

Reaching The Unreached

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Happenings of April 2009

Dear Well-wishers,
Greetings from RTU.



From the reports of Brother you are all well aware of our new project in Kakkanji Nagar at Devathanapatti, around 7 km from RTU. In a piece of land where there are only huts all over, we have decided to build about 50 houses and other integrated developmental works. Thus already around 15 houses are on construction and four bore-wells drilled and erected hand-pumps. A health animator is appointed and surveys are on the way to distribute cloth materials and to form Self-help groups. Outreach wing of RTU (Rural health, Community Development and Rural housing) is very busy on the spot. Works are going on very fast and it is remarkable to complete so much of works in a month time. Most of the people who live have paid for the land and have not registered it due to lack of money. We are paying the documentation charges. The people consider themselves very fortunate to have all these facilities which they have never dreamt of.

On 24-26 there was heavy stormy rain. It lasted only one hour on these days. It was considered as big blessing of God to reduce the heat of the summer. On the other side it has done lot of damage in this area peculiarly only around 5 km radius. Lot of trees were brought down and houses were damaged. The tall coconut trees were broken in the middle. Such was the heavy wind. In RTU around 100 meter long compound wall has fallen down in the Open School area and thunder has damaged number of electrical devices. We have lost few coconut trees and other trees. Thanks be to God that there was no damage to any person whatsoever in this area. These days it is hot again with 39-40 degree scorching sun. In May we will have the hottest days of the summer.



Children's Villages:



There was one more success for RTU. Ganeshkumar who was brought up by RTU has completed his 3 years Diploma in Electronic Engineering and seeking employment in Coimbatore. Our students Pandiselvi and Alagulaxmi have completed

Bharathanatiam and Vocal music respectively in Kalai Kaveri Fine Arts College at Trichy. Our staff and the few students were present for their *Arangetram* (first public performance). Among them Alagulaxmi was blind and recently suffered from Spinal Tuberculosis. By God's grace everything went on well for her. It is very fulfilling to see our students coming out with a qualification to settle in their lives.

15 of 12th completed students underwent special English course for a full month. Fr. Arockiaraj, a Franciscan Capuchin priest was very kind to teach English for our students. They were very happy and satisfied as they are to attend all the future courses in the professional studies in English.

By the end of April the children who have somebody at home went for home holidays. They can stay till end of May and they are free to come back at any time they want even before the stipulated time. The parents or the one who is in charge is instructed to bring back the child when they feel that they are not able to look after. Some of the HIV infected children also went for home holidays just for 10 days with all the tablets that they are to take. Since constant medical attention is necessary they come back soon. The mothers go for holidays in two batches. The children who were here will be taken for picnics and outings and other entertainments would be arranged.

The staff is busy with house visits to select the new admissions for the next academic year. All SCV campus was painted and looks anew.

Education Department:

April is month of examinations for the schools. Our high school students had their year end exams. The children were busy like bees these days and did their exams well.



There was exhibition, Annual Day and Parents Day celebration together. It was wonderful to see the children explaining their part to the visitors. Various materials from all the subjects were displayed and demonstrated in the exhibition. It was very informative and interesting. Since at RTU campus all the three schools joined together for the exhibition there many halls it needed lot of time to visit all of them. In the evening there was annual day celebration. There was good attendance from parents of the children. It was very colourful with variety of dances. The same was held at Bodi, Nirmala Primary School in a small scale. The students at the exhibition desks considered themselves as professionals and gave good explanations for the items that they exhibited.



Summer Camp for the students started on 15.04.2009. There were around 90 boys and girls participating in it. This will last for a month and in it they learn English, computer, drawing and dancing leisurely. At the end of academic year the teachers had programme review meeting and made

good analysis of the past year and resolution for the coming year.

Estate Department:

They take care of the whole of RTU campus all through the year with repairs and maintenances. Now with this rain and annual maintenance of the schools they are very busy. They work very hard to have all the school buildings repaired and whitewashed before beginning of the new academic year.

It is always a pleasure for me to share with you these happenings of RTU and keeping you in touch with us. It is your care and concern that motivates us and keeping us going. Thank you very much for all your support and guidance. We shall meet again next month. Till then I say "Good bye".

Yours fraternally

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Director.