

Reaching The Unreached

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Happenings of March 2010

Dear Well-wishers,
Greetings from RTU.



World Women's Day was celebrated in RTU at various levels. As we have the empowerment of women and children as our vision it is more fitting to celebrate it and to become more aware of our

vision. The SHGs celebrated it in two blocks namely Batlagundu and Periakulam. In Batlagundu around 800 people took part and in Periakulam around 600. It started with a small procession. It was followed by a lecture of resource persons. They highlighted in their address the important roles and the rights of the women in the society. Various SHGs and the tuition centres presented good cultural show. In both places around 1400 took part in it and benefited.

Women's day was also celebrated in the CVs. On 8th all the mothers came together to celebrate it. The children celebrated it honouring their mothers. Since in the month of May most of them will be on holidays the children used this day to express their gratitude to their mothers. In Anbu Illam Sr. Jovita, the manager organised an exhibition on various themes. The mothers worked very hard to present the themes more attractively. Number of competitions were conducted for the mothers and prizes were given to them.



On 6th our board meeting was held. They went through our budget for the next year and approved the same.



On 20th new group houses in Pushparani Nagar was declared opened by our Brother. The 65 families were very grateful for having such a beautiful shelter. A small function was organised. After the function two small babies were brought before Brother to be named by him. He named one as Nagajothi and the other as Murugan. Many of our staff and the children took part in the function. Another village Nirmala Nagar with 66 houses is coming up very fast.

Child Care:



18 months back Dharshana came as a Christmas child. She came to us as tiny malnourished baby confirmed by the doctors as HIV infected. We took care of her well and later she was proved to be HIV negative. She is very healthy and became the centre of attraction to all in the village. Once again she was



sent back to the same institution from where she came and from there she may be given in adoption. RTU is proud of setting such a bright future for these children.

S. Nivetha, 12 years old orphan girl was admitted in RTU. She lost her mother when she was just 10 months old and brought up by her uncle and aunty. Unfortunately when her uncle died recently the problem of bringing her up started. By God's grace she was brought to us and now she is happy with us in the company of her new friends.

Education:





10th standard students appeared for their final exams. They are writing this very enthusiastically. They complete the exams on 7th April. Last month there was sports meet for all the RTU schools. The students took part very actively and won a lot of prizes. This year there were also prose, poetic and drawing competitions.



We received up-gradation order for our Nirmala Primary school into Middle school. Thus our children at NCV will have the facility to study in our school till 8th standard. Three of our senior staff worked as helpers (*Ayya*) have retired. Farewell function was held to thank their service for the children.



You know that there is lot of demand for our mobile science lab. Recently there was request from educational authorities to cover 20 more schools. Therefore we bought third mobile science vehicle and it is well equipped. From June onwards it will start functioning.

Medical:

Three of our staff attended short course on group counselling and found it extremely useful. Their constant care of HIV children is very appreciable. They are very regular in doing periodical CD4 test and ART treatment etc.

I sincerely appreciate all your support and concern for us. Expecting your continual cooperation,

Yours fraternally
Fr. J. Antony Paulsamy, OFM Cap.
Director.