- 9th standard students taken for Trade Exposure visit
- BTS had 46 out of 47 students pass their 10th standard, among those 1 is placed in degree course, 7 in polytechnic courses, 6 in nursing diploma courses, 7 in ITIs, and 25 students now study in the 11th standard.

## Additional happenings

- Parents meeting 2016
- Volunteer's visit
- Children's Festival in BTS





