



# STORIES FROM THE GROUND

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A moment throughout my TSP journey by  
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As an ordinary teacher teaching in an ordinary rural school, I accepted the whole idea of the Trust Schools Programme half-heartedly. Even the Education Partners were welcomed with half-smiles and a heavy heart.

We enjoyed the laid back, quiet environment of the school so much that we hated it when new establishment, new rules and regulations were implemented. And that, of course, was years ago. Now, after two (and a half) wondrous years, after so much sweat and tears, hope and prayers, I am happy, if not proud, to say that we have finally been through it all.

We beat the odds and still come out standing tall, hand in hand with our fellow teachers throughout this enhancing and enriching journey.

We learned to make our classroom a better place to be and above all, we made the classroom come alive! We put smiles on our students' faces and we nurtured them to grow and to embrace their own uniqueness in the most natural way even they will not notice. We make them believe in themselves and help raise their self-esteem. We make them feel that they are special and not ordinary.

And this journey is definitely worthwhile. Yes, it is the road less travelled, but the view is certainly lovely.