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Editorial Note...

Love: That Confusing Word!

February is a month where in one often gets to see an aggressive highlighting of the concept of love, thanks to the innovative promotional tactics of the market forces. Consumers are encouraged to give gifts ranging from flats to smartphones to diamond jewelry, to their so called 'loved ones'!

Can providing of expensive gifts alone be projected as the ultimate parameter of love? The commodification of women and want of emphasis on altruistic and more sub-

lime expressions of love over the media apparently tends to implant twisted and warped notions of love.

The proliferation of media, especially the new media, comprising of mobile phones and internet are increasingly playing villainous role in negatively influencing the minds of vulnerable young people. Instances of eloping and blackmailing being reported from schools and colleges are to be considered as warning bells loud and clear.

The challenge of the educator in these confusing times, is to lead the young with an exemplary life. May those who engage in working for the young especially the marginalized, strive to be examples of selfless, sacrificing love that would enlighten and edify the young!



Fr. Prasad SDB

Training Programme on JJ Act to RPF



Railway CHILDLINE, BOSCO, Bangalore, conducted training programme on Juvenile Justice Act (JJ Act 2015) for RPF Police officials and staff members at Anugraha,

Railway quarters, Bangalore on February 27 2018. Chengappa, Inspector, introduced the railway team to the participants and welcomed the gathering.

Fr. Rubin Mathew, Director, Rail-

way CHILDLINE BOSCO briefed about BOSCO and the work carried out in the Railway station. He also expressed his gratitude to the officials for supporting the team.

Ramaswamy, Coordinator Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM), facilitated the sessions on Juvenile Justice Act 2015 and Railway SOP. He explained about the highlights of JJ Act.

Jenifar Y, Coordinator, Railway CHILDLINE explained the steps carried out by BOSCO and insisted upon the need for a higher level meeting and decisions to be taken during the process of child rescue. One hundred and eighteen RPF officials from Bangalore Division participated in the training.

Health Camp Organized at Rajgopal Garden



Community Hall, Rajgopal Garden, Bangalore on February 12, 2018. Blood Pressure, Sugar, general health check-up, eye check-up and sputum tests were taken up and medicines were given for common ailments like cold, cough, body pain, etc. As many as fifty cases were referred to Minto Hospital, Dasappa Hospital, Siddaiah Referral Hospital and Lions Club for further treatment and check-up for ailments related to blood sugar, BP, TB, vision, skin, epilepsy and substance addiction.

Dr. Selvashekar Abraham, MD, Uma Rai, Social Worker and five

“The health camp was a boon for poor people like me as we are often unable to go to any hospital for routine medical check-ups”.

A Beneficiary

BOSCO Nilaya organized a Health Camp in collaboration with BOSCO Healthcare department at

The camp was conducted by Martha’s Hospital team, Dr. Apoorva,

other staff under the guidance of Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and community leaders- Anniyappa, Srinivasa and Murugesh. Hundred and forty members from the community availed the services at the camp.

Handwriting Competition



A handwriting Competition was held for the students attending tuition classes at Nehrupuram tuition center on February 8, 2018. With exams just around the corner, it was imperative that the children produced neatly written answers in their answer scripts. Instruction was given about the correct posture to be adopted to hold a pen, pencil or any other writing equipment. Children were informed that the competition would be judged on the following criteria- neatness, strokes, spellings, punctuation and the distance between words. Children were encouraged to practice the strokes to enhance and beautify their handwriting. Twenty students took part in the competition.

Community Mobilization Programme



Child Safety Network (CSN), BOSCO, Bangalore, organized a community mobilization programme at Devaraj Urs Slum, Sumanahalli, Bangalore, on February 18, 2018. Speaking on the occasion, Thippanna, Dalithara Samara Sene (DSS), Bangalore exhorted the parents to educate their children and ensure that children go to the school regularly.

Ajay, DSS, Bangalore, said, “Great leaders like Ambedkar and APJ Abdul Kalam who have achieved great things had humble beginnings”. Devaraj, Rescue Coordinator, CSN, BOSCO, Bangalore, told the parents to encourage children to go to the school and tuition classes. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO, Sumanahalli spoke on the occasion. Over hundred people including children participated in the programme.

Training Programmes on Juvenile Justice Act



Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO Bangalore, organized a training programme on Juvenile Justice Act (JJ Act) for police officials and staff members at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bangalore on February 16 & 21, 2018. In his keynote address, Basavaraju PN, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO, Bangalore briefed about the goals and objectives of the training pro-

First Aid Training Program



Health Care Department, BOSCO, Bangalore organized First Aid Training program for the staff of BOSCO at BOSCO Mane on February 23, 2018. Addressing the group, Dr. Selvasekar Abraham, Senior Consultant, Department of Family Medicine, Martha's Hospital, Bangalore, explained in detail about the importance of First Aid and the six steps involved viz, detection, reporting, response, on scene care, care in transit and transfer to hospital. Dr. Lalitha, Lalbagh Nursing Home, Bangalore, conducted a session on Healthy Nutrition and Diet. She spoke about the importance of a balanced diet, especially for children. Nineteen staff from different programs of BOSCO, Bangalore, participated in the program.

gramme. Speaking on the occasion, TT Raju, Circle Inspector, VV Puram, Bangalore said, "It is important for us to update ourselves on the latest acts and Policies regarding children as we are striving to protect their rights".

Fr. John MA, Director, SJPU, BOSCO, Bangalore said that it important to learn about the practical dimensions of the act as situations demand it. Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE, BOSCO, Bangalore spoke on the occasion.

Biju Thomas, Member, Juvenile Justice Board, Bangalore Urban facilitated the sessions on 'Functions of Juvenile Justice Board, Child Marriage Prevention Act and Roles of Special Juvenile Police Unit'. PG Rohith, DGP Training officer, Bangalore animated the session on 'POCSO Act 2012'. Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care, BOSCO, Bangalore spoke about the objectives and aims of the project. Basavaraju PN facilitated the session on 'JJ Act 2015 and Model Rules'. Fr. Prasad explained about CHILD-

LINE – its structure, procedure and the helpline number (1098) and the support of police in dealing with the cases related to children. Basavaraju PN welcomed the gathering and Kavitha, SJPU, BOSCO, Bangalore proposed the vote of thanks. Over seventy police personnel and staff members participated in the programme.

Exposure Programme

BOSCO Rainbow Home organized a one-day exposure visit for the inmates to Leprosy Centre, Summanahalli, Bangalore, as part of life skill programme on February 17, 2018.

Fr. Lindo, Executive Director, Summanahali Leprosy Centre, gave an orientation about the centre. Adi, Co-Ordinator and Nagraj, physiologist, explained about the vocational training centre for the leprosy patients. Shamala, Counselor, Rainbow Home and Renuka, Staff, Rainbow Home accompanied the girls during the visit. Fourteen girls were part of the exposure visit.



Foster Care

change a lifetime



Every child deserves a family

Awareness Programmes

Foster Care Project, BOSCO Bangalore, organized awareness programmes for DCPU Staff, Child line staff, SJPU, CWC Members & Chairperson of Kodagu, the officials of DCPU, Gram Panchayat members of Haveri from February 12 to February 15 2018. Information was given on BOSCO and its activities, Child Rights and Child Protection Mechanisms and Emergency helpline – CHILDLINE 1098. .



Foster Care Parents Meeting

BOSCO Foster Care team organized a meeting for foster care parents at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajapet, Bangalore on February 21, 2018. Welcoming the parents, Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Program, spoke about the purpose of the meeting. He appreciated the parents for giving a life and family to the children.

Ms. Sheeba, Director, Vatsalya Bhavan, spoke about building a cordial relationship with the children so that their tendency to run away is reduced and they try to bond with the parents.



Task Force Group Meeting

Task Force Group Meeting was organized by Foster Care Team, BOSCO, Bangalore at BOSCO Mane on February 26, 2018. Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Program, introduced the purpose of forming the Task Force Group and responsibilities of the task force members. Fr. Binny K., Director, BOSCO Mane, said that not only Govt/NGOs but also individuals can help to find a family for the children.

Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Project welcomed the gathering and Jyothi, Counsellor, proposed the vote of thanks. Nineteen members from various departments such as SDMC Members, SHG Members, ICDS Supervisor, ASHA Workers, Community Leaders, and Representatives from Police Department participated in the meeting.



Training Programmes on Child Rights

Five Training programs on Child Rights were organized by CREAM Team, BOSCO, Bangalore, for the children from BBMP Girls High School, Padarayanapura, GHPS Yedyur, Morarji Desai Residential School, Chamarajpet, BBMP High School, Cottonpete, LR High School, Chamarajpet, Bangalore from 7-17 February, 2018. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM, BOSCO, Bangalore, Manjula and Vinnarasi, Social Ac-

tivists, CREAM Project, Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care, Pushpa, Tuition Teacher, facilitated sessions on UNCRC, Child Rights, need to promote foster care, child protection mechanisms, tips to face exams, the role of the civil society in providing care and protection to needy children and youth. the training.



“The CREAM project team has established a Child Rights Club in our school and I have found a lot of improvement in the children. They have become more aware of the rights and have become more empowered. The participation of children has improved by leaps and bounds”.

**Rosy RK, Teacher, GKHPS,
Magadi Road**



Task Force Formation

Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) formed Task Force for the protection and promotion of child rights at Cantonment Railway Station, Bengaluru, on February 20, 2018. Kumaraswamy, Station Manager, in his keynote address exhorted the stakeholders to join hands with BOSCO and Railways reaching out to needy children and youth. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM Project briefed the group about the goals and objectives of Task Force.

Fr. Rubin, Director, BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE, applauded the railway officials and other stake holders for the cooperation and collaboration they render to the organization. Nedumaran, Chief Traffic Inspector, SBC, spoke on the occasion. Twenty-two people participated in the programme.

BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



February- 2018



	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	385	48	433
Service provided	67	08	75
Grand Total	452	56	508

Service Rendered

Center/Area	Male	Female	Total
Bangalore Railway Station	07	00	07
Bangalore Bus stand	09	00	09
BOSCO Yuvodaya	05	00	05
BOSCO Nivas	04	00	04
BOSCO Vataslyabhavan	01	00	01
CSN	10	01	11
BOSCO Child line	11	06	17
ARSP	20	01	21
Total	67	08	75

Final Action based on Contact date:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	15	06	21
Home Placement	288	33	321
Government organization/NGO's	75	09	84
Referred to Back to police	00	00	00
Replacement to School	00	00	00
Replacement to Hostel	04	00	04
Counseled and Sent/ Went off	03	00	03
Grand Total	385	48	433

Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	34	12	46
Unaccompanied	351	36	387
Total	385	48	433