

# Reaching The Unreached

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## Happenings of March 2009

Dear Well-wishers,  
Greetings from RTU.

Wish you all a very joyous Easter. The heat of the summer is already on the rise. The weather forecast is predicting very hot summer this year.



As it was mentioned the last month on 14 March the extraordinary general body meeting of RTU was very successful and there was good attendance in general. The draft of Memorandum of Understanding between RTU and Franciscan Capuchins was approved and the same was signed in the presence of all the general body members of society. Accordingly the Tamilnadu Franciscan Capuchins (to which I belong) will guarantee the continuance of running of RTU.



International Women's Day was celebrated on 10<sup>th</sup> March at Batlagundu. 1100 members from 79 Self Help Groups (SHG) attended. There were number of speeches motivating the participants. Besides this there were federation report, sports and cultural programme by the SHG members and the students from our study centres. Brother distributed the prizes for the winners of the sports and for best SHG, best accountant etc. The whole day turned out to be a festival. Our community development staff organised the whole function excellently well.

Mrs. Brigitte and Mr. Patrick, the founders of RTU - Belgium, visited us. Their visit was very short and they went around seeing all the programmes and meeting our children.



S. Perumal, 20 years old boy has finished his Diploma in Pharmaceutical (D. Pharm) in Thanthai Rover Institute, Perambalur and joined in a Pharmacy company in Chennai. He joined the RTU family at the age of 7. He lost his parents and the grandmother was unable to bring up him and his brother. She admitted them here in 1996. He is very clever boy since his childhood. After his course completion he came to RTU to express his gratitude and love to Brother and promised his support to RTU.

### **Children's Villages:**

Blessings of God was abundant last month by providing 5 new mothers to our CVs. All of them are undergoing training under senior mothers. Among them one is HIV+ mother. As she was found healthy to do this job we are confident that the atmosphere here at CV will give her long life and good health.

We were sorry to loose one of our boys infected by HIV named Nandhakumar. He was suffering from lungs and respiratory problems and efforts taken for the treatment went in vain. May God grant him eternal rest in peace!

International Women's Day was celebrated in Anbu Illam in a grand manner. There were number of competitions organised for them and for the children. On the final day the children adequately expressed their gratitude and love to their mothers by various cultural programmes.

A meeting of parents / relatives of 12<sup>th</sup> standard completing children was organised. The main thrust of this meeting was to know their ambitions. Many of them expressed their desire for paramedical courses, teacher's training and polytechnic courses. Basing on this our staff is geared up to find out apt courses and institutions.

### **Education Department:**

10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard students have completed their final exams. As we have already achieved 100% pass in the past years this year we have a new group i.e. 12<sup>th</sup>. Every one is looking at them with lot of hope.

The process of purchasing uniforms and stitching has been started. Next year at the request of open school students we are introducing uniform for them. It will be different from that of regular schools.



Fencing the new sports ground has been completed. It looks very beautiful and safe. Our next process will be to provide other facilities in the ground. There are now three handpumps.



Additional mobile tailoring training unit was launched on 18<sup>th</sup> and with 30 ladies at Alagarnayakkanpatti. There is lot of enthusiasm and effort on the part of the students and people of that village. We had a programme review of services of mobile science lab. All the head teachers of the benefiting schools and the district educational authorities participated in it. They were happy about our services and asked for more number of visits.

**Medical:**

Dental camp for the students has been conducted for the school children. Our medical team is taking extraordinary care of the children especially the HIV+ and the T.B. affected children are given at most importance and care.

**Community Health:**

Awareness on Human right and domestic violence was given to the 13 local administrative leaders of the villages and 17 youngsters.

**Community Development:**

Two days training programme was arranged for the study centre teachers. As they have only finished the general studies and not the educational training this programme was very useful for them. Our education department gave these teachers good orientation and taught them the method of teaching.

There was regular executive committee meeting of women federation on 20<sup>th</sup>. 11 members participated in it and discussed various things related to their federation.

**Rural Housing:**

9 houses have been completed at Endapuli and another 3 houses under construction. A borewell has been drilled.

I am extremely happy to contact you through this media. 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.