

# Reaching The Unreached

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## Happenings of November 2009

Dear Well-wishers,  
Greetings from RTU.



Month of November was full of Children's Day celebrations. November 14<sup>th</sup> is the birthday of the first Indian Prime Minister Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru. Since he was a lover of children his wish to celebrate his birthday as Children's Day is followed even to this day. There were various levels of celebrations.

1. There were inter-RTU schools competitions. All the five RTU schools (3 Primary schools, one higher secondary and one open school) took part in them.
2. Various competitions were conducted for the surrounding schools. 21 primary schools, 16 middle schools and 6 high schools took part in it. The children and the teachers were enthusiastic in taking part in it and they expressed their joy and gratitude for giving such a chance.
3. Our school children were invited by the Lion's Club, Batlagundu for this celebration. Our children performed very well brought the winning shield.
4. Our children were invited by the Red Ribbon Club and Students' Charitable Society of Theni Government Medical College. It was a very excellent function organised for all the HIV infected children. Part of our children took part in it.
5. All the Children Villages celebrated the Children's Day function. The mothers entertained their children with various cultural programmes and sweets.
6. This celebration was also held at study centres. The children who have never been on the stage had chance of climbing on the stage with make-ups to show their hidden talents. Prizes were given to the participants of this programme.



Thus Children's Day celebrations really brought joy and jubilation among the children. Board of Governors meetings was held on 07.11.09. Various programmes and issues were discussed. We sincerely thank all the members for taking time and interest to come over here for the meeting.

### Child Care:



On November 2<sup>nd</sup> we remembered all the children who died in RTU. We gathered in the cemetery of Anbu Illam and paid homage to them, prayed for them and prayed to them. A boy Godwin who came to us as two months old confirmed of HIV+ is now 2 years old. He was once again by God's grace proved to be negative. Thanks be to God. SCV has a new Manager in the person of Ms. Kanniga. A seminar was organised for the mothers and for the hostellers. Mr. Eronimus an educationist was the resource person and shared his valuable experiences on supporting the children in studies, understanding the children's capacity etc. All the CV mothers went for a day of outing, they visited a waterfall and many temples on their way. They returned back to CV refreshed.

### Education:



As it was explained the whole team was busy with Children's Day celebrations. More attention is given to the health of the children. Government medical team was in the primary schools for vaccination for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> standard children. With the help of the Aravind Eye Hospital our medical team arranged for the eye check up. Some of the children were taken to the hospital for further follow up. From the St. Peter's higher secondary school they took part in the projects in the science. The project of our school on usage of the Plastics was selected for the participation in the state level.

### Community Health:



Cultural programmes play a vital role to take a message to the people. Last month three times such programmes were given in three different villages.

### Community Development:



Vidial's Federation executive committee meeting was held and 14 members attended. SHG's leaders meetings were conducted into three groups.

## Rural Housing:



In the last two months 6 houses have been constructed. At Pushparani Nagar for 65 houses work is going on very fast. It is about to finish.

This month there is going to be Christmas, following which there is going to be three days children's festival for the children who are under RTU's full care. Already the whole child care department is geared up towards this event. More on it will be next month. **I wish you all very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2010. May this new year bring you all God's choicest blessings and love.**

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