

Reaching The Unreached

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Happenings of October 2011

Dear Well-wishers,

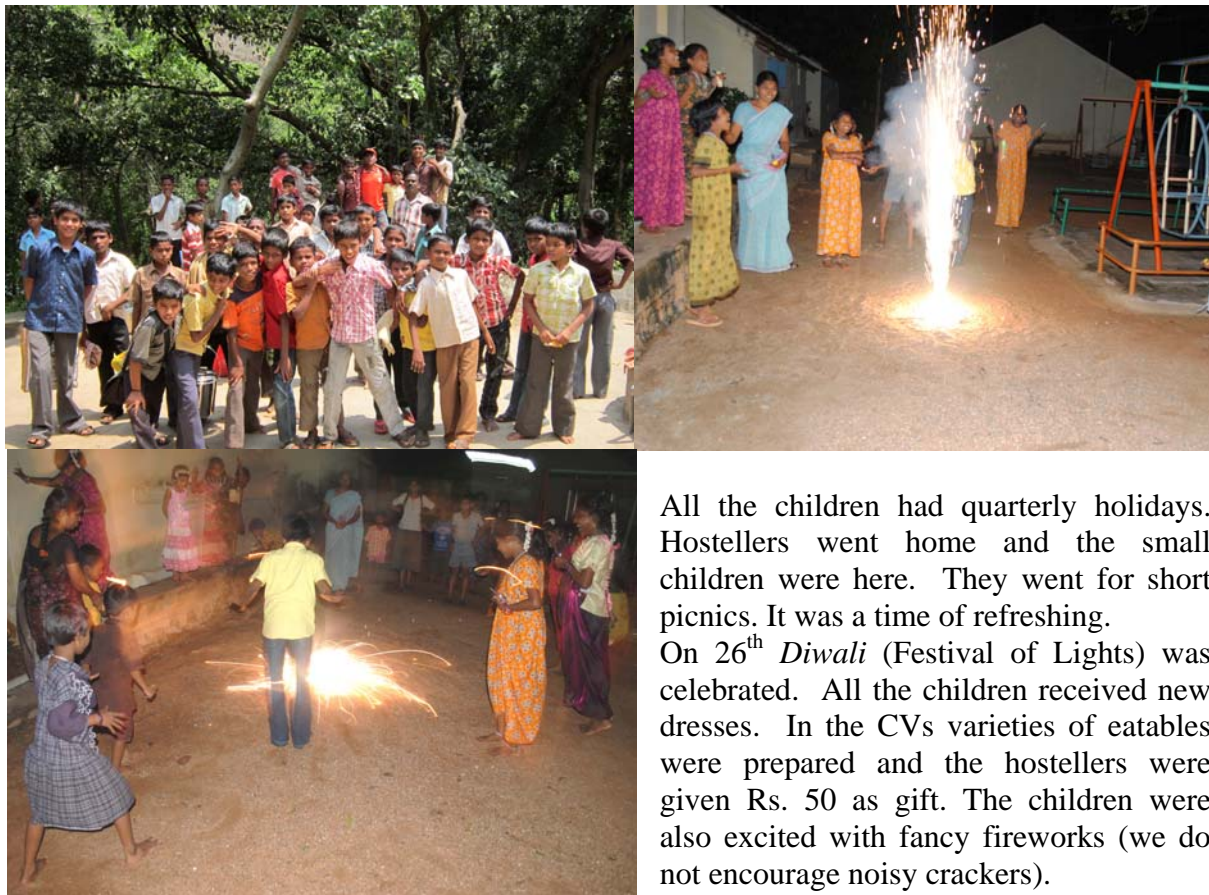
Greetings from RTU.



October 4th was the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of Ecology and Nature. He is also the founder of my Order (Franciscans). Joining with all the children we celebrated this feast with a beautiful cultural show representing all the children's villages and hostels. On the same day we also combined 7th annual day celebrations of Sirumalar Children's Village. Fr. Newton prepared a small skit on St. Francis with the students of David's Hostel.

Ayutha Pooja (Dedication of Instruments) was celebrated at all areas namely office, schools, CVs and Hostels. It is a day to offer prayers for the good and safe use of the instruments and for acquiring knowledge and wealth.

Child Care:



All the children had quarterly holidays. Hostellers went home and the small children were here. They went for short picnics. It was a time of refreshing.

On 26th *Diwali* (Festival of Lights) was celebrated. All the children received new dresses. In the CVs varieties of eatables were prepared and the hostellers were given Rs. 50 as gift. The children were also excited with fancy fireworks (we do not encourage noisy crackers).



Three of our girls have successfully completed General Nursing and a graduation function was held. In the same function four of our girls had initiation (lamp lighting) ceremony. Dr. Kalyani, a research scholar has consented to come to our CVs periodically to meet the mothers and the children to educate them in general health and to clarify any of their doubts in upbringing of the children.

Education:



12th standard students went to Kodaikanal and visited the Solar Observatory, rare botanical plants etc. It was more of an educational trip. Br. Arockiadoss took extraordinary steps to make every minute of this trip very useful and enjoyable.

On 2nd November our senior Kabbady team of St. Peter's Higher Secondary School had divisional match and won. Now they are selected to participate in the state level match. This is the first time our school goes up to this level. Special appreciation goes to Mr. Sarathy, our physical education teacher who put in his heart and soul to train the students.

Community Development:

Local Body elections were held in our state. 18 Self-Help Group members contested for various levels in different local bodies and 8 of them won. This sort of empowerment would really bring notable changes in the living standard of the people.

We are very confident of your support both moral and material. Your support and the great smiles on the faces of the children and improved living conditions of our beneficiaries motivate us to go ahead in the service of the poor. May God bless you all!

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