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Editorial Note...

All that Glitters...

“Of all the misconceptions about love, the most powerful and pervasive is the belief that ‘falling in love’ is love or at least one of the manifestations of love. Real love is a permanently self-enlarging experience. Falling in love is not”, says Morgan Scott Peck in his much-celebrated book, ‘The Road less Travelled’.

The Karnataka Associated Management of Primary and Secondary Schools (KAMS) issued a report prior to Valentine's day, exhorting parents and guardians to watch their children and see if they do any

unwanted activities like sharing gifts or cutting the classes, go to movies and malls, parks etc.

One of the common refrains of minors who were rescued while eloping with another minor or an older adult was, ‘if you don’t allow us to live together, we will end our lives’. Recently a police official, while discussing about elopement cases and increasing number of divorce cases said, “the paradox is that the very people who are ready to die for each other make frantic efforts to get rid of each other due to domestic violence or other rela-

tionship issues in a couple of months or years”.

A demystification of the disposable, materialistic, only-in-fantasy models of love epitomized by movies and media is the need of the hour. Let us as we reach out to the young in need of care and protection, strive to become examples of true love that transcends appearances and stands the test of time!



Fr. Prasad SDB

Extraordinary Canonical Visit



Rev. Fr. Guillermo Basanes SDB, General Councilor for Missions, Rome, held extraordinary canonical visit at BOSCO, Bengaluru from February 19 to 21, 2019. He met

the staff and management personnel of BOSCO on February 21, 2019 at BOSCO Yuvodaya. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru introduced Fr. Guillermo Basanes to the group and gave a brief description about the purpose of the visit.

Addressing the gathering, Fr. Basanes, said that BOSCO staff should not only look into the lives of the young that they have trans-

formed or are transforming but also should have an insight into their own lives being transformed by BOSCO. He opined that the rescued are becoming rescuers and the healed are becoming the healers. Togetherness is fundamental to the success of BOSCO. He urged all the staff to have zero tolerance towards punishment and be merciful and patient in everyday life. All the staff and management were present during the visitation.

BOSCO Receives Certificate of Appreciation

Zilla Panchayat, Bangalore Urban and Department of Public Instruction, Government of Karnataka together organized 'Shaalegaagi Naavu Neevu' event on February 20, 2019 at Basappa Auditorium, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Palace Road, Bengaluru. Block Education Officers (BEOs) and Block Resource Coordinators (BRCs) presented the services rendered by the NGOs and CSRs in the school development. During the event, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, CREAM, BOSCO Bengaluru, was felicitated with a Certificate of Appreciation, for the services BOSCO has rendered for the betterment of schools in South-2, Bengaluru.

Ms. MS Archana, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Bangalore Urban District, Mr. TG Nara-



simha Murthy, President, Standing Committee for Education and Health, Zilla Panchayat, Bangalore Urban District and Mr. C Muniraju, President Zilla Panchayat, Bangalore Urban District were the chief guests. Officials from the Education Department, Zilla Panchayat Representatives, CSR Heads and NGO Representatives were present for the programme.

Resource Organization Meeting



CHILDLINE Bengaluru organized resource organization meeting at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Gandhinagar, on February 22, 2019. Ms. Nagamani, Nodal Coordinator, welcomed the gathering. The participants, representatives from various NGOs, introduced themselves. Fr. Rubin, Director, Railway CHILDLINE Bengaluru, addressed the gathering and explained about the purpose of the resource organization meeting.

After the presentation, Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, Ms. Usha Nayak and Johnson facilitated the session. The NGO's assured that they would support CHILDLINE. Ms. Nagamani, Nodal Coordinator, CHILDLINE Bengaluru proposed vote of thanks. Total twenty three Representatives from twelve NGOs were present at the resource organization meeting.

Staff Sports Day at BOSCO



The Sports Day for BOSCO staff was conducted at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bengaluru on February 6, 2019. Addressing the group, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, exhorted everyone to keep smiling and be fit and healthy through sports.

The morning session included party games such as balloon breaking, musical chair, filling the water, bomb in the city and plucking the tail. In the afternoon teams games like volley ball, throw ball, cricket and tug of war were organized. The day concluded with the distribution of prizes. The directors and over hundred staff of BOSCO participated in the event. Shafi, Assistant Programme Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru, welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks.

Anniversary Celebration at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Bengaluru celebrated 5th anniversary of its inception on February 27, 2019. Ms. Geethalakshmi, PSI, Jayanagar Police Station, Bengaluru, expressed her gratitude to BOSCO for helping children on the streets and children in difficult situations. She ensured the support of the police department to BOSCO towards fulfilling its mission of serving the young at risk. Fr. PS George, Economer, Don

Bosco Provincial House, Bengaluru, congratulated the team of Vatsalya Bhavan for rehabilitating and restoring large number of children back to their families and to main stream society.

A video recap of the achievements and successes of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan since its inception in 2014 to 2019 was screened. Children performed skits and dances on the life of Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani human rights activist and Kittur Rani Chennamma, female freedom fighter of India.

Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Mane, Fr. John MA, Administrator, Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, Fr. C.V. George, Director, BOSCO SJPU and ARSP Programmes, Fr. Edward, Director, MCB Programme and Sr. Silvy, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra were present during the celebration. Around hundred and fifty children, five religious volunteers and Vatsalya Bhavan staff were present in the programme.

Child Rights Club Formed



CREAM, BOSCO, Bengaluru formed a Child Rights Club (CRC) at BBMP GHPS, Gandhinagar, on February 7, 2019. The programme began with welcome speech by Mr. Ganesh, Teacher In-charge of the Club. Information about child rights, child protection mechanisms and children in difficult situations were imparted. Need for the formation of CRCs, roles and responsibilities of club members and leaders were briefed.

Ms. Divya was elected as the president along with Ms. Sardhya as the vice president. The CRC members were motivated to identify children in vulnerable situations. Six boys and eight girls were elected by the children as club members. Ms. Prathibha, CRC Coordinator, HDFC Project facilitated the training.

Medical Camp Organized



A Special Outreach Health camp was conducted under the auspices of St. Martha's Hospital at Ambedkar Huts, Ward-78, Bengaluru, on February 9, 2019. Dr Abraham along with his team conducted the camp. The Health Camp offered services like blood pressure testing, blood sugar check-up, suspected Tuberculosis and ICTC, and vision testing.

Health issues of children like tonsils, cough, congestion and other related problems were also attended to by the doctor. Treatment and medicine were given for the ailments identified. **Ninety** residents of the area and the neighbourhood and twenty-seven children availed of the services of the camp.

Open House Programme Organized

CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru organized open house programme at Government Higher Primary School Abbigere, Bengaluru, on February 05, 2019. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru spoke about the role, aims, goals and objectives of CHILDLINE 1098. He said whenever children need care and protection, they could rely on CHILDLINE.

Mr. Nagabhushan, Member, BBMP Shettihalli Ward, Bengaluru appreciated the work of CHILDLINE. He advised children to not misuse the 1098 helpline. Ms. Nagamani, Nodal Coordinator, CHILDLINE Bengaluru, facilitated the open discussion with children.

As children raised the issue of lack of drinking water

and toilet facilities, Mr. Nagabhushan made arrangements with the water authority to make drinking water available on an emergency basis.

He promised to build more rest rooms in the school premises soon. Mr. Lakshmayya Police Sub Inspector, Gangammanagudi Police Station, Mr. Nagaraju PM, Head Master, Government Higher Primary School Abbigere, and over 263 students and seven teachers were present for the programme.



School Awareness Programme



Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) team, BOSCO, Bengaluru organized a school awareness programme at Solomon Higher Primary School, Bengaluru on February 8, 2019. Mr. Basavaraju, PN, Coordinator, BOSCO SJPU Project gave awareness about the SJPU programme, JJ Act and child protection mechanisms. He explained about child rights, CHILD LINE and 1098.

After the programme a few children came forward and shared the problems they were facing near the school premises. Their problems were taken into account and shared with the Police Officials. Ms. Kavitha, Social worker, SJPU Project proposed vote of thanks. Two Hundred and forty five children participated in the programme.

Parents Meeting Organized



BOSCO Foster Care Programme organized Parents' meeting at BOSCO Mane on February 23, 2019. Mr. Anil, Social Mobilizer, welcomed the Foster Parents, Children. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Programme, spoke about the purpose of parents meeting. He explained about the importance of alternate forms of family care for the children without functional families.

He exhorted the parents to allot more time for their children. Group activities were conducted for the children on how to improve listening and communication skills. Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Mane, spoke on the occasion. Twenty-seven parents gathered for the meeting along with children and Foster Care Team.

Induction Training for Staff



Induction training programme for the new staff of BOSCO was conducted at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru, on February 28, 2019. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru, welcomed the new staff and briefed about the History, Vision and Mission of BOSCO. Fr. John MA, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru explained about the programs and the services of BOSCO. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme and Mr. Ramaswa-

my, Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM and ECCE Programmes, spoke on child rights and laws and said that right-based approach should be the paradigm to be adhered to in working with the poor and marginalized children.

Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, speaking about the Preventive System of Don Bosco said, "BOSCO has been able to reach out to thousands of children and young people in difficult situations through the dedication and commitment of the staff of the organization. Today, the onus is on you to let the legacy live on." Fr. Rubin, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, explained in detail about the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) procedures to be followed during the child rescue process. Mr. Vivek Dev, HR Manager, BOSCO, Bengaluru introduced the HR policies of BOSCO to the group. Thirty-one new staff was present for the induction programme.

Parents' Meeting at Jolly Mohalla



BOSCO Nilaya organized parents' meeting at Jolly Mohalla on February 12, 2019. Ms. Pushpa, Area Coordinator, CRY enlightened the parents about the importance of education. Parents' role and responsibilities were briefed. Tips to manage study habits during exams were explained. Information about BOSCO Nilaya and the activities of the centre were explained.

Parents requested to guide children on importance of education as they were mostly concentrating on games and mobile phones at home. Children were individually counseled and were told about the importance of education and goal setting. Twenty-one tuition center children's parents attended the meeting.

Parents Meeting



Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO, Bengaluru organized a consultation with parents of children in conflict with law of the West Division at BOSCO Mane, Bangalore on February 24, 2019. Basavaraju P N, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO, Bengaluru explained in detail about child protection, child rights, POSCO Act, child marriage and child trafficking, citing various examples and by screening documentaries.

Three children were continuing with their education while the other youth were job-placed. He exhorted the children to tread the path of righteousness, goodness and asked them to make use of the services of BOSCO for counseling and vocational training. Ten parents and six children participated in the discussion. Kavitha, Social Worker, SJPU Project, welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks.

SDMC Meeting Organized

CREAM and ECCE programmes of BOSCO, Bengaluru organized SDMC Meeting for Padarayanapura Cluster Members at GUHPS, Goripalya, Bengaluru, on February 11, 2019. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, CREAM and ECCE Programmes, briefed about BOSCO, CREAM, ECCE and their activities. Information about online safety, importance of education, fear of examinations and values that children should imbibe were given. Mantra and Teach for India Volunteers presented about objectives of SDMC, roles and responsibilities.

The success of CREAM project during 2018 was explained by Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM and ECCE. Mr. Yusuf Aslam Khan, President, State Urdu SDMC, requested for the translation of SDMC related book into Urdu language. SDMC members

requested conducting such cluster level meetings once a month involving all SDMC members.



Ms. Vinnarasi, Cluster Coordinator, ECCE, Ms. Priya, Reporter, ECCE and Ms. Prathibha, CRC Coordinator, HDFC Project, were also present in the meeting. One Cluster Resource Person (CRP), forty SDMC members from eight schools, ten CRC members and four Mantra and Teach for India Volunteers participated. Ms. Jabeen Taj, CRP, welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks.

Parents' Meeting Organized



Parents' meeting was held at BOSCO Rainbow Home on February 24, 2019. Ms. Mamatha Hallima Nagaraj, Life Skill Trainer, conducted a session on child rearing and upbringing by screening a motivational video. She said that the children imitate parents to a large extent. So parents have to ensure that they become role models to their children.

Sr. Leena, Coordinator, BOSCO Rainbow Home, asked the parents to make Adhaar cards, Caste and Income certificates of their children. She informed that all the girls staying in the centre would be produced before Child Welfare Committee as per the Government order. She requested the parents to open/re-activate banks accounts of their children. Fr. John M.A, Director, BOSCO Rainbow Home spoke on the occasion. Twenty-five parents were present for the meeting.

Awareness At Railway Station



BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE conducted stakeholders awareness programme for the Railway house-keeping Staff and Taxi Drivers at Platform No.1 and Pre-paid Taxi Stand, Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, Bengaluru on February 11 and 20 2019. Information about BOSCO and the services rendered, information about runaway and missing children, CHILDLINE, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Missing Children Bureau, CWC, Child Helpline 1098, child rights and role of stakeholders in rescuing children were given. Twenty-three housekeeping staff and sixteen taxi drivers were reached out to through the awareness programme.

Karate Belt Grading Exam Organized



BOSCO Nilaya under the auspices of HDFC, Bengaluru, organized Karate Belt Grading Exam at BOSCO Life Skill Training Center, Sumanahalli on February 17, 2019. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, in the keynote address said, “Work is Worship. Hard work always pays. Karate is mainly to empower girls to fight for their rights.” Fr. Prasad SDB, Director,

BOSCO Sumanahalli and CHILDLINE recalled the words of Usain Bolt and motivated children to work hard and become successful. Among the students supported by BOSCO Nilaya, one child was given the grade of Blue Belt, twenty-three children Orange Belt and fourteen children Yellow belt respectively.

Six Karate Instructors conducted the exam. Mr. Marilinga and Mr. Lingappa, Karate Instructors were felicitated during the programme. Belts, Certificates and Prizes were distributed to all the participants. Thirty-eight children from Vinobhanagar, Gurappa Garden, Vyayam Shale, Cement Huts, Ramanna Garden and Jolly Mohalla participated. Seventy-nine children from various parts of Bangalore also participated in the Belt Grading Exam. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and Mr. Amal, Project Manager, HDFC Project, were present at the event.

Foster Care Awareness Programmes



BOSCO Foster Care Programme, organized awareness programmes for B Tech. students, REVA University, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet on February 1, 2019 and Anganwadi Mothers and Self Help Group (SHG), Members at Kantheerava Nagar and Gramina Coota, Thimmayya Park, Bengaluru on February 2 and 4, 2019. Anil, Akshita and Gayathri, Social Mobilizers, and Nandini, Assistant Coordinator, Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke about BOSCO and its services. Twenty-four students, eleven Anganwadi Mothers and thirty-three SHG Members attended the awareness programmes.

Ward Advocacy Meeting

BOSCO Nilaya organized a Ward Advocacy Meeting in the presence of Ms. Nazeema Ayub Khan, Corporator, K.R. Market, Ward -139 on February 2, 2019 at Jolly Mohalla Ward Office. A request letter regarding the water problem at BOSCO Nilaya center was produced to AEE, BWSSB, Tulasi Thota by the Children’s Collective members.

Staff submitted a request letter to the Corporator to resolve the problem of lack of drinking water at BOSCO Nilaya center, the need to place a name board with directions to BOSCO Nilaya center near Cottonpet Main Road and about organizing a Children’s Ward Sabha. Mr. Ayub Khan was in all praise for BOSCO and felicitated the Nilaya team for its service towards the poor and children.

The next day the drinking water issue was solved. Name board is placed at the Cottonpet Main Road. The concerned officials are in the process of providing new connection for drinking water to the Center. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nilaya staff attended the meeting. Community members and leaders were also present.

Congratulations!



You are the Best!

Sridevi (19 years), was rescued by BOSCO CHILDLINE and referred to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan.

In Vatsalya Bhavan she completed her tailoring course and joined college in 2017. Now she is doing her II PUC at St. Theresa's PU College, Bengaluru. During the current academic year, she was awarded as the "Best Student of the Year".



Kudos Champion!



Abhirami Radhakrishna (19 years), the daughter of Radhakrishna and Aleauma, from Bengaluru, Karnataka was given admission in BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan in October, 2017. She is currently doing her Ist PUC. She is a bright student and has won a lot of medals for her achievements not only in academics but also in sports. She was awarded "Over All CHAMPIONSHIP" for sports for the year 2018-2019 in SLN College of Arts and Commerce, Bengaluru.

Kicking High!



Vijay S, thirteen years of age, an inmate of BOSCO Vikas, currently studying in 8th standard at St. Joseph High School, Bengaluru hails from Tamil Nadu. He is the last child of his parents. He lost his parents in the early years of his life. In the year 2014, he was brought by his elder brother to BOSCO.



Along with his studies, Vijay exhibits exceptional aptitudes in sports and regularly engages in athletics, hockey and Taekwondo-one of the forms of martial arts. He participated in drawing competition in Bal Bhavan. He played Hockey for HAL and got selected for the Division Level. He excels in Taekwondo. He has participated at the junior level in Dharwad and Madikeri and won silver medals. In 2018, he participated in the Taekwondo state level match under 32 kg weight category and won gold medal. He recently represented Karnataka at the National Level Tournament held at Vishakhapatnam on February 22 and 23, 2019 and went up to the third round before losing to Jharkhand.

BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



February- 2019



	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	191	37	228
Service provided	118	46	164
Grand Total	309	83	392

Service Provided

Center/Area	Male	Female	Total
Bangalore Railway Station	18	00	18
Bangalore Bus stand	14	03	17
BOSCO Yuvodaya	00	00	00
BOSCO Vatslyabhavan	01	05	06
CSN	26	08	34
BOSCO Nivas	09	04	13
BOSCO Nilaya	08	04	12
BOSCO Child line	21	18	39
ARSP	21	04	25
TOTAL	118	46	164

Final Action Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	16	03	19
Home Placement	82	09	91
Produced before CWC	81	23	104
Shishumandir	00	00	00
Referred to OH	08	00	08
Referred back to Hostels	00	00	00
Referred back to school	00	02	02
Recommended to Gurukula	00	00	00
Recommended to Hostel	02	00	02
Referred back to police	02	00	02
Counselled and Sent/ Went off	00	00	00
Data is not available	00	00	00
TOTAL	191	37	228

Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	19	09	28
Unaccompanied	172	28	200
TOTAL	191	37	228