

2009 GLOBAL PEACE GAMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

BANGALORE, INDIA

On September 19th 2009, a neighborhood in Maruthi Sevanagar in Bangalore, India hosted the Global Peace Games. The name of the neighborhood is **Delhi Narayanappa Layout**. We started at 2PM and finished at 10PM. There were a total of 65 children and youth that participated in our event. Our day began with cricket (India's passion), then field hockey (the neighborhood's passion) followed by football (the world's passion). There were games like tug of war that were played well into the peaceful Indian night. We had 122 people sign our PEACE MANIFESTO. This not only included the children who participated in our sports and games but adults in the community who wanted to show their support for the kids and their continued commitment to incorporating peace in their lives as well. It was a magical day where men and women, boys and girls, rich and poor, old and young, tall and short, came together for something bigger than themselves. In addition, we had two special organizations join us on this special day. The first involved the children and faculty of a nearby primary school called the **Government Thirupuvanam Kannada & Tamil Higher Primary School**. There were 25 children selected from this school to participate in our Global Peace Games. They brought such terrific energy and enthusiasm to our event. The other organization present at our event was the **SAMIKSHA Foundation**. They are a non-profit geared toward helping children who are diagnosed with cancer and other non-infectious terminal illnesses. We had 30 children from **SAMIKSHA** sign our PEACE MANIFESTO. They couldn't participate but their enthusiasm and strong desire to make the world a better place by living up to Gandhian ideals inspired us all.

The inspiration for hosting the Global Peace Games came from my visit to this special neighborhood in the fall. I was so impressed by the collective goodwill of this community and wanted them to set an example for the rest of Bangalore, the rest of India, and the rest of the world to see and emulate. They truly embody the Gandhian philosophy of being the change you want to see in the world. My grandfather, **Narasa Iyer** built the first house in the neighborhood but passed away too soon to see this special day. This day was meant to honor this amazing man whose ideals are more alive than ever in all that live in this unbelievable community. If it weren't for him and his peers who still live there, there would be no Global Peace Games. Thus, Global Peace games 2009 in Bangalore, India was a celebration of a great man and the legacy he left behind: a community devoted to incorporating the ideals of peace in every aspect of their lives. It was a day we will never soon forget!

Thank you **Play Soccer** for providing us the platform to make such an event a reality!

With Much Appreciation,

Manmohan N. Iyer

REGISTRATION FORM
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Name of organization Registered: Delhi Narayanappa Layout, neighborhood in India

City and Country where Games will take place: Bangalore, India

Date of Games: September 19, 2009 at 2PM

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