

# Reaching The Unreached

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**Happenings of Sep.-Oct. 2009**

Dear Well-wishers,  
Greetings from RTU.



After two months of break I am happy to meet you all again. I was invited by RTU-UK to visit them especially to meet the supporters to thank them and to give first hand information of what is happening here. All the expenses were borne by RTU-UK. I made use of this chance to visit Germany and meet few more supporters. From 26.09.09 to 04.10.09 I was in Germany and from 04.10.09 to 14.10.09 in UK. I consider it as a privilege to meet all our supporters. I marvelled at their sacrifices and support for us. Each community has a different way of raising money to fund our projects. I was very much impressed and edified by the enthusiasm with which they work for RTU.

I had an opportunity to attend a trustees meeting of RTU-UK in London. The trustees take extraordinary interest to support us and to keep the administrative costs very low by their sacrifices so that every pound that given for the poor reaches us.



Even though there may be few who share from their surplus but many share from what is necessary for their livelihood. It is a new learning for me. I sincerely thank my Provincial, Fr. Charles, Br. James Kimpton for allowing me to take up this trip. I am grateful to RTU-UK for placing greater confidence and to invite me to UK. A special gratitude goes

to Mr. Martin and Mr. Max for arranging everything so well.

**Autha Pooja**, a feast to thank God for all the various instruments that are given by him to work was celebrated in the campus and in all the CVs. On this day representation of all the instruments beginning from books, computers, vehicles, hard-wares, etc. were brought to a place and prayers were offered to God to thank him and to pray that these instruments may be used for the wellbeing of the human society.



**The Birthday of Mother Mary**, the queen of RTU was celebrated with all the staff, SCV and Anbu Illam children together.

There was candle procession from our clinic to SCV singing and praying. Everyone took part in it with gratitude for her protecting and guiding presence in RTU.



On September 18<sup>th</sup> we wanted to celebrate **RTU Day**. As the march past of the staff was hardly over it started to rain heavily. It was first rain after a long gap therefore with full of joy of having a good rain we postponed it to October 06<sup>th</sup>. On this day together with various cultural programmes, honouring the staff who completed 15 years was the mark of the day. Three staff were honoured. Prizes were given to all the winners in the competitions.

### Child Care:



**Diwali (light) festival** was celebrated in all the children villages and hostels with delicious food, special edibles, fire crackers etc. Brother gave *Diwali* gift to each family Rs. 400, hostellers Rs. 50 and to professionals Rs. 300-400. The hostellers were invited to CV families to celebrate Diwali with the younger ones. The staff were given *ex*

*gratia* on the occasion of this feast. Brother celebrated Diwali at Pushparani Nagar and he gave out these 96 children sweet packets that were prepared by the NCV mothers.

Palpandi (4 yrs) and Jeyapandi (3 yrs) recently admitted from a nearby village whose mother died in an accident. The poor father not able to cope up with these boys as he should go for daily coolly work brought to us. They are with us now and settled well.

Miss Rathinam, brought up by us from the age of 2, has finished her Diploma in Special Education for mentally challenged and working now as special educator in an NGO. Mr. Ranjith Kumar who was with us from his childhood, has completed his five year course of Bachelor of Pharmacy degree. His mother was working with as a foster mother for 15 years.

Mrs. Thangapandi who was manager of SCV has resigned due to her health reasons. Now we are looking for a manager.

### Education:



As usual Ramadan was celebrated on 15.09.09 with the local Muslim brethren. There were Muslim elders who shared their Ramadan reflections and our children sang Muslim songs beautifully. *Saraswathi* and

*Ayutha poojas* were celebrated in the schools. Since *Saraswathi* is the Goddess of wisdom this feast had a special significance in the schools.

The teachers visited the houses of their students to ensure a conducive atmosphere at home for learning. Sometimes they come with some suggestions where we help the family by way of housing or breakfast for the student etc. An overall evaluation was conducted to know the ability of students for reading, writing and understanding. Slow learners were identified and special attention is given to them. The parents of 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard students were invited to the school. The teachers of these students discussed with the parents about the performance of the students.

### **Community Health:**

Two days of basic health training was given to the Village Health Animators. Various health issues were addressed and they were made aware of them. 31 members attended the training.

### **Community Development:**

Periodically SHGs are evaluated by the government for various government schemes. Now 8 of our SHGs were graded and all of them topped the list by scoring more than 82 out of 90. Regular trainings were organised for the SHGs' accountants and study centre teachers.

### **Medical Department:**

Number of people including our own children were affected with viral flu due to the rain and change of climate. Our medical team was always ready round the clock to give them treatment.

### **Rural Housing:**



You must have read an interim report on opening of the Kakanji Nagar and about Pushparani Nagar at Vellaiammalpuram. We are constructing in the same area some sundry houses. In the last two months 9 houses have been constructed. At Pushparani Nagar work is going on very fast.

Last two months are full celebrations of various feasts. May God bless you!

Yours fraternally

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