

Reaching The Unreached

G. Kallupatti, Near Batlagundu, Theni Dt. 625203

Happenings of December 2009

Dear Well-wishers,
Greetings from RTU.

Hope you all had a joyous season and began a grace filled New Year.



Here the time between Christmas and New Year was very joyous one. To see all the children who are under our full time care in one campus is excellent scene. The happiness and innocent smiling of the children radiated the love and grace of God in the Campus. This is the effect of our annual children's camp this year from December 25th to 28th. All children participated very actively. The professional students were taking a lead to animate the programme and they themselves were resource persons for the children up to 7th standard with the themes like art & craft, children, education, Indian culture, health & hygiene and science. They were extremely happy that they were given this responsibility. For the grownup children resource persons were invited from outside to handle themes like life skills, motivation, self analysis, team spirit, gratitude, economics, health issues etc. Thus the camp ended very

successfully. Our child care department has worked very hard in planning for the smooth running of it. Together with them our senior staff, nutrition, estate and medical departments were also extending their cooperation.

On 24th evening at 7.30 we had Christmas vigil for our children where around 1200 children took part in it. The



children from a neighbouring organisation also came. It was very spectacular sight to see such a big number of children for the birthday of Baby Jesus and at the same time they were very attentive during the celebration.

There was also Christmas celebration in the school. They expressed and exchanged Christmas joy through magnificent and colourful dances. Christmas cribs were prepared in all the Children's Villages and hostels.

Child Care:

Those children who had any difficulty in getting correct educational documents had 4 months of special school. 12 of our children were taken to the neighbouring government authorised school for this purpose to get their correct certificate.

Education:



3 teachers participated in a training on “Alternate approaches to education” in Kariapatti. There were two volunteers from Holland staying in NCV and they were very much involved with the Nirmala Primary School children. With their help ‘Art Fair Day’

was conducted in the school. The children brought out their talents in various forms of art.

Community Health:



As the importance is given human right issues “Human Rights Day” was celebrated in two blocks on 23rd and 30th of December. Around 500 participated in them. There was good presentation on human rights issues. An advocate was invited to clarify various doubts on this topic. There were also cultural items to reinforce these themes.

Number of families getting HIV/AIDS assistance is on the increase. The people who hid themselves fearing the stigma of the society are slowly coming out for treatment. Now 98 families get this assistance.

Community Development:



There are 92 SHGs in 28 villages with 1518 members. Besides their savings 62 members have taken loans for emergency purposes and 53 for income generating purposes. Apart from their regular monthly gathering, there is continuous review of old groups motivating them to be together and orientation training for the new SHGs.

Rural Housing:



Last month 13 houses have been constructed and 7 more houses are under construction. Following Pushparani Nagar a new project has been started at Nirmala Nagar, Sukkangalpatti for 62 houses. Works are on the progress. 6 bore wells have been drilled.

I sincerely thank you for all your support and cooperation to RTU.

Yours fraternally

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Director.