

“Joga” in class at the Marist Brothers Primary School in P.Udayapatti, India.
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“Joga” is 11 years old and lives at home with his mother in the rural village of P.Udayapatti. He dreams of becoming a mechanical engineer.

Each morning before leaving for school, he helps his mother to prepare a fire for cooking just outside their house. Joga attends school at the Marist Brother’s Primary School and his favourite subject is English.

The Marist Primary and Secondary School has been run by the Marist Brothers since 1988. The area around P.Udayapatti is poorly serviced and economically disadvantaged due to the unpredictability of rain and reliance on agriculture.

The schools now cater for 1,465 boys and girls and are rated as some of the highest performing schools in the area. While there is some government funding they rely on partnerships with Marists across the world in order to continue operating.

At school, Joga and many other children living under similar circumstances are provided with a meal. Although these students are generally very motivated to learn, this support is crucial to their success.

Marist Solidarity has a continuing commitment to this area and young people like Joga.