

## Reaching The Unreached

G. Kallupatti, Near Batlagundu, Theni Dt. 625203

### Happenings of September 2011

Dear Well-wishers,

Greetings from RTU.



The Birthday of Mother Mary was celebrated in a grand manner. In St. Peter's Primary School it was celebrated with *pongal* (sweet rice). In the evening there was a procession carrying the statue of our Lady from our clinic to SCV campus. All the children and the staff took active part in it.



RTU day was celebrated on 15.09.11. The staff took very active part in the celebration. There were number of competitions for the staff, a common lunch, a short staff procession and cultural programme. Six of our staff namely Mrs. Packiam, Mrs. Balasundari, Mr. K. Ramakrishnan, Mr. Nagarajan, Mr. Pitchaimani and Mrs. R. Fatima Mary were honoured for their 15 years of service in RTU. Unfortunately the cultural programmes were interrupted by rain. It was a great disappointment for the children who were ready with full makeup.

**Child Care:**



C. Prabhu came to RTU in the year 1996 at the age of 6 with his 4 year old sister. He did his 5 years pharmacy course and now he has joined in a pharmaceutical company as pharmacist. It is a great joy for us when our children come saying that they have completed and well placed in a job. Dr. Angayarkanni who is head of the ART department in Theni Medical College has agreed to visit Sirumalar Children’s Village regularly as it was done by Dr. Kumar.



**Education:**



In India the birthday (5<sup>th</sup> September) of Mr. Radhakrishnan, one of the earlier Presidents of India is celebrated as Teachers Day. This year our teachers divided into 4 groups went to the Children’s Villages where our children did singing and dancing to congratulate and to thank them. It was a lovely evening for the teachers.

A motivation session for the senior students was held. It was animated by a group of doctors under banner “Thisaigal”. Our children found it very useful and informative. Regular visits of government educational authorities were held for our schools. They appreciated our school activities.

**Medical Department:**

Two of the staff attended training sessions. They take our HIV infected children regularly to ART centre. We have very good relationship with Government ART Centre. It is very easy to get good care for our children.

**Home Sponsorship Department:**

We started regular home and school visits of our beneficiaries. Totally 537 children from 271 families are benefiting out of this programme. Regular awareness sessions on HIV/AIDS were given to 3 SHG groups.

**Housing and Water:**



The construction works in Melechokanathapuram is going on well. Also a Balwadi (Preschool) is nearing its completion. An open community hall is being built for the common purposes of the village and the children can also use it during the evening as a tuition centre.

It is your support both moral and material that gives us strength to go ahead in the service of the poor. May God bless you all!

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