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### History Of Namma Veedu Montessori School-2

#### MAIN EVENTS OF NAMMA VEEDU MONTESSORI HOUSE OF CHILDREN

\*2001 – March. Dr. Madeswaran family got shifted to Madras because of his mother's health problem. He was also doing full time research in Thiruchy Bharathydasan University. He was also planning for a short trip to USA. But he could not go.

\*So he has to settle down in Madras. He was guided by his uncle to see the local news papers for schools. He is very much concerned with school education and teaching. He worked in the school where he studied till +2.

\*There was an advertisement from ABACUS Montessori school for Tamil teaching. He does not know any thing about Montessori. Just he went and attended the screening test.

\* In ABACUS, the attitude of children with teachers, teachers approach towards children, class room planning, building and many things were different. This is the very first step for Namma Veedu.

\*He got through in the interview and got the appointment as Tamil teacher.

\*September -2001, 19th was the day he joined in the school and started getting exposed to Montessori system of education.

\*After a short time he was confused with many class room situations which were totally different from a conventional school. He planned to leave the school to concentrate in his research.

\*Every month he went to Thiruchy and submitted the papers on his research.

\* Ms. Kamini Sundaram – the director of ABACUS Montessori School called him and discussed about the Montessori methodology. She has requested him to read and learn few Montessori teaching techniques from Ms. Sarramma [Senior Tamil teacher]. She taught him how to adapt certain Montessori techniques in teaching Tamil language. Teaching Tamil for non – Tamil speaking children was the greatest task. He struggled hard between conventional system and Montessori system.

\*Slowly his interest in teaching, art, music and drama supported him to learn the most basic methods of Montessori system. He started believing in Montessori system and understood it is very special and unique. So he approached his director to help him to learn more about it.

· 2001- December. Ms. Kamini Sundaram asked Madeswaran to meet Ms. Uma Shankar in Madras. She is a senior most pioneer in Montessori education. She is the director of Chennai Montessori Training Centre. She is supported by many great Montessori trainers like Ms. Shobana, Miss. Sunitha, Miss. Chitra etc.

· The Montessori trainers gave him 10 week orientation training in Pre-Primary Montessori Education with a certificate. In this context we thank Ms. Tamil Selvi of ABACUS who took him in her car beyond many kilometers for the orientation training.

· So every day there was a new observation made by him and his method of teaching, approach towards children, adults started changing. But it was very tedious for him to balance his school work – Orientation training and research. God has made it for him.

· 2002 – January brought a change in his life. Let us see the next article for the excitement.

· Thank you!

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