

Editorial Note...

Seeking the Divine!

“Leave this chanting and singing and telling of beads! Whom dost thou worship in this lonely dark corner of a temple with doors all shut? Open thine eyes and see thy God is not before thee! He is with them in Sun and in sower, and his garment is covered with dust. Put off thy holy mantle and even like Him come down on the dusty soil”, says Rabindranath Tagore in the celebrated work, Gitanjali. The innumerable instances of turbulences, riots, loss of life and property, ‘all in the name of God’ and

religion apparently continues unabated.

Pope Francis says, “If there are poor people where we live, who seek protection and assistance, let us draw close to them. It will be a favorable moment to encounter the God we seek.” The day of the poor was celebrated at BOSCO Nilaya.

Dream India Network (DIN) in collaboration with several leading NGOs including BOSCO conducted a survey to identify the urban homeless. Taking cognizance of

the survey, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has decided to scale up the number of shelter homes for the urban homeless. As we reach out to the less privileged children and youth in difficult situations, may recognize the divine element in every human being we encounter.



Fr. Prasad SDB

Half Yearly Evaluation at BOSCO, Bengaluru



The Half Yearly Evaluation of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru on December 15, 2018. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bangalore, thanked and appreciated the staff for

their commitment and dedication. He said that BOSCO needs to invent and reinvent itself with more meaningful activities like after-care programs, etc. for the young in difficult situations.

The activities of twenty-six departments were evaluated on the basis of the reports presented. Some of the major events and programmes organized during the past six months were evaluated. Major events and activities to be organized during the year were planned. The birthdays of staff and the introduction and welcoming of new staff were held. All the managing directors of BOSCO and staff were present for the programme.

Day of the Poor Organized

BOSCO Nilaya, Bengaluru, organized 'Day of the Poor' to bring joy to the hearts of the poor and give a chance for them to celebrate Christmas on December 17, 2018. After bringing the street dwellers to Nilaya, they were given opportunity to cut their hair and shave their beards. They took bath and were given two pairs of dresses each. First aid and Medicines were given to people who had wounds and infections. They were allowed to watch T.V and were given refreshments. In the keynote address, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya spoke about the birth of Jesus and said, "Today is the birthday of

Pope. Though we believe in different religions, we are all children of one God." Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli and BOSCO CHILDLINE, spoke on the occasion. Motivational videos were screened. Carol singing was done by Staff. BOSCO Mane and BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan children performed dances. Cake cutting was done. Gifts were distributed. Lunch was provided to all.

Street dwellers felt very happy and energized and thanked BOSCO Nilaya. They also said that they will help BOSCO Nilaya in rescuing,



rehabilitating and referring children. Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra and Mr. Veeresh KM, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra were also present on the occasion. Fifty-five street dwellers were benefited from the programme.

Open House at Sunkenahalli



CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized open house programme at Govt. Higher Primary School and High School Sunkenahalli, Bengaluru in collaboration with CREAM project on December 14, 2018. Fr. Regi Director, BOSCO Nilaya, in the key note address spoke about Child Rights and responsibility of children.

Fr. Prasad, CHILDLINE, BOSCO, Bengaluru addressed the gathering and briefed about the objectives and purpose of the open house programme. Mr. Kambayya, Police Sub Inspector, Hanumanthnagar exhorted the children to stay away from evil elements in the society. Children shared about the various issues and the authorities present suggested possible solutions to them. Ms. Annapoorna, ASI, Hanumanthnagar police station, Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM Bengaluru, Ms. Usha Nayak Coordinator, CHILDLINE Bengaluru, BOSCO Collab were present for the programme.

Mothers' Meeting organized



Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), BOSCO Bengaluru organized Mothers' Meeting at Hale Guddadahalli AWC, Bengaluru on December 27, 2018. The mothers were given awareness on 'Measures to be taken during pregnancy for the healthy growth of the baby'. Ravikumari, Cluster Coordinator, ECCE Project, enlightened the mothers on the roles and responsibilities of Bala Vikas Samithi.

Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, ECCE Project, spoke about ICDS and its activities, the governing system of Anganwadi and roles of the participants as mothers of Anganwadi children. Vaccinations during pregnancy and their importance were briefed. List of nutritious food, facilities for pregnant mothers at Anganwadi centers were explained. Fifteen mothers, Ms. Sushma, AWC Teacher and AWC Helper participated in the meeting.

International Human Rights Day

On the occasion of the International Human Rights Day, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized various activities in its centres. Human rights awareness programme was organized at Shri Vidyaniketan English medium school, Jaraganahalli, Bengaluru on December 10, 2018. In the keynote address Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO, Bengaluru described about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), and said that everyone should join hands to prevent violation of human rights. Everyone should take steps to uphold and promote the rights of all human beings. He explained about the services of CHILDLINE 1098 and how CHILDLINE team would reach out to any child in need of care and protection.

Mr. Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO Bengaluru, addressed the gathering and explained about Juvenile Justice Act and POCSO Act. Mr. Somaraju, ASI, Puttenahalli police station, explained about Drug addiction and the ill-effects of consuming alcohol and drugs. Children should avoid the use of drugs and alcohol, he said. Over hundred seventy-nine children



and fifteen teachers participated in this programme.

CREAM Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized Human Rights Day celebration at GKMPs, Kadapaswamy Matt, GHPS, Bapujinagar on December 10, 2018. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, Ms. Prathibha, and Ms. Vinnarasi, Social Activists, CREAM, BOSCO, Bengaluru, spoke about UNO, empowered children about Human Rights and acts. A few incidents of Human Rights Violations were shared and discussed. Children were motivated to restore Human rights and help others in difficult situations as much as possible. Seventy-nine children and two teachers participated.

BOSCO Yuvakendra celebrated the International Human Rights Day with the youth residing at the centre. Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra briefed about the importance of the day and explained about the human rights and the importance of protecting and promoting human rights. Twenty-three youth participated in the celebration.

Exposure Visit to Cake Exhibition



BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru organized exposure visit to the 'Cake Exhibition' at St. Joseph Indian School near Kantheerava Stadium, Bengaluru for the youth undergoing training in baking, on December 27, 2018. The youth had an opportunity to see varieties of cakes in different forms exhibited at the show. Five youth visited the cake show. Mr. Anthony, Instructor, Life Skill Training Centre, accompanied the youth.

Outing to Don Bosco Ajjanahalli

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru organized outing to Don Bosco Ajjanahalli for the inmates of the centre on December 26, 2018. Youth interacted with the inmates of Don Bosco Ajjanahalli. They enjoyed playing games in the park and trekking in the nearby hillock. The youth expressed that being close to the nature was healing experience of sorts. Twenty-five youth and four staff visited the place.

Caring Community Group Meeting Organized



BOSCO team working in the Bus Stand Area, Bengaluru organized 'Caring Community Group (CCG) Meeting' for the members of Sadhana Mahila Sangha at BOSCO

about the current issues such as child and human trafficking, labour, child marriages, affecting children, child rights and protection mechanisms. He spoke

Yuvodaya on about the role of BOSCO in dealing with these issues and ensuring a safe environment for the children in difficult situations. He also Fr. Rubin shared about BOSCO Assistance Centre set up in KSRTC and Yuvodaya, BMTC and its services, CHILD-BOSCO Bengaluru, explained members to support BOSCO in its noble cause. CCG members assured of their support in referring needy children to BOSCO Rescue Booth. Forty-nine members attended the meeting.

Christmas Celebrations at BOSCO



BOSCO Bengaluru celebrated Christmas with staff and volunteers, at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, on December 20, 2018. John Joshua, Coordinator, HLK, BOSCO Bengaluru briefed about the importance of Christmas. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and Fr. Binny K, Director, BOSCO Mane, inaugurated the crib. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Mathew Thomas exhorted everyone to care for the children in need of care and protection with tenderness and love. He opined that the staff of BOSCO should have the attitude of giving up everything for the welfare of children because BOSCO's priority is rescuing and rehabilitating children in difficult situations. The programme included carols, dances, sharing gifts and exchanging season's greetings with each other. All the staff, volunteers and management participated in the Christmas celebrations.

SDMC Meeting Organized



Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Project, BOSCO, Bengaluru, organized School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC) meeting at GKHPs, Ancephalya, Bengaluru, on December 8, 2018.

Ms. Ravikumari, Cluster Coordinator, ECCE, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke about the responsibilities of parents, importance of nutritious food and periodic monitoring of children. Parents were asked to avail the facilities of the government schemes for children at the government offices. The importance of regularity and punctuality of children to the schools and Anganwadis was briefed. List of child protection mechanisms were enumerated. Twenty SDMC members participated in the meeting.

Foster Care Training Programmes



Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru organized trainings for Asha Workers at Parvatipura, Anganwadi Teachers at Jolly Moholla, Sampanginagar and JJR Nagar, Bengaluru and Anganwadi Mothers at Vinayaka Layout, Nayandalli, Bengaluru during the month of December 2018.

Facilitators explained about BOSCO, its centres & services, child rights, CHILDLINE



Every child deserves a family

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Foster Care, the legal procedures in Foster Care, difference between foster care and adoption, eligibility of foster parents, different type of placements like Individual Foster Care, Group foster care, Kinship care, short term and long term Foster Care, age group of children, time frame for placements and the roles and responsibilities of CWC.

Sixteen Asha Workers, ninety-three Anganwadi Teachers and twenty-two Anganwadi Mothers participated in the training programmes conducted during the month.

Open House Programme at Pantharapalaya

CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO organized open house programme in collaboration with Foster Care and SJPU, BOSCO at Govt. Higher Primary School, Pantharapalaya, Bengaluru, on December 19, 2018. In the keynote address, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru said, "The Government has instituted various statutory bodies and mechanisms to ensure the care and protection of children." Puttaswamy, Byadranapur Police Station, Bengaluru, said that children should keep away from anti-social elements and drug-peddlers on the prowl. Mr. Basavaraj, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO Bengaluru spoke about Juvenile Justice Act 2015 and POCSO Act, 2012. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Project, BOSCO Bengaluru explained about Foster Care Project and the roles and responsibilities



of children in child rights Vinushree compered the programme and Ms. Usha Nayak, Coordinator, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru proposed vote of thanks. Over hundred and thirty children participated in the programme.



Happiness Unbounded!

Deepak Kumar, 10-year-old boy, had come with his parents to Bengaluru. He hails from Chandipur Village, Nawada District, Bihar. In the month of September his parents had apparently sent him to Bihar along with another person from his village. At the Railway Station platform, he lost track of the person who accompanied him as there was a huge crowd. Although he had a contact number, the number was wrong. On November 27, 2018, he was referred to BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, from CWC, for temporary shelter.

On December 07, 2018, CHILDLINE counselled the boy. Deepak Kumar said that he would like to return to his native place, Chandipur. He dropped out of school from 4th standard and came with his parents to Bengaluru. His father's name is Suresh Raj Bansi and mother, Sunmantidevi. He has a younger brother and a younger sister. He recalled that two years ago they had reached Bengaluru.

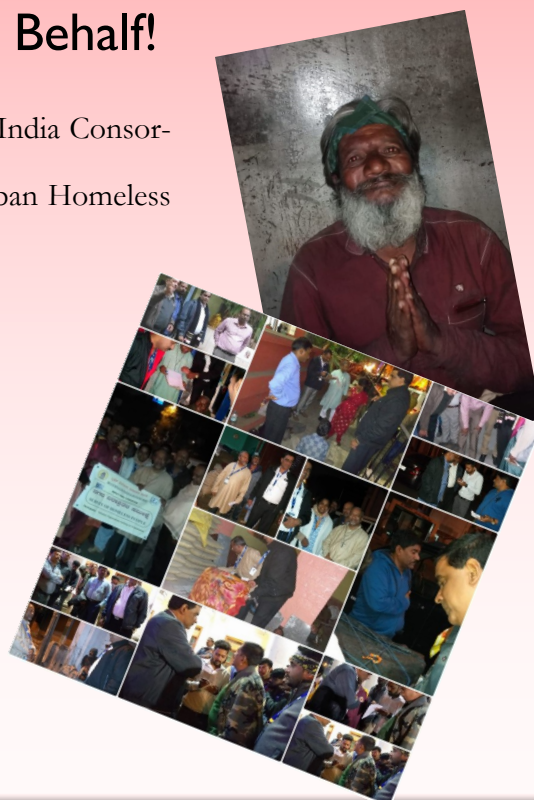


CHILDLINE BOSCO, Bengaluru, through Regional Research Centre contacted CHILDLINE Gaya and traced the address and family of Deepak Kumar in Bihar. As the contact number of the parents of Deepak Kumar was provided, the team contacted them and informed about the child. The father of the child came to CHILDLINE office on December 29, 2018 with the original documents and proved his identity. CHILDLINE team accompanied the child and his father to the Child Welfare Committee. The CWC passed an order to send the child along with his father. The father of the child thanked CHILDLINE and said that he would re-enrol the child to mainstream school in his village.



Dreaming on their Behalf!

Dream India Network and Impact India Consortium jointly initiated a Survey of Urban Homeless people in Bengaluru. Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) assigned the responsibility of conducting the survey in West and South Zones of Bengaluru. The survey was initiated in association with 50 voluntary organizations under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Edward Thomas sdb, the Project Holder of Urban Homeless Survey and Rtn. Uday Kumar S.B., Convener-Impact India, Mr. Sampath and other leaders. Staff from BOSCO Nilaya and Bus Stand area. Participated in the survey.



BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



December- 2018



--	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	220	24	244
Service provided	117	38	155
Grand Total	337	62	399

Service Provided

Center/Area	Male	Female	Total
Bangalore Railway Station	06	00	06
Bangalore Bus stand	22	00	22
BOSCO Yuvodaya	00	00	00
BOSCO Vatslyabhavan	00	06	06
CSN	20	11	31
BOSCO Nivas	01	02	03
BOSCO Nilaya	04	04	08
BOSCO Child line	17	04	21
ARSP	47	11	58
TOTAL	117	38	155

Final Action taken

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	03	10	13
Home Placement	51	05	56
Produced before CWC	151	07	158
Shishumandir	00	00	00
Referred to OH	10	00	10
Referred back to Hostels	01	00	01
Referred back to school	02	02	04
Recommended to Gurukula	00	00	00
Referred back to police	02	00	02
Counselled and Sent/ Went off	00	00	00
Data is not available	00	00	00
TOTAL	220	24	244

Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	20	05	25
Unaccompanied	200	19	219
TOTAL	220	24	244