

Hilda Isaac, Executive Director of the Betsy Elizabeth Trust

Hilda's Vision, Dedication and Boundless Love Are the Heart of the Crèche Project

Years before I met her, Hilda Isaac had risen to legendary status in my mind. So when I finally had a chance to travel to Porayar and meet her, I was a little nervous. How does one behave in the presence of a legend who is working miracles in the midst of poverty?



I had practiced a greeting in Tamil to express how honored I was to meet her, but Hilda did not let me get the words out before she greeted me with a warm embrace. The generosity and kindness in her welcome were evident in every aspect of her management of the crèches.

I have travelled to schools throughout the world, nearly 100 in over a dozen countries, and I have not encountered any school community filled with more love than this. I have not seen any faculty and staff work harder or prepare better to serve their students every day. These were some of the most inspiring teachers and administrators I have met in my 37 years in education.

Our parting embrace was like the first—warm and kind—but no longer was Hilda Isaac a legendary figure in my mind; she was a flesh and blood model of selfless service to the poorest of the poor under trying and demanding circumstances.

Hilda pours her life into the lives of the desperately poor,
she is much more than a legend or a cause worth supporting:

Hilda is a witness to the kind of love to which we are all called.

—Tom Lovett, Headmaster, St. Johnsbury Academy VT

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