

St John's Campus, Neerpair

News Letter - March 2014

1. St John's Home

An Orientation Programme:



An orientation programme or training was given for all the boarding children by Rev. Fr. Suresh on "the focus of the formation in our home". The training was on 2nd Feb. Fr. Suresh trained the children about how should be a hostel? He insisted on various points especially on following the time table regularly and maintaining discipline where ever it is necessary will alone give a good atmosphere for the hostel. At the end of training new leaders for each class and for each house were selected for this term. After the selection the new leaders were explained about their responsibilities to lead the other students. As it is the custom in our hostel on every second Sunday the parents make a visit to

the hostel to see their children. Likewise the parents also visited their children. After meeting with them, the parents met the wardens and Nandhini sister and enquired about their children's life and their performance in their studies.

2. A New Shed:



As we informed you earlier about the undergoing construction of a new shed in front of the hostel has been over by 15th Feb. This helps our children to make use of the stage for various purposes especially for study even during day time. Before, they cannot make use of this stage mostly during day time because of hot weather.

3. Dr R Arulappa Hr Sec School: Farewell:



As the academic year is coming to an end, it is the right time to bid farewell to some of our students who are completing their school studies and eagerly waiting to step into colleges within three months of time. So in order to say good bye to them, we had farewell day on 26th of Feb. on that day our 11th standard students bid farewell to our 12th standard students. We had few cultural programmes and some of our teachers felicitated them to have good future.

4. Public Examination:



The most awaited public exam for 12th standard students started from 5th March. They are writing the exams now. We wished them on behalf of you all to come out with flying colours in their exams.

5. Foreign Friends Visit:



February 20th was an important day for all of us as our lovable brother as well as a good friend of us Mr. Dr. Hannes Datta visited us with wonderful news of completing Ph. D successfully. A few members of WE, cultural team and the hostel children shared our happiness with Hannes for his wonderful achievement. We altogether gave a short programme in which he shared that one of the main causes for the success in reach studies was the life and the experiences from India, especially from Neerpair. We were really astonished and Hannes is a great inspiration for our students who are aspiring to excel in their studies. Also we had Mr. David along with 21 students visited our hostel and pour village.

Fund Raising for old Age Home:



Fr. Jayaseelan the Parish priest and correspondent of our school is celebrating his 25 years of priesthood this year. We wished to celebrate this joyful occasion in a grand manner but Fr. Jayaseelan refused to have the celebration rather he expressed his ardent desire to construct an old age home for the poor parents who are abandoned by their children. So he requested to look for some ways to raise funds for the construction of old age home. So our Fr. Suresh took a lot of efforts along with Fr Thomas, WE group and cultural team to raise funds for this purpose through organising a music orchestra. Mr. Bala a great lyric writer and a play singer in Tamil cinema industry accepted Fr. Suresh's request and gave three hours of music programme. It was really a great success and some of our friends Hannes and internship students from Belgium also enjoyed the programme. Through this programme we could collect some fund to initiate the construction of old age home which is the dream of our Fr. Jayaseelan.

SUCCESS STORY:

(From this issue onwards we would like to give you a small write up on the success stories from our existing project, and from the efforts of Fr John Suresh and Akka Nandhini Krishnan - Editorial team)



Dear friends I am Ambrose hailing from the village namely **Thatchoor** (The village which was under slavery for nearly two hundred years because of caste system) and a member of WE group, happy to share my success story with you. In our village the **Dalit (socially untouchables)** children cannot hope for higher studies. Even if we wish to study, the high caste people will not allow us or they will threaten our parents not to send for higher studies. The reason for that is the higher caste people cannot bear if the Dalit children are becoming educated. They always want to keep us as their slaves. That is why most of our elders would not have stepped into even schools. This situation was until Fr. Suresh's arrival to our village. After his coming as priest in charge of Thatchoor Parish everything got changing especially free from slavery. All the children started to complete their schools and doing higher studies in the colleges. I am one among those students who was sent to higher studies by Fr. Suresh in our village. He helped me to study B.Ed (Bachelor of Education) after my under graduation in English literature. I completed my course successfully but the newly formed government passed a law one year ago that those who have completed teachers study should pass TET exam also (Teachers Eligibility Test) conducted by the government to get government jobs in government schools with Government Salary. Otherwise we are not eligible to get job even if we have the qualification. Fr. Suresh and Nandhini Akka encouraged and helped me a lot to get pass in the qualification exam. By following their guide lines I appeared for the exam passed the examination successfully. More than six lakhs teachers wrote the exam and only a few hundred teachers only passed the exam and I am one among those few passed. In our village teachers from the high caste also wrote the exam but they could not pass but I could do it with the help of Fr. Suresh and Nandhini Akka. From now onwards after six months I will be appointed in the government job in a government school with in our district. Now I sincerely thank and dedicate my success to all the donors and especially to Rev. Fr. Suresh and Nandhini akka who are driving force for my success.