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Editorial Note...

The Other Side of Pain!

“The impediment to action advances action. What stands in the way becomes the way,” said Marcus Aurelius, the Roman Emperor. August 2018, has apparently gone down to the annals of history as a month of devastation and distress, especially for the people of Karnataka and Kerala. Interacting with some of the people affected by the unprecedented calamity, I was surprised and edified by the indefatigable power of human spirit.

Mr. Lukose, one of the affected persons, enumerated an incident

that happened almost immediately after landslides and floods hit the states. One morning as he was returning home by his car, an elderly couple asked for a lift. He instantly stopped his car and helped them. He said that as he had experienced the intense pain and anxiety of getting stranded during the floods, he was able to be more empathetic to the ones who struggled. Media highlighted several stories of people reaching out to the victims across cast, color, creed and culture, rising beyond their own pain.

Friedrich Nietzsche once said, “That which does not kill us, makes us stronger.” Even as we express our solidarity to the people striving to cope up with loss and grief, may we be edified by their resilience. Let us as we reach out to the children and young people in difficult circumstances, realize that there is shine after every rain, day after every night, a resurrection of sorts after every death and joy after every pain!



Fr. Prasad SDB

Independence Day Celebration at BOSCO Bangalore



BOSCO organized Independence Day celebrations at BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, Bangalore. The theme of the Inde-

pendence Day celebration was “Learn, Teach and Build Our Nation”. Delivering the keynote address, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bangalore, said, “Children not only have rights but also duties. Only when they carry out their duties responsibly, they can become champions and build the nation”. Mr. Mohan Kumar, Corporator, BBMP Member,

Ward No.73, Bangalore, appreciated BOSCO’s work and assured his continued support. Dr. V. Nagenra Prasad, Actor, Composer, Film Director, Lyricist, Dramatist, Dialogue writer, Kannada Film Industry, narrated the exemplary stories of heroes such as Udham Singh and Arunima Sinha and asked children to follow them in order to be successful in life.

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Quiz Competition at BOSCO Nilaya



BOSCO Nilaya, Bangalore organized Quiz Competition for the children at the center, on August 25, 2018. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Ban-

galore, spoke about the purpose of the program and wished the contestants best of luck. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, ECCE and BOSCO, Bangalore appreciated leaders of the Children's Collective, for organizing the program. Rules and regulations for the competition were explained by Waseem, Coordinator, BOSCO Nilaya. Four groups were selected with four participants each on the basis of age. Ms. Priya, Documentation Officer, BOSCO Nilaya was the judge. The quiz master, Master Vinod, facilitated the programme. The format of the quiz included fifteen rounds such as Audience round, Rapid Fire round, Written Test round and General Knowledge. Trophies were awarded to the winners. Certificate of participation was given to all the participants. Forty-nine children participated in the quiz.

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Independence Day Celebration

Over six hundred children from the various centres of BOSCO and localities of service participated in the event. Chance games and theme based cultural programmes were organized. Sr. Antony Maria Selvy, Principal, St. Joseph School, Sumanahalli, Bangalore, Biju Thomas, Member, JJB, Bangalore and Puneeth, Actor, Kannada Film Industry were present in the program. K



M Basavaraju welcomed the gathering and Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli proposed the vote of thanks.

Awareness Campaign

BOSCO, Bangalore organized awareness campaigns at various areas of Bangalore, on the theme, "Learn, Teach and Build Our Nation," on August 15, 2018. The

team was divided into two groups. One group headed by Fr. Rubin, Director, Railway CHILDLINE, reached out to Banashankri Bus Stand, Jayanagar 4th Block, Ashoka Pillar and Lalbagh gate areas of Bangalore. The other group headed by Devaraju, Rescue Coordinator, Child Safety Net, BOSCO Bangalore, held the campaign at Mantri Square, Orion Mall, Peenya II Stage

Bus Stop and Sumanahalli Signal areas of Bangalore.

Children of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan provided information on child rights, child helpline -1098, child related issues, child protection mechanisms through a mime. The general public was made aware of not just the children's rights but also the duties that they need to perform in order to become champions and build the nation.

School Development and Monitoring Committee Meeting

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) project, BOSCO, Bangalore, organized School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC) Meeting at Government Urdu Higher Primary School, Valmikinagar, Bangalore, on August 18 2018. Ravikumari, Cluster Coordinator, ECCE Project, gave an introduction about BOSCO and its activities. In the interactive session, roles and responsibilities of SDMC were briefed. The SDMC members were made aware of their duty to see that the children are regular and punctual to school and the ways in which issues pertaining to the school like lack of teachers, infrastructure are to be addressed.



Participants were exhorted to coordinate with Block Education Officer (BEO), on behalf of children to advocate for their rights and promote and avail facilities at the government schools. Parents were motivated to meet teachers once a

month to know more about their child's progress and spend time with their children regularly. Parveen Taj, SDMC President, was present at the meeting. Twenty SDMC members participated in the meeting.

Parents' Meeting



Rainbow Home, BOSCO, Bangalore organized Parents' meeting at the centre on August 12, 2018. Addressing the parents, Fr. John M.A., Director, Rainbow Home, BOSCO, Bangalore, emphasized on parents becoming role models to their children.

Mamtha Halima Nagraj, Life Skill Trainer, Counselor and Teacher spoke on the practices necessary for leading a healthy life.

She gave tips on proper communication, spending quality time with children, teaching children time management, discipline, respecting elders, healthy food habits, etc. Sr. Leena, Coordinator, Rainbow Home, BOSCO Bangalore, reminded the parents to make Adhaar Card, Caste and Income Certificates and Bank accounts which are mandatory to enroll children in the school. Twenty-five parents were present for the meeting.

Youth Parliament



BOSCO Yuvakendra, Bangalore, organized Youth parliament for the inmates of the centre on August 18, 2018. The previous month's report was read. Youth discussed about value-based education which helps in inculcating values such as being humble, empathetic, listening, showing gratitude, showing respect to others, being helpful, etc. The youth discussed about keeping the premises clean, using water sparingly, printing a book on prayer songs, usefulness of educative films, etc. The boys requested the Director to provide opportunity to learn football. They also discussed about the forthcoming events such as YaR Day, Anniversary of the centre. Thirty youth participated in the meeting.

YaR Day Celebrations at BOSCO

On the occasion of YaR (Young at Risk) day - an initiative of Don Bosco YaR Network, BOSCO Nilavas, BOSCO Sumanahalli, BOSCO Mane, BOSCO Yuvakendra, BOSCO Rainbow Home, BOSCO Nilaya and BOSCO Vikas, organised sessions on 'protecting children from violence' for the staff and children of the respective centres and working areas, on August 31, 2018. 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 made aware of different types of violence meted out to children; an explana-

tion was given about physical, sexual and emotional violence. They were given orientation about child help line 1098.

A short Kannada video clip named "Hale paper" about child labour was screened. Children were empowered through the activities and also gathered knowledge about the institutes protecting children from violence. They were instructed to shun violence against each other and co-



exist symbiotically. On the day, everyone took a pledge on non-violence. Twenty-two youth, hundred and thirty two children and twenty-five staff participated in the program.

Foster Care Training at Mysuru



Foster Care Project, BOSCO, Bangalore, organized training program for the staff and students of Don Bosco Centre, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru, on August 10, 2018 in the centre. Mr. Shivamallu Coordinator, Foster Care Project, BOSCO, Bangalore, explained about the different centres of BOSCO, CHILDLINE, Child rights, Foster Care concept, types of Foster Care (Group Foster care, Individual Foster care, Kinship care), Purpose of foster care, roles and responsibilities of Child Welfare Committee. Fr. Francis John, Director, Don Bosco, Mysuru welcomed the participants and Tony, Coordinator, Don Bosco, Mysuru proposed the vote of thanks. Twenty-one staff and students attended the training.

Adolescent Girls' Meeting



CRY Project, BOSCO, Bangalore organized Adolescent Girls Meeting at Vyayam Shala on August 20, 2018. The topic selected for the meeting was 'Hand Holding'. The meeting was led by four student volunteers. There was a discussion on child marriage, legal age for marriage and ill effects of child marriage, smoking, substance abuse, alcohol addiction and child prostitution. Girls were made aware of safe touch and unsafe touch, menstrual hygiene and reproductive health. Eighteen girls participated in the meeting.

A Day with Child-Friendly Police

An awareness program was conducted by the police officials of Kamakshipalya Police Station, Bangalore, for children and youth of BOSCO Sumanahalli at the centre on August 9, 2018. In the interactive session, Kiran, Police Sub Inspector (PSI), Kamakshipalya Police Station, Bangalore, spoke about safe touch and unsafe touch and CHILDLINE 1098. He spoke about police helpline -100 in times of danger, crimes, accidents, etc. He

said that BOSCO and Police should work hand in hand to combat evils like child labour, child marriage, child abuse and other child related issues and crimes. He invited children and youth for an exposure program to Kamakshipalya Police Station so that, they could get to know more about police station.

Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli welcomed the gathering. Three police personnel, forty-



one children from Devaraj Urs area and twenty-one youth from BOSCO Life Skill Training centre and six staff participated in the program.

Training for youth at BOSCO Nilaya



CREAM, BOSCO, Bangalore organized training for youth at BOSCO Nilaya on August 18, 2018. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM project facilitated the training. Youth were briefed on the effects of drug abuse, alcohol addiction and child sexual abuse. Regarding measures to be taken to stop child sexual abuse, youth expressed that girls should be taught self-defense.

They were made aware of POCSO Act and penalties for the victims. CHILDLINE and child protection mechanisms were explained. A session on 'Way forward' was taken up by Vinnarasi, Social Activist, CREAM project. An open call to build a safe place for children in Bangalore was made. Ten boys and six girls from J.J.R Nagar, Ranasinghpet, Chamrajpet, Girinagar, Byatarayanapura communities of Bangalore attended the training.

Formation of Child Rights Clubs



CREAM, BOSCO, Bangalore facilitated the formation of Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) at Janatha Vidyalaya School (Kannada Medium and English medium), Chamrajpet, Bangalore on August 28, 2018 and BBMP High School, Chamrajpet, Bangalore, on August 29, 2018. Vinnarasi, Social activist, CREAM project, BOSCO Bangalore, facilitated the training and explained about the need for the formation of CRC, roles and responsibilities of club members and leaders.

The names of the CRC clubs are, Mahatma Gandhi Club, Abdul Kalam Club and Subhash Chandra Bose Club. Some of the members of the clubs shared that they had come across cases of child labour and child marriage in their localities and were promptly motivated to call up the CHILDLINE number. Thirty-four boys and twenty-seven girls were selected as members of these clubs.



**Success
Story**



KICKING

Pains A Way!

Shrikant, fifteen years of age, an inmate of BOSCO Vikas, currently studying in 9th standard at St. Joseph High School, Bangalore hails from Chikkabalapur. He is the second child of his parents. He lost his parents few years ago. In the year 2012, he was rescued by BOSCO and provided timely him care, love and educational support. As BOSCO believes that every child has the right to grow up in a family, the organization placed Shrikant in Group Foster Care from 2016 to 2017 and after which he was transferred to BOSCO Vikas.

Along with his studies, Shrikant exhibits exceptional aptitudes in sports and regularly engages in athletics, hockey and football in his school. He has had the privilege of participating in the school level State Olympics held at Kantheerava Stadium, Bangalore. He excels in Taekwondo, one of the forms of martial arts. He has won two bronze, three silver and one gold medals in different categories at State Level Taekwondo Competitions. In 2014 he participated in first District Open Senior, Junior and Sub-Junior Taekwondo Championship

organized by Rock Taekwondo Centre and secured 1st place in the 26 kg weight category.

In 2017 he participated in District level Taekwondo competition at Madikeri and received 2nd prize and for the second level he competed at Davanagere and obtained 2nd place. During August 2018, Shrikant participated in the competition organized by Karnataka State Taekwondo Association and bagged gold medal in 35 kg weight category. He would be representing Karnataka at the national level soon. We wish him all the best.

Taekwondo is a Korean martial art, characterized by its emphasis on head-height kicks, jumping and spinning kicks, and fast kicking techniques. Taekwondo was developed during the 1940s and 1950s by Korean martial artists with experience in martial arts such as karate, Chinese martial arts, and indigenous Korean martial arts traditions such as Taekkyeon, Subak, and Gwonbeop.

TAEKWONDO



The oldest governing body for taekwondo is the Korea Taekwondo Association (KTA), formed in 1959 through a collaborative effort by representatives from the nine original kwans, or martial arts schools, in Korea.

BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



August- 2018

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	206	38	244
Service provided	92	25	117
Grand Total	298	63	361

Service Provided

Center/Area	Male	Female	Total
Bangalore Railway Station	08	01	09
Bangalore Bus stand	10	01	11
BOSCO Yuvodaya	08	00	08
BOSCO Vatslyabhavan	00	04	04
CSN	19	07	26
BOSCO Nivas	07	01	08
BOSCO Nilaya	00	00	00
BOSCO Child line	14	07	21
ARSP	26	04	30
TOTAL	92	25	117

Final Action Taken

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	11	05	16
Home Placement	98	24	122
Produced before CWC	92	09	101
Referred to OH	03	00	03
Referred Back to Hostels	02	00	02
Recommended to Hostel	00	00	00
Counseled and Sent/ Went off	00	00	00
Data is not available	00	00	00
TOTAL	206	38	244

Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	18	16	34
Unaccompanied	188	22	210
TOTAL	206	38	244