MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Christmas is a big feast. December 25th is the birthday of Jesus Christ. God became human so that human beings might share God’s life. Jesus was born in Bethlehem. He was born in poverty and suffered the cold winter. But, his birth was announced to the shepherds, who came to see the wonder of the saviour. The birth was revealed also to wise men, who saw a special star in the sky. They followed it, which lead them to the stable of Bethlehem. The light of star seemed to stream into the little hut, where Christ was present.

“May the spirit of Christmas, Lord God, fill our innermost being with love and compassion for all”

Christmas is a mystery of joy and love. People exchange gifts and wish each other a happy Christmas. Children look forward to Christmas. Further Christmas invariably brings them toys they long to have. People send beautiful cards wishing one another. It is the spirit of Christmas that prevails around the Christmas tree, the Christmas star and the Christmas crib with the infant Jesus.

May his peace, love and serenity descend upon you and remain with you forever and ever. The family of Navajeevan, Vijayawada wishes you a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014

SPECIAL EVENTS OF OCT, NOV AND DEC 2013

Rev. Fr. CLEMENS VISIT:
Rev. Fr. Clemens Schlierman, the Mission Procure, Bonn, Germany along with Fr. M.C. George, the Mission Procure, India and Fr. Thomas Santiago, the director, BSK visited Shelter, Yuva Bhavan and Chiguru on 29th November. 2013. They were very much impressed to see the active and talented children and the activities of Navajeevan.

Sanitary Napkin Unit: It was inaugurated at Chiguru by Fr. Clemens Schlierman, the Mission Procure, and Bonn, Germany on 29th November 2013. This unit is installed as part of self-sustainability and to manufacture sanitary napkins. In view of this, four day training on the manufacturing was given by Gulzar Agencies, Eluru.
**CHILDREN’S DAY AND CHILD RIGHTS WEEK CELEBRATIONS:**

Children’s day was celebrated on 14th November 2013 at Shelter, Vijayawada. Vasan Eye Care, Vijayawada sponsored these celebrations. About ninety children were given valuable gifts. This programme was attended by an eminent freedom fighter Padmasri Thurlapati Kutumba Rao, M. R Govindan, DGM-Vasan Eye Care and Fr. Bala showry, Executive Director, NJBB, Fr. Pradeep, Director-NJBB, the Staff of NJBB and Children. Fr. Pradeep visited the BC and SC hostels of Gunadala and celebrated Children’s Day with the Children.

Children’s Day was also observed splendidly at Chiguru. The chief guest of the programme was Mrs. Vishala, wife of Mantena Satyanarayana. She distributed roses to the children, which are symbol of love and concern as Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru showed towards children. Games were conducted and the prizes were distributed to the best ones. The children enjoyed themselves during the programme. Children’s Day Celebrations were also held at RCM Church compound, Pezzonipet and varieties of cultural programmes kept the spirit of the children alive and active.

**SPECIAL VISIT:**

Ms. Cornelia Pernsteiner and Mr. Johannes Ruppacher from Voluntariat Bewegt, Austria paid visit for four days to the project from 1st to 4th December 2013.

**GET–TOGETHER:**

Ms. Lena Joeppen, Mr. Johannes Buchner, Mr. Lukas Harrer, Ms. Isabel Philippi, Ms. Lena Mueller, Ms. Lea Kratzer and Ms. Viola Elisabeth attended volunteers meeting at Don Bosco Provincial House, Hyderabad. They had the opportunity to meet volunteers from different Don Bosco centres of Andhra Pradesh.

**PARENTS’ DAY :** Parents Day of school and college going students of Navajeevan, Vijayawada was held at Yuva Bhavan on 17th and 24th November 2013 respectively. A total number of 164 parents attended the meeting and made it a great success. During this programme, the parents shared their experiences with Navajeevan spontaneously. Fr. Bala Showry, the Executive Director advised the parents to create good atmosphere in the families to bring up children in faith, love and confidence. Speaking on this occasion, Fr. Pradeep, the Education Director requested the parents to motivate and support the students in their studies.
SKN EVALUATORY VISIT: Two delegates namely Mr. Joseph and Ms. Keerthi from SKN-Donor Agency visited CSN and BVK projects of Navajeevan for three days from 13\textsuperscript{th} to 15\textsuperscript{th} November 2013. They interacted with the staff, stakeholders, youth parliament members, village activists, children parliament members, the students of vocational training students and open 10\textsuperscript{th} class.

EXPOSURE VISIT:
As part of exposure, a team of twelve staff from CHILD SAFETY NET (CSN) Navajeevan Bala Bhavan visited Vizag, Borra Caves and Araku areas from 14\textsuperscript{th} to 18\textsuperscript{th} December 2013. They met Mr. Ravi, the founder of SAMATHA, an NGO working for the welfare of tribal communities and BALAMITHRA working for the education of Tribal children. The team interacted with the staff of SAMATHA and BALAMITHRA and learned about their activities for the welfare of tribals. The team also interacted with the tribals of Devullapalli Village and came to know the methods of cultivation of vegetables without using fertilizers and maintenance of water-sheds for the cultivation of fields without wastage of rain water.

SEMI CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: Navajeevan Family of Vijayawada celebrated and shared the spirit of joy and love through Semi-Christmas celebrations with its children in different centers. All of its children were given a pair of dress as Christmas gift. Celebrations with cake, cultural programmes, varieties of fun and laughter added color to the celebrations at Hanuman Junction, Veerapaneni Gudem, Yuva Bhavan, Shelter and Chiguru on different days from 20\textsuperscript{th} to 23\textsuperscript{rd} December 2013.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: Navajeevan Family of Vijayawada celebrated birthdays of Fr. Pradeep and Fr. Bala Showry on 10\textsuperscript{th} and 11\textsuperscript{th} December 2013 respectively in its centres with pomp. It was a great moment to come together and thank these fathers for the service they render for the cause of the children in need. Cultural programmes with dances captured the hearts of children and the staff on this occasion.
On the occasion of a special visit of for Rev. Fr. Clemens Schlierman, the Mission Procure, Bonn, Germany to Navajeevan Bala Bhavan Vijayawada on 29th November 2013, as part of celebrations Rev. Fr. Thomas Koshy, the founder and the Director, and two of the pioneer staff members Mr. Joseph Donald and Mr. J Prasad were honoured and felicitated for their long-lasting services right from the beginning of Navajeevan Bala Bhavan Society, Vijayawada.

LIFE CHANGING STORIES

Arava Vinod Kumar, a twenty two year old youngster can’t remember when or how he landed on streets. He worked as domestic helper when he was 4 years old. “I was just four and found myself working as a domestic helper in some area of Tirupati. Too much of work and lack of food made my life miserable. I did menial works at many places before landing at Chennai railway station, where I was picked by Don Bosco volunteers,” he recalls. The boy could speak only in Telugu and so he was referred to Navajeevan Bala Bhavan in Vijayawada. But, he did not like the strict regimen at Bala Bhavan and ran away many times and was brought back every time by volunteers. He joined the school in 7th standard, and he emerged as topper. That is when he realized that better things are possible in life. After a three-year diploma in polytechnic, he appeared for ECET and directly joined the second year engineering course in a local college...

At present Vinod Kumar is working as a Loco-Pilot in South Central Railway, Vijayawada Division with a salary of Rs.18, 000/- per month. He promised that he will adopt a school going child and sponsor for his education later.
02.10.2013:
Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated at Chiguru on 2nd October 2013. Mrs. Vishala from Manthena Satyanrayana Ashram, Venkatapalem distributed snacks for the children and instilled in children the respect towards Mahatma Gandhiji, the Father of India through her talk.

10.10.2013:
In view of “World Vision Day”, a team of doctors from Shankara Eye Hospital, Vijayawada visited Navajeevan Shelter and conducted Eye Camp for our children. About a hundred children participated in the Eye Camp. Doctors conducted medical tests to the children and free medicines were distributed to the needy children.

14.10.2013:
Dussehra Festival was celebrated in Shelter, Moggas and Chiguru. Children actively participated in the celebrations and special meals were arranged to the children on this occasion.

16.10.2013:
A group of doctors from L.V.Prasad Eye Hospital, Vijayawada visited Moggas at Pezzonipet, Vijayawada, conducted Eye Tests and distributed Spectacles at free of cost to four children affected by headache and vision problem.

18.10.2013:
Pressure Group Meeting for the adult activists & apartment owners was conducted and discussed on the eradication of child domestic labour in apartments and mansions. Twenty activists and apartments owners participated in the meeting.

26.10.2013 & 27.10.2013:
Fr. Balashowry and our staff Mr. Jonnalagadda Prasad and Mrs. Swarna Gowri attended the workshop on CHILD MISS (Management Information Systems and Services Meeting) at DB Ramanthapur, Hyderabad.

29.10.2013:
Youth Club Meeting was organized for 25 working youth above 14 years at Bala Vikasa Kendram (BVK), Auto Nagar. Our BVK team interacted with the youth and discussed about child related issues and their problems at workspots.

01.11.2013:
Mrs. Nageswari, the Principal and the Staff of Blooming Dale International School, Benz Circle, Vijayawada paid a visit to Chiguru and distributed snacks, toys and clothes to the children.

03.11.2013:
Deepavali, a festival of lights and crackers, was celebrated with zeal and soul at Shelter, Chiguru and Moggas. A very special and delicious food was served to the children. Children illumined the campus with fire crackers.
05.11.2013 & 06.11.2013:
Five representatives of Navajeevan Vijayawada - Mr. Ch. Raj Kumar, Mr. G. Chinnappa, Mr. Mastan, Mr. Sujay and Mr. Muneer attended the training programme “On the Road to Sustainability – Introducing local resource mobilization with a focus on working with businesses” held at Don Bosco Provincial House, Hyderabad.

06.11.2013:
Mr M. Jayachand, agricultural expert and trainer gave training on Mushroom Unit to Mrs. Rajini Priya, Mrs. Anjali, Mrs. Jhansi and Mr. Benjamin and on the same day they started the Mushoom unit at Vimukthi, Nuzivid.

09.11.2013:
Birthday celebration of Mr. Lukas Harrer, a volunteer from Austria was held during the staff review meeting in Yuva Bhavan.

09.11.2013 & 10.11.2013:
Fr. Pradeep (Director) and Mr Venkat (Programme Manager) attended a two-day “Workshop on Alternative Care” in Bangalore.

12.11.2013:
Forum for Child Rights conducted a Press Meet and Poster Release on Child Right Week at a programme held in Childline.

13.11.2013:
Convergence meeting on Juvenile Justice Act (JJ Act) was conducted by Child Safety Net-DRT for the volunteers, activists and teachers of Mandavalli, Kaikaluru, and Mudinepalli. Village Presidents, NGOs and Government officials participated in the meeting.

15.11.2013:
Two delegates from Bosco Seva Kendra team, New Delhi along with Fr. Santiago visited the Evening Tuition Centres (ETCs) and Children Parliaments (CPs) in the slum areas of CSN-Urban, Vijayawada. They appreciated the work of ETCs and CPs. The team donated Rs.1,000/- towards the development of ETCs and CPs.

20.11.2013:
As part of Child Rights Week, the Forum for Child Rights conducted “Balala Racha Banda” at Childline. Ten children from Navajeevan took part in the programme and shared their problems related to life experiences.

29.11.2013:
Navajeevan supports the affected/infected persons with HIV/AIDS. Rev. Fr. Clemens Schlierman, the Mission Procure, Bonn, Germany distributed the nutritional provisions to Eighty of these people on 29th November 2013 during a programme held at Yuva Bhavan. The nutritional groceries are of 11 items, which is worth of Rs.1,050/- comprised of fine rice-10 kgs, wheat flour-1kg, ragi flour-1kg, groundnut-1kg, sunflower oil-1kg, redgram-1/2 Kg, blackgram-1kg, jaggery-1/2kg, greengram-1/2kg; yellowgram-1/2 kg and protinex powder-1/4kg.
VOLUNTEERS’ DESK IN NAVAJEEVAN

Volunteers who would like to render their services in the social work, especially to work for the betterment of children do visit our Navajeevan family as part of their exposure program required for the academic curriculum from different countries at regular intervals. Their valuable services are very much appreciated. Navajeevan family sincerely thanks them for their continual support and generosity for our children. We pray that God may bless them for all that they do.

Volunteers who worked with us at different centres of Navajeevan and back at home

- Germany: Ms. Lena Jopepen.
- Austria: Ms. Marion Reichstaler, Ms. Jasmin Eicher and her 2 year son Jonathan, Ms. Manuela Wuette.

Visitors

- Germany: Mr. Friedo Hehmann, Ms. Anne Sprenger, Mr. Florian Wendt, Ms. Julia Forcheheim, Ms. Christin Strehl a group of 5 from dufur alle e.v, Berlino, Germany paid one day visit to the project.
- Mrs. G.Jyothi, representative from British Sponsors of Navajeevan Bala Bhavan, UK paid one day visit to the project.
- Mr. Massimiliano, former volunteer from Austria paid one week visit to the project. He gave sessions on Yoga for the children at different centres of Navajeevan.

Volunteers at work

- Germany: Ms. Lena Maria Mueller, Ms. Lea Kratzer, Ms. Carlotta Stramagila, Ms Katharina Hoelzen
- Austria: Mr. Johannes Bucher, Mr. Lukas Harrer, Ms. Isabel Philippi and Viola Elisabeth.

NAVAJEEVAN AT A GLANCE AS ON 01.12.2013

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Dear Friends of Children,

Navajeevan family of Vijayawada would like to thank all the generous donors and benefactors who willingly helped our worthy poor and abandoned children. We highly appreciate their generosity, which is expressed in kind and in cash. We gratefully remember and earnestly pray for them:

**Sponsors for Oct, Nov & Dec 2013**

Mr. P. Johnstan, Mr. Adusumilli Bipin Chandra Paul, Mrs. B. Ashwini, Mr. M. Nagendra, Mr. K. Anil Kumar, Mr. Eswara Rao, Mr. T. Manoj Kumar, M/s Vasan Eye Care and M/s Big Bazaar, Vijayawada. M/s Blooming Dale School, M/s Balaji Sweets, Mr. Dilip Jain, Mr. Sambi Reddy, M/s. Mohan Medicals, M/s. Mukesh Steels, Mr. Ch. Kiran Kumar, M/s Leela Electricals, Mr. Madhusudhan Rao, Mr. Sk Baji, Mrs. Subhadra Devi, M/s Raju Sweets, Mr. K. Venkateswara Rao, Mr. Sree Ramula Srinivasa Rao, Mr. Nagarjuna, Mr. Bujji, Mr. Chalapathi Rao, Mr. Gopala Rao, Mr. N. Nikhil, Mr. Srinivasa Rao (Lucky Father), Mrs. D. Karunasri, Mrs. B. Sumithra, Mr. Ashok, Mr. Hema Chandra, Mr. Kumar, Mr. Subhani, Mr. Sastry, Mrs. Sarala, Mr. Prabhu, Mr. S. Subba Rao, Mr. S. Koteswara Rao, Mr. Peter and Mrs. Margaret.

You may help us either in cash or in kind. You are welcome to sponsor for the children in need. The possibility for *sponsorship/donation is given below for your reference.*

**Kind:** Cooked food, Rice, Dal, Cooking Oil, sweets, Soaps (bathing and washing), tooth paste/tooth powder, tooth brushes, coconut oil, pens, pencils, note books, school bags, compass boxes, blankets, bed sheets, clothes and medicines.

**Cash:** Sponsor a child’s education Rs 10,000 per year for 10th Class and below (it includes food, clothing, education, medical care etc).

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Fr. Thomas Koshy receiving the National Award in 1996 from the Former President of India in recognition for Child Welfare

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