

# Reaching The Unreached

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## Happenings of June 2009

Dear Well-wishers,  
Greetings from RTU.

With June we begin a new academic year. The students are very enthusiastic about the new beginning in a new situation or class. This issue carries lot statistical information about the beneficiaries of each departments of RTU. I find it good once in a year to keep you informed of extend of our reaching out, even though it is very tiresome to go through all these numerical values. Please bear with me. All these figures are as on 30.06.2009.

### Child Care:



All together were 118 new admissions for our programme. 18 students have completed their professional studies (6 nurses, 3 medical assistants, 2 special education, 2 Dance & music, 5 technical studies). All our HIV+ children take *Siddha* medicine as supplementary food. If this works well we may stop the multivitamin tablets. A baby Sujitha was admitted in RTU as HIV+. Now after 3 years her blood check-up results show that she is HIV negative. We are very happy to know this. It had happened twice before in the same way. Thanks be to God.

Name of the Centre	Poor <sup>1</sup>		Semi orphan		Orphan		HIV Affected <sup>2</sup>		HIV+		Total			Families
	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	Total	
Anbu Illam	13	22	06	56	05	27	16	20	-	-	40	125	165	26
Sirumalar CV	-	03	-	06	-	04	13	55	24	48	37	116	153	19
Miriam CV	03	10	11	28	12	15	07	18	-	-	33	71	104	15
Nirmala CV	03	10	05	13	13	12	18	24	-	-	39	59	098	14
Miriam Hostel	-	02	-	12	-	11	-	17	-	-	-	42	042	-
Vellanganni Hostel	-	14	-	08	-	03	-	09	-	-	-	34	034	-
Josephine Hostel	-	08	-	17	-	05	-	09	-	-	-	39	039	-
Pushparani Hostel	-	06	-	13	-	04	-	13	-	05	-	41	041	-
Sirumalar Hostel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	22	-	022	-
Michael Hostel	06	-	19	-	04	-	08	-	01	-	38	-	038	-
Residential Schools	26	03	34	03	16	03	26	06	-	-	102	15	117	-
Professional Stu.	08	12	13	24	04	06	06	12	-	-	31	54	085	-
Jeevan Jothi Hospice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	02	02	02	02	004	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>74</b>
	<b>149</b>		<b>268</b>		<b>144</b>		<b>277</b>		<b>104</b>					

1. 'Poor' means that the children have both parents but they are unable to take care of the children for various reasons mostly due to blindness, chronic illness etc.

2. 'HIV affected' means that the parents are HIV+ (either living or dead) but the children are negative.

## Education:



On the first of June all schools were opened after long summer vacation. The children were very happy and enthusiastic that they are going to one class higher with full of hope of having new class teacher and new friends. School parliament (Balارشaba) elections were held in St. Peter's Primary School. The procedures of the state elections were followed in order to give a foretaste of real democratic election. The mobile science labs are again well equipped with all the necessary instruments. De La Salle Open School students have new uniforms.

Centres	Teaching Staff	RTU's Children			Day-scholars			Total		
		B	G	Total	B	G	Total	B	G	Total
Nirmala PS	08	39	54	93	39	30	69	78	84	162
Arulmalar PS	15	28	27	55	78	88	166	106	115	221
St. Peter's PS	16	49	99	148	77	67	144	126	166	292
St. Peter's HSS	27	77	311	388	114	113	227	191	424	615
De La Salle Open School	03	-	11	11	-	39	39	-	50	50
Pre-schools (3-5 Age)	10	25	21	46	107	103	210	132	124	256
Supplementary School (12)	18	-	-	-	257	271	528	257	271	528
Day Care Centres (4)		-	01	01	57	47	104	57	48	105
J.K. Scholarship	-	-	-	-	14	30	44	14	30	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>1531</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>1312</b>	<b>2273</b>

PS = Primary School; HSS = Higher Secondary School

Through Mobile science lab we reach out to 45 schools and around 5000 children are benefiting out of it. Our 3 tailoring units are teaching 83 girls.

## Community Health



Village health workers guide around 1000 patients every month. Regular HIV/AIDS awareness, Human rights trainings conducted for various groups.

Programme	Villages Covered	Families	Children		
			Boys	Girls	Total
Home Sponsorship	55	189	259	230	489
Assistance to People living with HIV/AIDS	37	81	93	50	143

From the above three tables we know that 3105 children (excluding mobile science lab's beneficiaries) are benefiting (Full care: 942; partial care: 2163) from RTU.

### **Community Development:**



The Community development and health departments participated in a training on Human Right. Mrs. Ramani, a Lawyer was sharing her valuable thoughts on this theme. All our supplementary schools are functioning well. People welcome this scheme well. These centres are furnished well and evening snacks are supplied for the children. The new Self-Help-Groups are well assisted and initial grant given to them in order to encourage their saving. At present there are 92 SHGs having 17 men and 1501 women as members.

### **Medical Department:**

Our medical team is handling average of 3500 patients every month. 318 old people (male: 118 and female 200) are given assistance for their livelihood and 26 other people (male 11 and female 15) like terminally ill and women who were having babies and not able to go for work are also helped by this department.

### **Rural Housing:**



In the last one year (July 2008 – June 2009) 100 houses were constructed for the poor people. 27 bore wells have been drilled.

Apart from the above direct regular beneficiaries there are so many indirect and one off. It is through your valuable support RTU extends its wings to care many more. All the beneficiaries are very much indebted to you all. We shall meet again next month. Till then I say “Good bye”.

Yours fraternally  
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Director.