

Reaching The Unreached

G. Kallupatti, Near Batlagundu, Theni Dt. 625203

Happenings of July 2015

Dear Well-wishers,

Greetings from RTU.



RTU's General Body Meeting and Board Meeting were held on 11.09.15. All the members participated in the meeting except very few who could not. Mr. Ian Brady, Chairman of RTU-UK participated in the meeting.



We had usual IDC (Inter-Departmental Committee) meetings this month. It was a good chance to evaluate our quality of service and also good to hear from the beneficiaries about the service they receive. There was a good and active sharing of the staff and the beneficiaries. We had it for 5 afternoons.

Child Care:



Two of our students joined in Bachelor of Engineering in Anna University, Ariyalur. Arockia Vishnu Priya and Dinesh selected Electronic and Communication Engineering (ECE) and Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) respectively. Only those who score above 1000 out of 1200 in the Govt Final Exams are allowed to take up Engineering.

Three of our mothers attended a weeklong course on "Healing the Inner Child" at Anugraha, Dindigul.

Pushparani Girls Hostel celebrated their hostel day with variety entertainments. Other hostels and Sirumalar Children's Village also partook in the function.



Education:



Ramadan festival was celebrated on 15th. Islam elders were invited from Genguvarpatti and Kallupatti to share the importance of the festival and to highlight the importance of schooling. Our children sang beautifully few Islamic hymns to add flavour to the celebration. 6th and 7th standard students had a Bridge Course for Tamil and English. It helped the weaker students to raise their level of learning. This is the first time we are having and it brought good results. Our own XI standard students were the trained student-teachers. The teachers from our school visited the families of their class children to have better understanding of them and to discuss with the parents about the performance of their children.





Natia Mela (Dance Festival) was held on 31st. There were 11 colourful and variety dances given by St. Peter's Higher Secondary School students. This 90 minute programme made everyone glued to one's seat and was meticulous. Many children took part. Special thanks and appreciation to our dance teacher Mrs. Sritha and Mr. Muthukumaran, Tamil teacher for their painstaking efforts.

Home Sponsorship Programme (HSP)



111 children from 57 families were newly identified for this programme last month. I visited all the families to know their living conditions. Mr. Ian Brady was with us on the first day. They were extremely grateful to RTU for this substantial support for the education of their children.



Community Development:

9 part time organisers attended a training on "Community Based Organisation (CBO) management and sustainability" in KKID, Coimbatore. They found it very useful for their work with the SHGs especially as we are on the way to making them self-supportive.

Housing and Water:





10 houses have been built in Kallupatti and Genguvarpatti. 12 volunteers from Lasallian Developing World Projects, UK, were here to build these houses. They were able to cope with the scorching Sun and labour-intensive work such as digging and lifting heavy materials. They were very energetic and enthusiastic at the work-site

and mingled with people easily. In the evening they were playing with our children.

Almost all our children who completed schooling during last academic year are settled well in various Professional training institutions. Thousands are being supported in a little way or fully. Your contributions and support are great encouragement for us to continue this noble responsibility.

May God bless you all!

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