

That they may have life...in all its fullness

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QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

My Dear Friends and Well-wishers

The Street Voice newsletter allows all of you to have a glimpse of our various activities through the year. We aim to support and guide our youth towards becoming productive members of society and we have many activities to promote this.

I would like to bring to your attention a few remarkable initiatives this quarter. Our survey of Child Labourers and Out of School Children is an effort to go beyond what is easily visible. If we are serious about our children, we must be in complete possession of the facts and this will help us get there.

The visit of the Magistrate to our premises was a proud moment for all of us. Having such a senior person of the legal system with us, gives us hope that understanding and empathy will prevail.

We have had some fun moments with our children – the Quiz Competitions and the Baby Shower for Anganwadis were both fulfilling and exciting.

Do read all this and more in this newsletter.

Thank you for your involvement and May God continue to guide us.

With Best Wishes

Fr. Mathew Thomas SDB, Executive Director

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

A Child-Friendly Society



CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru organized open house programmes at Government Higher Primary School Veerabhadranagar, Government Urdu Primary School, Yarab Nagar, Government Higher Primary School, Chandra Nagar, Government Higher Primary School, Arundhatinagar, and Urdu Primary and Higher Primary school, Kengeri area of Bengaluru, during July and September, 2019. Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru spoke about the objectives, roles

and responsibility of CHILDLINE, Right to Education Act and JJ Act and briefed everyone on the purpose of the open house programmes.

Mr. Siddhalingaiah, Police Inspector, Girinagar Police Station said, "The police are committed to building a child friendly society." He explained about POCSO Act 2012. He exhorted children to stay away from bad company and youth who are into substance abuse and other antisocial behaviours.

Mr. Subramani K, PSI, Kumarswamy Layout, said, "The police shall ensure that a child-friendly neighbourhood is created around the school." Mr. Manjunath Devaiah, PSI, Banashankari Police Station, said, "Several great people had humble beginnings. You need to dream big and make best use of the opportunities in order to study and become responsible citizens." Mr. Jayanna, ASI, Chandra Layout Police station said every child should utilize the CHILDLINE Service whenever necessary.

Ms Vani, Field Coordinator, Yuvaspandana Programme, NIMHANS, Bengaluru, spoke about the negative consequences of substance abuse. Ms Nagamani CN, Nodal Coordinator, CHILDLINE, Bengaluru explained to the children about safe and unsafe touch and facilitated the discussion with children. The students clarified their doubts about child rights protection mechanisms and voiced their concerns. Authorities present and the CHILDLINE team assured the children that steps would be taken immediately to address their issues. Over 650 students participated in the programmes.

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On Health

BOSCO Health Care Department organized a health awareness programme for children of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan at the centre on August 1, 2019. Medical students of St. Martha's Hospital conducted a mime show on cancer. They explained about the different types of cancer, how it occurs, the symptoms and the precautionary measures to be taken to prevent cancer. Jyothi, Coordinator, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, welcomed the resource persons and proposed the vote of thanks. Seventy-five children attended the awareness programme.



In Schools



BOSCO Child Safety Net (CSN) team and BOSCO Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) team organized awareness programmes on Child rights, CHILDLINE and Child Protection Mechanisms at Vivekananda Kannada Primary and High school, Rajajinagar, Government Higher Primary Schools of Papareddypalya, Banashankari, Vasanthpura, Yeshwanthpur-Hobli, Yarabnagar and Laggere areas of Bengaluru, during July 2019. Mr. Shaik MD Shafi, Coordinator, CSN, BOSCO Bengaluru, introduced BOSCO and its activities and explained about the need for awareness about child rights, CHILDLINE and child protection mechanisms. Mr. Devaraj, Rescue Coordinator, CSN, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke about rights of children. Mr. Basavaraju, Coordinator, BOSCO SJPU Project explained about JJ Act, POCSO by quoting various examples.

Party games were conducted for the children. A movie, "Don't be Mum, Tell Mom" and a short video- "SHE" were screened. Ms Savitha, Social Mobilizer, explained the issues faced by girl children. Kavitha, Social Worker, BOSCO SJPU Project, explained safe and unsafe touch. In the awareness programme at Papareddypalya, two children shared the story about a child marriage being planned in their neighbourhood and requested the team to stop it. The children were instructed to make a call to the child helpline number-1098. Fr. CV George, Director, SJPU Project was present in the programme. Around 750 children benefited from these programmes.

KSR Bengaluru

BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE (BRCL) organized awareness for the Cleaning Staff at the back-gate ticket counter of Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, Bengaluru on August 2, 2019. Vimala Rani, Team Member, BRCL gave information about BOSCO, the services rendered by the organization, Railway CHILDLINE, Child Helpline -1098, child rights and child protection mechanisms. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, explained about foster care and the procedures involved in foster parenting. Sixty cleaning staff were reached out to through the awareness programme.



Community Awareness Programme



Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a community awareness programme at Bhavaninagar Slum, K G Nagar, Bengaluru, on August 3, 2019. PN Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke about child rights, child related issues such as child trafficking, child labour, child marriage, child abuse, children dropping out of school etc. citing various examples. He also spoke about the Child Marriage Act-2006, POCSO Act-2012, JJ Act-2015 and SJPU procedures. The community people assured that they would report cases of school drop outs, child marriages, eloping, etc. in their neighbourhood, if any, to the concerned authorities. Ms Asha, PSI, Mr. Aslam and Mr. Mahalingappa, Head Constables, K G Nagar Police Station were present for the programme. Hundred and thirty-five people participated in the programme.

At Lalbagh Gardens

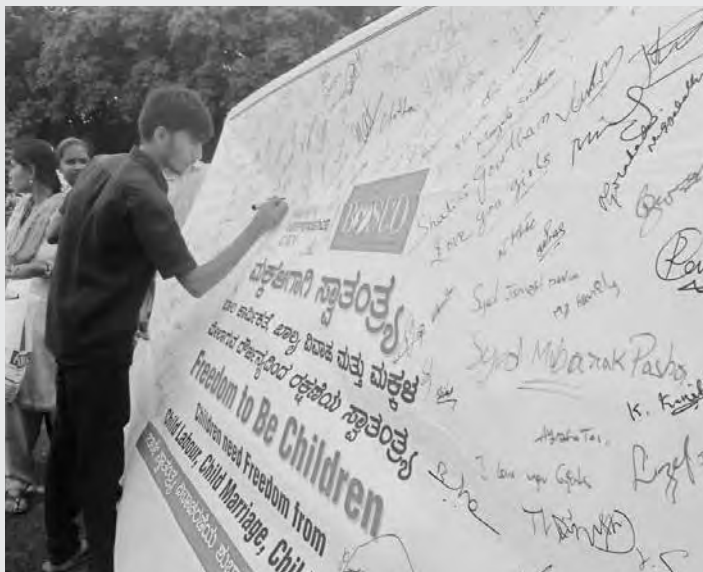
CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru conducted an awareness programme on CHILDLINE 1098 at Lalbagh on August 15, 2019. CHILDLINE team put up a stall and distributed CHILDLINE pamphlets to the public. People appreciated the CHILDLINE services. Some of the public clarified their doubts about CHILDLINE and Child Rights. The team exhorted the public to call CHILDLINE 1098 in order to help children in need of care and protection. Any child rights violation could be reported to CHILDLINE 1098.

Some of the public informed the team about a few vulnerable areas where children are found begging or selling various articles like pens, hairbands, flowers etc. They said that several children are not going to school and are always roaming around on the streets. The team exhorted them to report such cases in a timely manner to CHILDLINE 1098. CHILDLINE team found a four-year-old boy who had lost his way in the crowd and reunited him with his parents with the support of the Police. Around 700 people were given awareness about CHILDLINE services.



Independence Day

BOSCO Bengaluru, organized an awareness campaign on account of Indian Independence Day on the 14th of August at the gates of Lalbagh Botanical Garden, Bengaluru, on the theme "Freedom to be Children."



Speaking on the occasion, Shri. Chandan Kale, PSI, Jayanagar Police Station, Bengaluru, stressed that it is the responsibility of the society to make sure that children grow up in freedom to be good citizens. Shri Nanjegowda from Tilaknagar Police Station, Bengaluru exhorted the public to report cases of child labour, child marriage, child abuse, child trafficking etc. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, expressed that this campaign has the important objective of motivating the society to care for children and to protect them. "In an independent India our children must live their childhood in freedom", he added. Shri. Nadaf, PSI, Siddhapur Police Station, Bengaluru, spoke about child rights, child related laws and policies and the need for well implemented child protection mechanisms.

Girls from BOSCO centers performed a dance on the theme of Freedom to be Children at the four gates of Lalbagh garden. The purpose of the awareness was to make people understand that children need freedom to study, to play and to live their childhood. Children need freedom from child labour, child marriage and various forms of abuse. The awareness program on behalf of children and childhood concluded with a signature campaign in which people pledged to ensure freedom of children to study, play and enjoy their childhood. Handbills were distributed to around a thousand people gathered at the venue.

In College

The Centre for PG Studies and Research, St. Philomena College, Puttur, invited BOSCO Bengaluru for an orientation programme for their students on August 21, 2019. Mr. Johnson, Coordinator, BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE, explained about BOSCO and its activities, and the different centers and projects at the organization, to the students. He explained in detail about CHILDLINE, Railway CHILDLINE, missing children, toll free helpline 1098, runaway children, child rights, child protection mechanisms, child welfare committee and the revised JJ Act. He also discussed about the criteria for volunteering, internship and job placement in BOSCO. Twenty MSW students benefitted from the orientation programme.



Foster Care



Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized awareness programmes for Self Help Group Members (SHG), CWC members, DCPU, PRI Members, Anganwadi Teachers and Asha Workers at Davangere and Tumkur districts during September, 2019. The team members of the Foster Care Programme spoke about BOSCO, its services, CHILDLINE toll free number (1098), child rights, Foster Care Programme procedures involved in foster care implementation, coordination with CWC, and support of the stakeholders in implementing the foster care programme. Thirty-one SHG members, nine CWC and DCPU staff, fifty-five PRI members and forty-two Anganwadi Teachers and Asha Workers attended the sessions held at various places in Davangere and Tumkur.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES & CONSULTATIONS

Juvenile Justice Act for Police Officials

Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized training programme on Juvenile Justice Act 2015 for the Civil Police Constables of Karnataka State at the Police Training School in Thanisandra, Bengaluru, on July 20, 2019. Introducing BOSCO to the police officials, Mr. PN Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, facilitated the session on Juvenile Justice Act 2015 and Model Rules, child rights, functions of Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) and Child Welfare Officers, Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), its roles and responsibilities, POCSO Act 2012, and Child Helpline (1098). He explained about the various sections of the JJ Act, changes in the names of the government agencies dealing with children and the role of police officials in the care and protection of children in difficult situations.

Mr. Pradeep, Police Inspector, Police Training School, Thanisandra, Bengaluru and Fr. C.V. George, Director, SJPU Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, were present for the training programme. Ms Kavitha, Social Worker, SJPU Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks. Sixty police officials attended the training.



First Aid



Training programme on First Aid was organized by the BOSCO Health Care Department for the staff of the organization, at St. Martha's College of Nursing, Bengaluru, on July 25, 2019. Ms Deena, Ms Ashwini, Faculties, St. Martha's College of Nursing, and four Nursing Students facilitated the session. Defining First Aid, the faculty said that it is an immediate treatment that is given to a person on an emergency basis.

They explained about the various health problems like nasal bleeding, foreign bodies in the ears and nose, epilepsy, fractures, injuries, dog bite, snake bite, fever, common cold, fire burns, etc., and the immediate treatment that could be given. Twenty-three staff and three Brothers from BOSCO attended the training.



Child Protection Policy

BOSCO Bengaluru, in collaboration with BREADS organized a two-day training programme on Child Protection Policy for the child protection committee members of various Child Care Centers of the organization, at BOSCO Yuvodaya on July 22 and 23, 2019. Ms Edwina Pereira, Freelance Trainer, conducted sessions on the functioning of the CPC, roles and responsibilities of the CPC members, types of cases to be handled, proceedings of the CPC etc. The CPC members were told to maintain a suggestion/complaint box in each of the centres for children. The Child Protection Officer will be responsible for organizing and presiding over the meeting of CPC on a monthly basis. The complaints of the children and the child rights

violations that occurred during the month would be discussed in the meeting so as to ensure safety and protection of children.

Mr. Vivek Dev, HR Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru, welcomed the gathering and Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, proposed the vote of thanks. The training was facilitated by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE and Sumanahalli were present for the programme. Thirty-four members of eight CPCs and one Central CPC participated in the training.

Reporting and Documentation



BOSCO National Research and Documentation (BNRD) Department organized a half-day training on 'Reporting and Documentation' for BOSCO staff at BOSCO Mane on July 27, 2019. Facilitating the session, Deepa VasantKumar, Coordinator, BNRD, explained the meaning and purpose of documentation and reporting. The participants were asked to follow the inverted pyramid structure while writing a report. The importance of factors like timeliness, proximity, prominence and magnitude while making a report was also explained. BOSCO reporting formats were introduced to the participants and they were made to practically apply the learning by furnishing the reporting formats with appropriate information.

Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, focused on the photography aspect of reporting and documentation. He spoke about the news worthiness of the photos. He gave tips on simple techniques while taking photographs-frame, content, background, lighting, etc. Participants felt that the simple writing techniques and elements learnt would help in making accurate and proper reports. Twenty BOSCO staff participated in the training.

Stakeholders Training

BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE organized half-day training in collaboration with Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO Bengaluru, for the RPF officials of 'Project SAKSHAM' of Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna (KSR) Railway Station and Krishnarajapuram Railway Station at Programme Training Centre, KSR Railway Station, Bengaluru, on August 29, 2019. Mr. Basavaraju PN, Coordinator, BOSCO SPJU, introduced BOSCO and its activities to the participants. He further explained about the JJ Act, JJ Board, Child Welfare Committee, Railway CHILDLINE, Child Helpline -1098, SJPU, their functions, criteria for adoption, missing children, child rescue procedures, CARA, HAMA Act, etc.

Mr. CS Chengappa, Inspector, RPF, City Railway Station, requested BOSCO to conduct more training programmes for RPF officials of 'Project SAKSHAM' in the coming days, in batches. Mr. Thippanna, Sub Inspector, RPF, KR Puram Railway Station and Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE, were present in the training. Thirty RPF officials attended the programme.



State Level Consultation

Railway CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a State Level Consultation Programme with the stakeholders and Government Departments at Sangolli Rayanna (KSR) Railway station on September 19, 2019. Mr. Arun Mozhi, Senior Programme Coordinator, CIF/PCCRS, briefed everyone about Railway CHILDLINE, its functions and shared the rescue data of CHILDLINE. He appreciated the support of the stakeholders, RPF and GRP in rescuing and rehabilitating the vulnerable children and youth. He also requested the stakeholders and the government agencies to work in tandem to achieve better results.

The stakeholders assured their further support to Railway CHILDLINE. However they felt that better visibility could be created with more posters, hoardings, stickers, etc. with information about CHILDLINE services, being displayed at various places in the railway platforms.



Mr. Ananthnarayan, Deputy SMR, KSR Railway Station, Mr. Mahesh Jakathi CLA/CIF, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, BOSCO ECCE and CREAM Programmes were present during the consultation. Sixty-four stakeholders participated in the programme.

Induction of Staff



Induction training programme for the new staff of BOSCO was conducted at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru, on September 27, 2019. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, welcomed the new staff and briefed everyone about the history, vision and mission of BOSCO. Fr. John MA, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru

explained about the programmes and the services of BOSCO. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme and Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM and ECCE Programmes, spoke on child rights and laws and said that one should have a right-based approach in working with the poor and marginalized children. Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, spoke about the Preventive System of Don Bosco and exhorted the staff to reach out to the children and young people in difficult situations with dedication and commitment. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, explained in detail about the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) procedures to be followed during the process of child rescue. Mr. Vivek Dev, HR Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru introduced the HR policies of BOSCO to the group. Twenty-four new staff was present for the induction programme.

MEETINGS

Pro-Child Network Meet



BOSCO Foster Care Programme in collaboration with Auxilium Navajeevana, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru organized a half-day Pro-Child Network Meeting at Auxilium Navajeevana on July 12, 2019. The Pro-Child Network was formed in 2018 with the aim of bringing NGOs together to discuss various concerns related to children and to bring about policy level changes by advocating with the Government.

An input session on 'Helping children who are into substance/drug abuse' was facilitated by Mr. Remy Lobo, Psychiatric Social Worker, NIMHANS, Bengaluru. Ms Joyce, NIMHANS, speaking about Strategies and Skills to motivate parents of Vulnerable Children, said parents should be physically and emotionally fit to take care of the children in all situations, to appreciate their children and pay attention to them. She also spoke about teenage pregnancy and biological, sociological and psychological factors that affect children's self-esteem.

Sr. Anna Thayil, Director, Navajeevana Auxilium welcomed the gathering and Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, proposed the vote of thanks. Thirty-three participants from twenty-two NGOs were present for the meeting.

Parents' Meeting

BOSCO Vikas, Mane, Sumanahalli, Rainbow Home and Vatsalya Bhavan centres organized parents meetings at their respective centres during July to September, 2019. The staff briefed everyone about the purpose of the meetings. Counselors shared about the behaviour and performance of the children. Functioning of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) was briefed to the parents. They were also told about their roles and responsibilities towards their children. Staff exhorted the parents to open bank accounts and get the income and caste certificates done for their children. Ms Kavitha, Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO Bengaluru, explained the procedures and services of SJPU. She exhorted the parents to become role models for children.

Parents were very happy to see the transformation in their children and appreciated BOSCO and its work. Parents requested Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli to support their children in continuing their education.

Twenty-four parents of children from BOSCO Vikas, fourteen parents of children from BOSCO Mane, sixty parents of children from Rainbow Home, fifteen parents and twenty-six youth from BOSCO Sumanahalli and thirty-six parents of children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan attended the meetings respectively.



Youth Group

Youth group meeting was organized by BOSCO Nivas at Nehrupuram on July 16, 2019. The meeting was held with the objective of motivating the youth to undergo training and empower themselves with a skill in order to earn a decent livelihood. It was noticed that a couple of youths were regularly indulging in alcoholism and drug use. They were school/college dropouts, who had fallen into the wrong company. One of the youths was seeking help to overcome addiction so that he would be accepted by the society. The youths were given a briefing about the BOSCO skill training center at Sumanahalli and the Don Bosco Skill Training Center at Lingarajpuram which offered free certified courses in various skills. Four youths attended the meeting.

SDMC at Goripalya

BOSCO Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Programme organized a School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC) Meeting at GUHPS, Goripalya, Bengaluru, on August 1, 2019. Ms Jabeen Taj, CRP, Padarayanapura Urdu Cluster, South-2 asked the SDMC members to encourage the public to enroll children in school. She also informed that on the 8th and 9th of every month from 6 pm to 10 pm, the Education Department would be organizing Out of School Children (OOSC) Survey in collaboration with NGOs.

Mr. Aslam Khan, President, State SDMC Urdu Federation donated Shoes, Taqiyah (Hat) and Scarfs to all the students. Mr. Ramaswamy spoke about parental roles and responsibilities for the growth and development of their children and recommended regular monitoring of their children. Mr. Azeez, Member, SDMC explained the roles of the SDMC in school development, and motivated parents and children to make good use of the facilities available in the school. Thirteen SDMC Members were present in the meeting. Fifty-five CRC members, parents, students and Teach for India volunteers participated in the programme.



Ward Sabha at Frazer Town

BOSCO Nivas organized a Ward Sabha in the BBMP office, Frazer Town area, on August 3, 2019. An introduction to BOSCO was given by Ms Pushpa Lakshmi, Coordinator, BOSCO CRY Project. Fr. Regi, Director, Nivas, in the key note address spoke about the purpose of the Sabha.

Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM and ECCE programmes, invited the children to put forth their issues before the representatives of various departments present on the stage. During the discussion, one of the students felt there is an immense need for creating awareness among the public about waste segregation. Ms Savitri, AE, BBMP, educated the children on sources of garbage, waste management, importance of segregation, types of segregation and its uses. She also added that it is the responsibility of the children to segregate waste and also to educate their parents on the same. She mentioned the importance of the three Rs - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Mr. A.R. ZAKHIR, Corporator, Ward 78, Mr. Ragavendra, ASI, Pulakeshi Nagar, East Division, Mr. Narayan, BRC North III, Mr. Mulla, Head Constable, Mr. Venkatesh, Rep-



representative, Arty Culture, Mr. Muninanjappa, Senior Health Inspector, Mr. Sandeep, Assistant Engineer, BBMP, Mr. Gurumurthy, AEE, BESCO, Ms Nalini, Representative, Welfare Association Member, Mr. Mohammad Ali, Revenue Department, Mr. Sandeep Shetty, LO, Bharathi Nagar, thirty-five children from five schools and sixty adults under Ward 78 took part in the Sabha.

Task Force

Foster Care Project, BOSCO Bengaluru organized a Task Force Meeting for Asha Workers, Anganwadi Teachers, PDO, Gram Panchayat Members, School HMs, Teachers and Child Rights Club members at Bhanagahalli Grama Panchayat Office, Chennapatna Taluk, Ramanagara, on August 5, 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to create awareness about Foster Care Programme, to identify children who are in need of care and protection and to identify potential foster parents. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, spoke about the activities of BOSCO, CHILDLINE toll-free number 1098, foster care concept, its types, difference between Foster care and Adoption, eligibility criteria of children and parents, follow up of children, and Child Welfare Committee (CWC).



Mr. Ravi, Coordinator, CREAM, Ramanagara, welcomed the participants and Guru Lakshmi, Social Mobiliser, CREAM, Ramanagara proposed the vote of thanks. Thirty-seven Asha Workers, Anganwadi Teachers, PDO, Gram Panchayat Members, School HMs, Teachers and Child Rights Club members participated in the meeting.

Mothers' meetings



Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized Mothers' Meetings at Thammaiah Park, Deepanjalinagar, Giripuram, Ittigi Anjannappa Garden, Venkatramnagar and Vyayamashala Anganwadi Centres, during August 2019. Ms Ravikumari, and Ms Shivaleela, Cluster Coordinators, ECCE, spoke about the importance of breast feeding and its impact on child development, and also explained about Vitamin A and its importance. Ms Mangala Gowri, Nurse, explained about the modes of transmission of HIV, its prevention and care. Ms Bharathi, Bala Vikas Samithi Member, appreciated BOSCO for the effective session which helped the mothers understand the importance of 'Motherhood'. Hundred and thirteen mothers attended the meetings. Two Doctors, one nurse and one Asha worker from H. Siddaiah Referral Hospital were also present in the meeting held at Vyayamshala Anganwadi Centre.

Parents of Children in Conflict with the Law

Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO Bengaluru organized a consultation with parents of children in conflict with the law of the South Division, at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru on September 27, 2019. Mr. Basavaraju P N, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO Bengaluru explained in detail about child protection, child rights, POCSO Act, child marriage and child trafficking by citing various examples and screening documentaries. He briefed everyone about BOSCO and its activities with a special mention of the BOSCO Skill Training courses. He explained about the importance of children's follow up and present situation of the non-serious offences. Some of the cases were at the point of closure while some of them were still continuing. 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. Fifteen parents and four children participated in the discussion. Ms Kavitha, Social Worker, SJPU Project, welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks.

HEALTH CAMPS

Rainbow Home



BOSCO Rainbow Home organized a health camp in collaboration with the BOSCO Health Care Department and St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru, at the centre on August 4, 2019. Eye Testing, Height and Weight checkup, B.P Checkup, teeth, skin and physical health checkup were done for all the children. Dr. Selvaraj Abraham, Ms-Jhancy, Nurse, Ms Uma Raj, Social Worker and Mr. Ravi, MSW Student, conducted the camp. Fifty-nine girls availed the services.

BOSCO Mane



BOSCO Health Care Department organized a health camp for the children of BOSCO Mane and BOSCO Vikas in collaboration with the Community Medium Department, St. Martha's Hospital, at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, on September 28, 2019. The camp was organized for early detection and prevention of sicknesses in children. Eye Testing, Height and Weight checkup, and Physical Health checkup were done for all the children. Doctors prescribed medicines for the sick. Dr. Selvaraj Abraham, Ms Uma Raj, Social worker, Sr. Susan, Coordinator, BOSCO Health Care Department, Ms Shabina, Assistant Coordinator, BOSCO Health Care Department, doctors on probation and nurses conducted the camp. Forty-two boys from BOSCO Vikas and twenty-two boys from BOSCO Mane availed the services of the camp.

CELEBRATIONS

Sharanappa IPS Celebrates Birthday at BOSCO

Dr. Sharanappa S. Dhage, IPS, Superintendent of Police, COD and CID, Karnataka, celebrated his birthday with the children of BOSCO Mane and Vikas on July 22, 2019. Introducing the guest to the children, Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE and BOSCO Sumanahalli, extended his heartfelt thanks to the IPS officer for the timely support rendered to BOSCO in rescuing children in need of care and protection. The Officer cut the birthday cake in the presence of the children and distributed snacks. He distributed geometry boxes to the children in an attempt to assist them in their studies. He visited the BOSCO CHILDLINE department and interacted with the team members. Mr. T. Suresh, Media Person, Jeevanmukhi, Kannada fortnightly magazine was instrumental in organizing the celebration. Ms Vanitha Ravi, welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks. Eighty children from BOSCO Mane and Vikas were present during the celebration.





Teachers' Day

The children of BOSCO Nivas, Nilaya and Rainbow Home celebrated Teachers Day, at the centres, on September 5, 2019. The children performed dances and songs, did drawings and paintings. They wrote letters of thanks to their teachers as a mark of gratitude. Two girls of Rainbow Home spoke about the importance of Teachers Day and about Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO Rainbow Home, expressed that the teachers not only teach but also guide and

shape the character and future of the students. The Staff enlightened the children about Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan and the importance of the day. The role of teachers and their valuable contribution to the society in creating lawyers, teachers, judges and other achievers was briefed. Children were guided to respect all their teachers. Eighty children from Nivas, thirty children from Vyayamashala and Cement Huts, twenty children from Vinobhanagar, twenty-six children from Ramanna Garden, sixty children from Nilaya, thirty children Rajgopal Garden, fifteen children from Anandhpuram and Giripuram and fifty-five girls from Rainbow Home participated in the Teachers Day celebrations. The celebrations concluded with cake cutting.

BOSCO Yuvakendra Anniversary

BOSCO Yuvakendra, Bengaluru, celebrated the 34th anniversary of the centre on September 8, 2019. Fr. CV George, Director, BOSCO SJPU and ARSP Programmes, in the keynote address, said that Yuvakendra was following the path of Don Bosco. He said that many youth from Yuvakendra have completed their training and are now well settled with jobs as teachers, sportsmen etc., and are leading good family lives. He exhorted the youth to follow their footsteps, become responsible citizens and achieve something good in life. Interacting with the centre youth, Ramesh Kumar, past pupil said, "As a boy I suffered a lot. I had made Majestic area my home. It was BOSCO who rescued me, gave me skill training, instilled confidence in me and made me what I am today." Sr. Sivly, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, urged the youth to utilize the opportunities provided by BOSCO to the fullest.

Boys performed dances and drama on the occasion. Mr. KM Veeresh, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra welcome the gather-



ing and proposed the vote of thanks. Thirty youth participated in the anniversary celebrations along with the staff.

BOSCO Nilaya Anniversary

BOSCO Nilaya celebrated their third Anniversary on September 21, 2019. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, in his keynote address explained about Don Bosco, BOSCO Bengaluru, and about the activities of BOSCO Nilaya. He enlightened the group on the importance of cultivating good values, skills and attitudes in children. Ms Surekha, AWC Supervisor, appreciated BOSCO for being a change maker in the community. Mr. Surendra, Teacher, appreciated BOSCO for empowering children through formation of child rights clubs in schools. Children from ten tuition centers and BOSCO Nilaya performed cultural programmes.

Mr. Prem Kumar, Assistant Sub-Inspector, Mr. Vinod Kumar, Head Constable, Cottonpet Police Station, Mr. Vimal Jain, Mahalakshmi Jewellers, Mr. Mohammad Afsar, President, The Iron and Steel Merchants Association, Kalasipalya, Mr. Ashis Tiwari and Family, Ms Chorandevi and family, Mr. Karthik, School Teacher, and Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli and CHILDLINE were present on the occasion. Around three hundred people including children from nine communities, Government officials, stakeholders, sponsors, neighbours and staff members participated in the celebrations.



Baby Shower

A Baby Shower Programme for women was held under the auspices of the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), at Choudrupalya Anganwadi Center on September 18, 2019. Ms Pushpa, Anganwadi Supervisor, welcomed the gathering. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, addressing the gathering, spoke about BOSCO, ECCE, BOSCO Life Skill Training, Child protection mechanisms and the role of ICDS workers in child protection. Mothers were enlightened about their roles in child development. Ms Meenakshi Kabade, CDPO, appreciated BOSCO and said that the functioning of Anganwadis has changed for the better with BOSCO's intervention. She felt that the regularity, strength and punctuality of children have improved.

The Anganwadi Supervisor thanked BOSCO for its efforts towards the betterment of anganwadis. Sarees and bangles were given to pregnant women. A Nutrition Camp was also organized. Anganwadi workers prepared various types of nutritious food and displayed



them. Dr. Sumithra, PHC, Hosahalli was present during the programme. Ms Faridha, proposed the vote of thanks. Sixty anganwadi workers and twenty mothers with children participated.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES



BOSCO receives Shivakumar Swamiji Award

On the occasion of the 508th birthday celebrations of Nada Prabhu Kempegowda, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) organized an Award Ceremony to felicitate individuals and organizations for their relentless efforts and services in various fields, on September 4, 2019 at the Dr. Rajkumar Glass House, BBMP Office, Bengaluru.

On this occasion, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) honoured hundred individuals with the 'Nada Prabhu Kempegowda Award', ten women with the 'Mahatyagi Laxmi Devi Award' and five organizations with the 'Dr. Sri Sri Sri Shivakumar Swamiji Award', for their services towards the society.

Shri. B.S. Yediyurappa, Chief Minister, Karnataka, Shri. Ashwath Narayan, Deputy Chief Minister, Karnataka and Smt. Gangambika Mallikarjun, BBMP Mayor along with other dignitaries gave away the awards. BOSCO Bengaluru was awarded with the 'Paramapoojya Dr. Sri Sri Sri Shivakumar Swamiji Award'. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, received the award on behalf of BOSCO along with staff representatives.

All Rights to All Children

On the occasion of YaR (Young at Risk) Day, an initiative of Don Bosco YaR Network, BOSCO Yuvodaya, BOSCO Nivas, BOSCO Sumanahalli, BOSCO Mane, BOSCO Yuvakendra, BOSCO Rainbow Home, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Nilaya and BOSCO Vikas, organized sessions on 'All Rights to All Children' for the staff and children of the respective centres and working areas, on August 31, 2019. Children and youth were made aware of child rights and asked to share the various issues they face at schools, homes, and other institutions. They were given orientation about the child helpline 1098.

Video clips on child rights were screened. Children gathered knowledge through various activities, discussions, interactions, skits, quiz, etc. on child rights. On this day, everyone took a pledge that 'all children will be ensured all rights'. Youth, children and staff of BOSCO participated in the programme.



World Clean-Up Day Rally

BOSCO Nilaya organized a World Clean-Up Day Rally with the assistance of BBMP on September 14, 2019. The rally commenced from BOSCO Nilaya and passed through the streets of Police Road, Jolly Mohalla, Victoria Hospital and culminated at the Kalasipalya Bus stand.

Quoting 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness,' Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, exhorted the children to keep their homes, surrounding areas and the country clean. He stressed the need for a 'Clean Mind and Clean City.' The rally weaved its way through the streets with banners, placards and other cleaning equipment, and shouting slogans on cleanliness, drawing the attention of the public to the cause. Children, staff and BBMP Workers cleaned the street, starting from the BMTC Office to the Kalasipalya Bus stand. Master Manoj, Ms Shalini and Ms Tanisha, spoke about the dengue menace and the importance of keeping the surroundings clean. Government officials and the public appreciated children's efforts and joined in the cleaning operation. Water cans were sponsored by Mr. Veeraiya, Health Inspector, BBMP.

Mr. Puttaramaiya, Assistant Sub-Inspector, Kalasipalya, Mr. Veeraiya, Health Inspector, BBMP, Mr. Ravindrakumar, Assistant Traffic Manager, BMTC, Mr. Narayan Rao, Traffic Inspector, BMTC, Mr.



Devaraj, Head constable, Cottonpet Police station, Mr. Nagaraj, Traffic Police, Kalasipalya were present in the rally. Eleven BBMP Pourakarmikas and one BBMP pest controller assisted in the cleaning task. Twenty-five BOSCO Nilaya tuition and Child Rights Club children and staff participated in the rally. Around 1000 members of the public were given awareness.

Sustainable Development Goals Global Week

CREAM, BOSCO Bengaluru organized a Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Global week awareness programme on various themes like Climate, Voice, Equality, at Cubbon Park, BBMP Telugu and Kannada Medium School, Timmaiah Road, Shivajinagar, GHS and GHPS, Sunkenahalli, Anganwadi Centre, Jolly Mohalla, KP Agrahara and Mackan Compound areas of Bengaluru from September 23 to 26, 2019.

BOSCO Nivas organized an awareness campaign at Cubbon Park educating the general public on the climate crisis and the need to plant more trees. A group of BBMP sweepers were given awareness about the campaign with the permission of Mr. Ramesh, Manager, BBMP sweepers.

Under the theme 'Voice', team Nivas addressed the children about raising their voice for their rights, and against inequality and discrimination, at the BBMP Telugu and Kannada School. Team Nilaya organized tree hugging and awareness rally at GHS and GHPS, Sunkenahalli. Mr. Ramaswamy gave an orientation on the need of 'saving trees' and the Chipko Movement. Headmasters emphasized

the importance of saving trees and appreciated BOSCO for empowering students. Children hugged the trees on the streets around the school in Sunkenahalli.

BOSCO CREAM team organized People's Assembly on Equality. Mothers were guided to establish gender equality at homes by teaching their children. Dr. Tejashwini, Government Hospital, Sirsi Circle appreciated BOSCO for taking various initiatives in empowering women and guiding children. Spoorthi Club members, Dr. Mani, President, Dr. Thyagarajan, Assistant Surgeon, UFWEC-Maternity Home, Mr. Harsha, Social worker, Mr. Surendra, Club In charge Teacher, Sri Siddalingeshwara School, also participated in the People's Assembly.

As part of the sustainable development goals, a Candle Light March was organized on September 26, 2019, with children from Mackan Compound and Nehrupuram displaying placards with slogans on protection of the environment, adverse climatic changes, children's rights and other issues of children. Around 600 people were given awareness.





Day of the Poor

BOSCO Nilaya organized 'Day of the Poor', at BOSCO Nilaya and KR Market areas on September 28, 2019. During street presence, street dwellers were identified and brought to BOSCO Nilaya. Mr. Waseem, Coordinator, BOSCO Nilaya gave orientation to the group on the importance of sharing and caring. Street dwellers were guided to approach Nilaya for any assistance. Later food packets were distributed by staff members and children to people living on the streets of KR Market and Jolly Mohalla areas. Street dwellers thanked the Nilaya team and appreciated the efforts of Nilaya team.

Every Saturday, food packets would be distributed at Nilaya center for the poor. Arrangements to avail the services of shelter homes and facilities to access necessary services are being considered. Food packets were sponsored by Mr. Vimal Jain, Mahalakshmi Jewelers and Ms Brindha, Tuition Teacher. Sixty street dwellers were benefitted.

OTHER PROGRAMMES

BREADS Bengaluru Visit

BREADS Bengaluru visited BOSCO Bengaluru in order to monitor and facilitate the projects under its auspices, on July 30 and 31, 2019. During the two-day program, a four-member team headed by Fr. Joy Nedumparambil, SDB, Executive Director, BREADS, conducted evaluations of all major projects supported by the agency. The team visited Kengeri Railway Station under the Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP) Project, schools and tuition centres under CREAM Project and a Group Foster Care project. Fr. Joy also met the counsellors of BOSCO and discussed about the various factors that influence children to leave their homes and come to the streets of Bengaluru, and the major challenges they face while counseling children.



The Directors and staff of BOSCO shared their experience in the field, success stories, challenges, and their valuable suggestions to reach out to more vulnerable children.

Accenture Employees Plant Trees at BOSCO Sumanahalli



BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Summanahalli, organized a sapling plantation programme in collaboration with Accenture, at the centre, on July 27, 2019. Introducing BOSCO and its activities, Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE and Sumanahalli exhorted the gathering to make efforts to keep the planet green, so that our future generations could live in a safer environment. Mr. Krish, Manager and Mr. Srinivas, Asst. Manager, Accenture, Bengaluru and

Mr. Paresh Paul, Vidyaniketan NGO, spoke on the occasion. Mr. Shekhar from Accenture performed a dance. Two hundred saplings were planted on the occasion. Over fifty youth from BOSCO Yuvakendra and Sumanahalli, over fifty staff from Accenture and volunteers from Vidyaniketan NGO, and the managers of the event participated in the programme.

Magistrate visits BOSCO Bengaluru

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM), Bengaluru, Shri. V Prakash, visited BOSCO Mane and Vatsalya Bhavan to know the functioning of the organization, on August 10, 2019. Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Vikas, Fr. Prasad, Director, CHLDLINE, and Fr. CV George, Director, SPJU and ARSP Projects, BOSCO Bengaluru, explained about BOSCO, its Vision and Mission, the various centres and programmes, and the activities. He interacted with the inmates of BOSCO Mane, Vikas and Vatsalya Bhavan.

He asked the children about the difficulties they faced at home or on the streets before coming to the organization. Mr. Papaiah, Coordinator, BOSCO Vikas shared some of the unique stories of the children. Mr. PN Basavaraj, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO, the organizer of the event, welcomed the guest and proposed the vote of thanks. During his visit, he met sixty-five boys from Mane and Vikas and seventy-one girls from Vatsalya Bhavan.



Karate Belt Grading Exam

BOSCO Nilaya organized a Karate Belt Grading Exam for the children of BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas on August 11, 2019, at the BOSCO Life Skill Training Center, Summanahalli, Bengaluru.

Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, addressing the gathering, appreciated the presence of the parents and emphasized the importance of Self Defense and Protection. Mr. Syed Fawad Ullal, Sensei, WFSKO, motivated the children to set a goal and work hard towards achieving it. Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO CHLDLINE and Summanahalli spoke about the importance of self-protection. Belt distribution was done by the dignitaries.

Ms Sathya, Master Karan, Master Vinod, Ms Soundarya from BOSCO Nilaya, Ms Nimra Banu, Mackan Compound and Ms Tejaswini, Nehrupuram, received the 'Regular and Best Student' award, along with a memento for maximum attendance. Mr. Marlinga, Karate Instructor and his team of six instructors conducted the exam. Ms Robina Farooq, Coordinator, BOSCO Nivas was present for the programme. Thirty-nine children from BOSCO Nilaya, BOSCO Nivas and J. C. Road areas took the exam. Two hundred children from other schools of Bengaluru also participated in the programme.

Out of School Children Survey

BOSCO Nilaya supported the Out of School Children (OOSC) Survey organized by the Department of Education, Karnataka Government, Bengaluru Urban, in Padarayanapura Cluster, on August 13 and 14, 2019.

Street survey was conducted in Memeipura, Padarayanapura and Farooqienagar. Thirteen children were identified, out of which four were re-enrolled to GUMHPS, Farooqienagar, four in Madarasa and five children were re-enrolled to GUHPS, Padarayanapura. Ms Vinnarasi, Social activist, CREAM Project, represented BOSCO. Ms Zabeen Taj, CRP, Mr. Ashok and Mr. Srinath, BRPs, Ms Meenakshi, ECO, two Constables from JJR Nagar Police station, Headmasters, seven teachers and two attenders of GUMHPS, Farooqienagar participated in the programme.



Quiz competition

BOSCO Nilaya organized a Quiz Competition at the centre on August 17, 2019. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, appreciated Master Vinod for organizing such competitions and urged the children to make use of the opportunities provided at the centre. The quiz consisted of sixteen rounds with questions related to general knowledge, life of Don Bosco, current affairs, and so on. A special round with music, spot light and videos was also conducted. An audience round was conducted and winners were given gifts. Six teams with six members each participated in the competition. The teams were led by the Child Rights Club Leaders.

Three Winners were given trophies with medals. Judges were given medals as a token of gratitude. Participation trophies and gifts were also given. Prathibha and Shaline, Student Volunteers, were the Judges. Quiz masters were Master Vinod Kumar and Ms. Prathibha, CRC Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM Project. Mr. Waseem, Coordinator, BOSCO Nilaya and Mr.



Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM were present during the competition. Hundred children from BOSCO Nilaya, Anandapuram and Giripuram areas of Bengaluru participated.



Exposure Visit to Two-Wheeler Showroom

An exposure visit was organized for the two wheeler section trainees of BOSCO Sumanahalli Life Skill Training Centre to Honda showroom in R.R Nagar, Bengaluru, on August 31, 2019. The showroom In-charge took the children to different sections of the showroom and explained the importance of the different sections. It was hands on experience for the children who worked with the tools, to fasten and undo the screws of the vehicle.

They were also exposed to advanced machines. They also understood the nature of the work, how to greet the customers, how to interact with the customers, etc. Section Instructor Mr. Narendranath, accompanied the trainees. Seven trainees were part of the exposure visit.

Quarterly Evaluation at BOSCO



First quarterly evaluation of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru, on September 11, 2019. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, shared about the

'Paramapoojya Dr. Sri. Sri. Sri. Shivakumar Swamiji Award' received from Shri. B.S. Yediyurappa, Chief Minister, Karnataka, during the recently organized 508th birthday celebrations of Nada Prabhu-Kempegowda by Bhruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). He dedicated the award to all who have contributed to the wellbeing of children in BOSCO. He said that the evaluation would strengthen the mission of BOSCO- to serve the young at risk.

The coordinators presented reports of projects and programmes from the various areas of work and centres of BOSCO. Plans for the major upcoming events and activities were presented and discussed. All the new staff were welcomed and introduced to BOSCO. A common birthday celebration was held for all the staff who celebrated their birthdays from June 2019 to August 2019. All the managing directors and staff of BOSCO attended the programme.



Teaching Learning Material Distribution

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme, BOSCO Bengaluru organized the distribution of Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) to ten schools on September 17, 2019. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, in his keynote address, said, "What we hear, we forget. What we see, we remember. What we do, we learn." He briefed about Don Bosco, BOSCO Bengaluru, ECCE, BOSCO Nilaya and its activities. Mr. Ramaswamy explained about the need for early childhood education and the benefits of activity oriented education. Few tips as to how to handle children and the importance of inculcating values were explained. He exhorted teachers to make quality use of the TLM. Mr. Surendra and Shri. Siddalingeshwara, HPS, Magadi Road, demonstrated the use of TLM in classrooms. TLM was distributed to all the ten Schools. Headmasters and teachers were thankful and happy about the joint venture with BOSCO. Ten school teachers and six children participated in the programme.

Survey to Identify Child Labourers

BOSCO Nilaya in collaboration with the Child Safety Net (CSN) Project, BOSCO, conducted a survey on child labour at KR Market and Jolly Mohalla areas on September 9 and 12, 2019. Despite several warnings given to the shop keepers during street presence, children are found working to earn a livelihood. Hence, shop to shop survey was done. All the shop keepers were given awareness about the Child Labour Prohibition Act. Few shop keepers promised to send the working children back to their homes. Two shop keepers agreed to re-enroll the children in school.



The single aim of my life is that every child is: free to be a child, free to grow and develop, free to eat, sleep, see daylight, free to laugh and cry, free to play, free to learn, free to go to school, and above all, free to dream.

KAILASH SATYARTHI
Nobel Peace Prize Winner (2014)



That they may have life...in all its fullness

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STREET VOICE

QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Dear Friends and Well-wishers,

The Street Voice newsletter allows all of you to have a glimpse of our various activities through the year. We aim to support and guide our youth towards leading productive lives.

It would like to thank to your attention & time for reading this quarter. Our survey of Child Labourers and Child of School Children is an effort to go beyond what is visible. If we are serious about our children, we need to be complete possessors of the fact and the will to act on it.

- Fr. Matthew Thomas SDB, Executive Director

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

A Child-Friendly Society

Mr. Subramaniam, Police Inspector, Chigalur Police Station said, "The police is committed to building a child-friendly society. We have had several meetings with our children - the Children's Council and the Baby Street for Anganwadis were both helpful and enlightening."

Do read all this and more in this newsletter.

Thank you for your attention and the God's continued to guide us.

- Fr. Matthew Thomas SDB, Executive Director

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