

20 ans

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MIBLOU CELEBRATES ITS 20th ANNIVERSARY IN 2000 THE NEW CHALLENGE:

SPONSORING 2000 APPLIANCES FOR THE CHILDREN OF INDIA

Shakuntala, a charming girl, one of the 3.2 million Indian children who need orthopedic appliances. She was a baby when she caught polio. Her parents, poor, always hoped one day she would be cured... Unfortunately, with the passing years, Shakuntala's muscles contracted and the hope to see her walk disappeared. For Indian parents, having a girl is such a burden that from birth they start thinking about her future. Will we be able to marry her with this terrible disability? What will become of Shakuntala?



The life of so many children:
crawling on the ground



To give her a chance in life, MIBLOU offered her first orthopedic appliance and now she is standing up, beautiful and happy. The doors of the school are opened for her, in this way she will be able to make up for all these lost years.

The organisation Mobility India with which MIBLOU collaborates, will ensure her follow up medically, as well as the maintenance of her orthopedic appliance. They will also see to her future in helping her to choose a training adapted to her disability.

Together, let's multiply this story 2000 times...

Today, standing , beautiful and happy

Thanks to you all, SHAKUNTALA and thousands of OTHER CHILDREN will stand up and walk with confidence toward the FUTURE.

“Action MIBLOU 2000 Spécial 20 ans”

YOUNG DISABLED ADULTS ARE OFFERED TRAINING

APD : ASSOCIATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

BANGALORE

This organisation celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. With the assistance of MIBLOU, young physically handicapped adults will get the opportunity to be trained in various manual jobs. For its “Action 2000”, MIBLOU has sponsored twenty training courses of youngsters in the following fields: orthopedic, mechanical and horticultural. At the end of their apprenticeship, the organisation will see that these young people find work and also ensure the follow up.



Saravana, future horticulturist

SANCHAR

CALCUTTA



Training in tailoring

Sanchar began its work thanks to the support of MIBLOU, many years ago. It is therefore with pleasure that MIBLOU included them in its “Action 2000”. Their CBR programme of support to the families of disabled children in villages around Calcutta helps to avoid abandon of these children by their families. Here too, twenty young people suffering from physical or mental problems will begin a sewing class, the manufacture of paper accessories or of wooden toys. The programme includes the participation of parents in a small co-operative that will help sell the handiwork made by their children.

BCT

VISAKAPATNAM

The villages of fishermen in this seaside region have now benefited from 5 years of MIBLOU support through a programme of health and improvement of conditions of life for disabled children. The villagers learned to integrate and to help their children in many ways. Today it is time to think of their future and to give twenty of them the chance to follow training in horticulture, tailoring and basket making. For BCT this is a new project that they hope to renew soon.



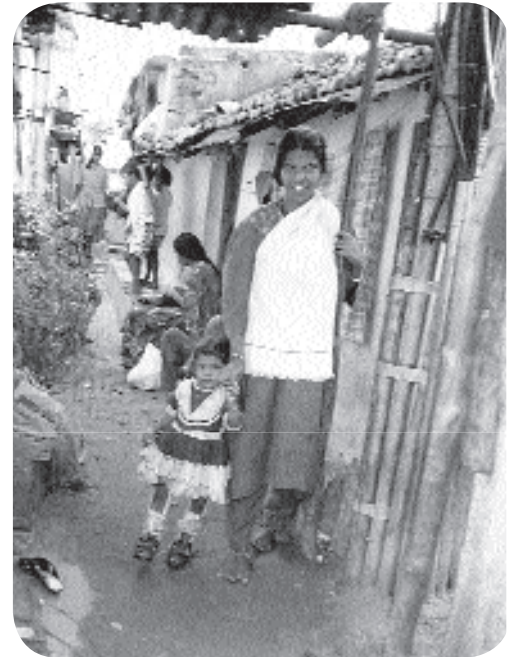
Basket making

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200 APPLIANCES OFFERED TO THE CHILDREN OF THE SLUMS

BANGALORE- MOBILITY INDIA

MIBLOU started a new programme, the support to families living with disabled children in the slums of Bangalore. A team from the organisation Mobility India, physiotherapists and technician orthopedists, themselves disabled, go through the slum looking out for families in distress. Their positive personal example helps enormously to give their services to improve living condition of these “different” children. A relationship gets established and social and practical work can be set up. Aids and appliances are produced and adapted to daily life in the slum, such as special chairs for spastic children. Parallel bars to aid walking are installed in front of the huts. Meetings on hygiene, contraception, the possibility of operations, the hopes, special needs and care for these children are given in private or to the whole community. On the occasion of MIBLOU's 20th anniversary, 200 orthopedic appliances are offered to these destitute children, to allow them to take a giant step towards a better life and especially the necessary autonomy to survive in their country.



Sultana will soon walk correctly.

THE SUCCESS OF THE WORKSHOP

KODAI



Balakrishna is going in for his first calliper

This orthopedic workshop in the hills of Southern India was inaugurated in January 2000. Till now, at least one hundred appliances and various supports were made by the sole orthopaedist on the spot, himself disabled. It takes a week of work from first visit till the patient is able to stand on his two legs... These callipers are very pleasant and light to carry, to the delight of all. In the school that belongs to this local organisation, the forty children with polio, as well as the class of spastic children, were equipped to facilitate their mobility and their autonomy: with a calliper, a corset or a special chair; they now can walk, move around and are working towards more autonomy. In light of this success, the workshop was immediately opened to the locals. Children and adults suffering from deformities, amputations, sequels of polio or accidents arrive each day and leave equipped to face the future with added confidence.

THE SPASTIC SOCIETY OF EASTERN INDIA

KOLKOTTA

The training programmes of the Spastic Society Calcutta, now Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, allow them to share their long experience in education and care of spastic children with parents from the remotest villages. Among the candidates, there are also motivated parents that go themselves to Calcutta to follow some classes. They will go back to the community of their village and

teach how to give a better future to these children often neglected or abandoned. MIBLOU supports this programme by helping these parents, often from poor areas, to participate in these classes. In them is put a high hope to see the respect of the disabled child spread through the district, the state and, why not, the country...

INDEPENDENCE THANKS TO LOCAL FUND RAISING

It is now 10 years since MIBLOU started to support this centre for disabled children. The local fundraising is done with enthusiasm, a "CoffeeShop" on the edge of the national highway that leads to Assam was inaugurated and has welcomed an enormous number of customers. This pleasant place is managed by a group of young disabled adults of the centre. They also started a pig farm : fed with leftovers, they are sold when reaching a hundred kilos.

An excellent income generator, as are the magnificent tea gardens that produce good quality tea. Today, it is time for MIBLOU to withdraw discreetly from the Mogradanghi centre and to wish all: "Good Luck!"

And to you, dear sponsors, a big

THANK-YOU!

THANKS TO DAISY & STÉPHANE

The year 2000 was unfortunately a tragic one for Daisy, our friend and devoted Honorary Secretary of MIBLOU: her son Stéphane left us prematurely in his 37th year. By his difference, he was since his birth, the motor that animated Daisy. Stéphane motivated her to devote her life to the support of disabled children: Terre des Hommes-Switzerland first, then MIBLOU, profited from her large experience. Stéphane himself brought his example and his enthusiasm all the way to India. To Daisy, Gérard and their family we address our sincere condolences.

At this end of the year, Daisy has reduced her activities and withdrawn from MIBLOU activity. We thank her very sincerely for all these years of effective voluntary work that guided MIBLOU in the direction of "Disability". Our hope and wishes are for her to recover her serenity through her superb artistic talents.

Brian J. Millar
President



THE HISTORY OF MIBLOU

At the beginning, a couple: Brian and Jo MILLAR, from Geneva, and an immense love and respect for all children.

From 1960 to 1970: they had four children, "home made" : Marika, Michel, Martin and Melany.

From 1976 to 1984: six children without parents, come from India: Mina, Bablou, Mouni, Mitsi, Joseph and Savita. Altogether, today 10 children plus 7 grandchildren. The name Miblou came from the names of their two first adopted children, Mina and Bablou, and was started in 1980 after Jo & Brian's first visit to India.

First 50, then 300, and since now 20 years, thousands of children have been nourished, helped and educated on the spot. They are tribal or rural always destitute, as their parents. Several day care centres were opened in different locations of India, welcoming them, to avoid abandon and often death.

Each centre has his own director and local staff.

With the years, more and more local organisations profit from MIBLOU's help, and today thanks to modern communication, they are in permanent contact with the committee in Geneva.

MIBLOU is a recognised public charity in India and in Switzerland.

In 1994, after 15 years of voluntary activity in favour of destitute children, Brian and Jo found very able successors: Daisy Mottier and Marika, the eldest of the Millar's family, both with the same love and respect for the child, both have carried the torch with enthusiasm in the service of MIBLOU.

Now in 2000, Marika assumes total responsibility for MIBLOU's future.

The wheel of life turns...

MIBLOU, is a future for a disabled child...
MIBLOU, is the support to become autonomous...
MIBLOU, is there to help change peoples opinions
about disability...

THANKS

for your generous help...

MIBLOU

SWITZERLAND