



An Association of Parents
of Exceptional Children

EDUCATIONAL CENTRE – PERAMBUR

"Take the School to the Child"

It was 1994. Two children, Mustafa and Mariam, a brother & sister from Perambur, were responsible for the birth of Maithree's first special school. Their parents Mr. Sirajuddin and Mrs. Hafeesa, would carry them to a special school at Ayanavaram for a one- hour intervention program every week. However, as both of them had profound challenges they could be taken to the center only alternately. As this intervention was insufficient the parents were looking for a facility closer to their residence which would provide them with more help. At this point Prof. Jeyachandran came as a Messiah and introduced them to Maithree. Maithree was then a formally registered association, waiting to take off. Maithree's first special school was thus born at Perambur in the living room of the Sirajuddins - and along with it the concept of "Take the School to the child". However, Mustafa and Mariam were there with Maithree only for a few years. God loved them so much that He wanted them back with Him. Probably, God had sent them to this world only to Light the Lamp of Maithree for the sake of hundreds of children like themselves.

The special school started with 3 students and 1 special educator has now grown to serve many.