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Editorial Note...

Like a Midsummer Rain...

It is said, “A single gentle rain makes the grass many shades greener.” Our summers are apparently getting hotter by year due to various reasons. When the mercury rises and dust fills the air, one begins the wait for the refreshing, soothing, cool crystal balls, like the legendary wait of the hornbill. The April showers wipe away the dust and cause grass to sprout with surprising swiftness.

Human life is often riddled with

problems, pains and struggles. In several cases, the sufferings and episodes of pain seem to be so unending that people often slip into bouts of depression and may even contemplate on ending their own very lives. It is in the context of easing the pain and lightening the burden of people who suffer, that the role of a committed social activist becomes relevant.

“Every time a child is saved from the dark side of life, every time one

of us makes the effort to make a difference in a child’s life, we add light and healing to our own lives,” says Oprah Winfrey.

May our efforts and existence bring healing and happiness in the lives of the less privileged, like the cooling drops of rain.



Fr. Prasad SDB

Convergence Meeting Organized



A convergence meeting for like-minded people from government and non-government organizations was organized at BOSCO Nivas, Shivajinagar, Bangalore, to address the issue of child labor prevalent in

the area on the April 5, 2018. The meeting was held to arrive at a plan of action to enroll the children employed in various establishments in Shivajinagar area, back to schools. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bangalore, in his Key note address invited everyone present to be a community that cares, understands and leads in bringing about a change in the lives of the children.

Mariswamy, Member, KSCPCR,

Bangalore, stated that the focus should be on children as we work with the poor and marginalized sections of society.

Fr. Regi Jacob, Director Nilaya and Nivas, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE, Nagamani, Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM, BOSCO Bangalore, Jyothi, ASI, Broadway Police, Ward 92 representatives, Caring Community members, Motor Parts Gujri and staff of Nivas and Nilaya were present for the meeting.

Adolescent Girls' Meeting Organized

Adolescent girls' meetings were held during the Summer Camp, at St. Xavier School on 17 and 19 April 2018. Vinnarasi, community mobilizer, CREAM Project, BOSCO Bangalore, spoke on the topic 'Protection'. She commenced the session by telling the girls to be more aware of the happenings around, shun strangers, maintain distance with the opposite gender, avoid outrageous clothes, avoid venturing out alone in unknown places, shout when sensing trouble,

and learn to say a big 'NO'.

Priya, ENFOLD Proactive Health Care, Bangalore, spoke about several adolescent issues like knowing one's body to the pains of growing up through pictorial representations. The girls were given awareness about menstruation, menstrual hygiene, hormonal changes and nutrition. Adolescents



were instructed to maintain body hygiene, and cleanliness. Forty-five girls attended the sessions.



BOSCO Yuvakendra

Life Skill Education session was organized for youth of BOSCO Yuvakendra, at the centre, on April 15, 2018. Raksha, resource person, started the class with a short video, about the success story of KFC. She exhorted youth to have right goals to be successful in life. Goal setting is essential to have self-discipline, self-respect and mutual respect. Thirty-five youth attended the session.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, a four-day in-house programme was facilitated by Nagaraj and Vinod Kumar, Past Pupils, BOSCO Bangalore for the youth of BOSCO Yuvakendra at the centre, from April 17 to 20, 2018. Sessions consisted of group activities, outdoor games, party games and discussion about the importance of goal setting. Twenty-six youth participated in the programme.



BOSCO Sumanahalli

Life skill session on 'Team Building' was conducted at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bangalore, for the youth residing at the centre, by Celine Prabha, Volunteer, on April 26, 2018. The interactive session included storytelling, games and activities. Eighteen youth participated in the life skill session.

Consultation Meeting

CREAM, BOSCO, Bangalore, organized consultation meeting for NGO personnel, at BOSCO Yuvodaya on April 21, 2018. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bangalore, emphasized on the concerted efforts of the NGOs to bring an end to the practice of Child Marriage.

Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya explained the objective of this gathering. Seventeen representatives from NGOs, Sparsh Trust, APSA, Need Base India, Bosco Foster Care, CHILDLINE, Education Rights Trust, SICHREM, Child Rights Trust, Sathi, BREADS and member of KSCPCR were part of the Consultation Meeting.



Rally Organized



CREAM, BOSCO, Bangalore, organised a rally from BOSCO Nilaya to Town Hall and joined the Silent Protest against Child Sexual Abuse in Collaboration with Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) on April 17, 2018. The main focus of the campaign was to demand justice for the victims of child abuse. Students from different colleges and organizations participated in the campaign.

Voters' Campaign

CREAM, BOSCO, Bangalore organised a Voters' Campaign from BOSCO Nilaya to different areas of Bangalore including Ranasinghpeth, Manvarthipeth, Sultanpet, Post Office, Sultanpet, New Tharagpet, Old Tharagpet, and Police station, V.V Puram on April 20, 2018. Children marched across all areas with posters with quotes saying, 'My Vote is My Right. My Vote is not for Sale'. One hundred-seventeen Children, thirteen MSW Students and CREAM Staff participated in the Campaign.

Training for CRC Leaders

CREAM Project, BOSCO, Bangalore organized a two-day training programme for CRC Leaders at KSCPCR Conference Hall on April 9, 2018. Inaugurating the programme, Dr. Kripa Amar Alva, Chairperson of KSCPCR, said, "Providing service to children is equivalent to serving the Almighty". Mariswamy, Member, KSCPCR, Margaret Sam-path, SICHREM, Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bangalore and Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE spoke on the occasion. Certificates were awarded to the participants. Seventy Leaders from thirty CRCs of various schools participated.



Every child deserves a family

Task Force Meeting



Half-day Task Force Meeting was organized by Foster Care Team, BOSCO, Bangalore, for the various stakeholders involved in the

program at BOSCO family and in absence of the Mane, Bangalore on April 24, 2018. Fr. Bin-Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Program, BOSCO Bangalore, welcomed all the participants,

introduced the purpose of the meeting and responsibilities of the task force members.

Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE, in his keynote address, said that every child longs for the care and love of the

child's own family, foster care is the next best alternative. Fr. Bin-Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Program, BOSCO Bangalore, welcomed all the participants,

Jyothi, Counsellor, Foster Care Program, BOSCO Bangalore, briefed about BOSCO and its activities. Karakurappa, Probation Officer (PO), Government Children's Home for Boys, Bangalore, spoke on the occasion. Twenty members, officers and Volunteers participated in the program.

Training for Anganwadi Teachers

Foster Care Project, BOSCO Bangalore, organized five training programmes for the Anganwadi teachers at Anganwadi Center, Sondekoppa, Anganwadi Center, Agrahara Layout, Yelahanka, Anganwadi Center, Machohalli Colony, Anganwadi Center, Nagwara and Primary Health Centre, Murphy Town, Ulsoor, Bangalore, from April 25-27, 2018. The participants were introduced to BOSCO and the activities and services rendered by the organization. The participants were also given infor-

mation on CHILDLINE, Nodal Agency, modules of CHILDLINE, the types of children rescued and cases for which FIR needs to be filed.

The facilitator explained about Foster Care concept, types of foster care, short term-long term foster care, age group of children eligible for foster care, and eligibility to become foster parents. The Counsellor explained about



the identification process of parents and children for Foster care. One hundred and forty four Anganwadi teachers attended the training.

SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Camp at BOSCO Nivas

Summer Camp for the children of Ambedkar Huts, Mackan Compound and Nehrupuram, Shivajinagar, Bangalore was held for ten days at St. Xavier School and Coles Park, Bangalore respectively from April 12 to 21, 2018. Sr. Silvy, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nivas, Pushpa, Coordinator, CRY Project, BOSCO Bangalore, Sr. Alphonsa and Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM Project, BOSCO, Bangalore, inaugurated the programme.

Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bangalore, Brothers Franco and John Prajwal and project staff were the resource persons

for the programme. 'Aana Pana' meditation class was conducted by Varsha, Sharada and Harshita, 'Vipasana' team, Bangalore. Self-defence sessions

were facilitated by Manjunath, Karate Instructor. Priya, Enfold Proactive Health Trust, Bangalore

spoke on the food habits, nutrition, health and hygiene. Fr. Joshy, Principal, Don Bosco B.Ed. College, Yadgir spoke about goals and motivation to the children.

Fr. Rubin Mathew, Director, Bosco Yuvodaya and Darshana, Alterna-



tive Law Forum, Bangalore along with Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nivas were present for the concluding programme. Eighty-two children from Ambedkar Huts, Mackan Compound and Nehrupuram participated in the camp.

Summer Camp at BOSCO Nilaya

BOSCO Nilaya organized five-day summer camp at the centre from April 17-21, 2018. Inauguration program of Camp was organized by the dignitaries on the dais by lighting the lamp and watering the plants as a symbol of godliness.

The activities included screening of motivational videos on CHILDLINE and Leadership, party

games, magic show, mime show, yoga classes and sessions on life skills, menstrual hygiene, nutrition, child protection, crafts, songs and dance. Voter's Campaign, exposure visit to the nearby Police station and Post office for the participants of the camp were held. One hundred and thirty-one children participated in five-day summer camp.

Summer Melody 2018

'Summer Melody,' summer camp organized for the inmates of BOSCO Vathsalaya Bhavan and BOSCO Rainbow Home began at Don Bosco, Chitradurga, from April 13 to May 2, 2018. In his inaugural address, Fr. John MA, Director, Rainbow Home, BOSCO Bangalore, told the participants to make optimum use of the available opportunities. Sharavathi, Sub-Inspector, Women Police Station, Chitradurga, Rev. Fr. Vincent, Principal, Don BOSCO PU College, Chitradurga, Fr. Julian, Director, CHITRA Social Work Centre were present at the inauguration.



They also had sessions on team work, group living, values of life, leadership. Adding to these activities they also took pleasure in participating in various competitions like drama, solo & group dance and singing, fancy dress, drawing, rangoli, pick & speech etc.



Apart from their daily schedule girls were trained on candle making, paper flower making, quelling greeting cards, rangoli, action songs, fashion show, innovative and attractive games, creative claps, knitting, embroidery, other wool activities, making something out of natural things and watching movies. They were also taught basic & spoken classes in English and Kannada.



Summer Melodies came to end with grand finale by expressing gratitude to all those who enlightened this memorable camp especially Rev. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Rector, Fr. Shanthosh, Administrator, Fr. Vincent, Principal of PU College DC, Fr. Jude Anand, Fr. Paul and Fr. Julian - community members of Don Bosco Chitradurga. Around hundred and fifty girls from BOSCO Rainbow Home & BOSCO Vathsalaya Bhavan participated in the Summer Camp conducted for 20 days.



BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



April- 2018

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	346	59	405
Service provided	104	08	112
Grand Total	450	67	517

Service Provided

Center/Area	Male	Female	Total
Bangalore Railway Station	22	00	22
Bangalore Bus stand	10	01	11
BOSCO Yuvodaya	00	00	00
BOSCO Nivas	03	00	03
BOSCO Vataslyabhavan	00	03	03
CSN	30	00	30
BOSCO Yuvakendra	00	00	00
BOSCO Child line	05	02	07
ARSP	34	02	36
TOTAL	104	08	112

Final Action based on Contact date:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	16	06	22
Home Placement	263	47	310
Government organization/NGO's	64	06	70
Referred to Back to police	00	00	00
Replacement to School	00	00	00
Replacement to Hostel	00	00	00
Counseled and Sent/ Went off	03	00	03
TOTAL	346	59	405

Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	42	20	62
Unaccompanied	304	39	343
TOTAL	346	59	405