

2010 – 1st Half Yearly Newsletter

ST. JOSEPH'S CENTRE, VELLAMADAM – 629 305, INDIA

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Dear friends! I must begin by thanking God. Even though last year had been difficult for many of our friends, God in his own way of Love and peace guided us in the past years We are incredibly Grateful to God for responding to our call.

Thank you, thank you and thank you.

We are grateful to all our friends for your generosity, your trust, and most importantly, your commitment to our mission.

All the 100 Orphan children in our orphanage are well and fine. Their Annual examinations are over. We work hard and make sure that they are doing well in their studies and in extra curricular activities. Schools will reopen on 1st June, after a long summer vacation. During the vacation, 10th Grade and 12th class children are attending special classes because marks they score in these two classes virtually determine their future. On the religious side we are utilizing this vacation by sending all our children in our orphanage to Vacation Bible classes being conducted by our church.

There are 10 residents in the Home for the Elderly people.

Self Help Group project as usual are functioning very well. Poor village women very enthusiastically enroll themselves in each and every project we implement through Self Help Groups. But the need is enormous. Almost all the Self Groups are in need of financial help for their income generating initiatives. We coordinate with the banks for loans which will be used for the income generating activities. Banks are not as generous as they should be.

We completed a special project of building a food shelter, a place where food is distributed and all utensils are kept and repairing 2 hutmetns.

Our life stock program is continued this year with 10 goats distributed to the poor women. Many of our special projects like building houses and sanitary facilities couldn't be continued because of lack of funds.

We are getting ready to welcome new children to our home. Many people are approaching us. It's the time to give all the children including the newly admitted school uniforms, two sets of dresses, footwear, Trunks, Note books, Text books, pens, Pencils and all other learning accessories. School fees are to be paid for all the school going children and college going girls.

Every year we distribute free notebooks and school uniforms to the poorest children in the Vellamadam area. This way we help many poor children to continue their studies. This year too people has already started coming to us. Every Year, other than Christmas, during the month of June we need to spend more money in addition to the monthly expenses.

Friends, once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your generosity in helping us. Your donations are helping us to feed hundreds of poor people. Your donations also help us to serve the poor families through our special projects.

So please continue to help us with your donations.

All our children pray for all of you in our daily prayers.

We are thankful to the Directors of **ST. JOSEPH'S MISSION FUND** for helping us with regular grants.

Orphans, Elderly People, Destitute Women and the Staff join me in sending our love to you.

Thank You and God Bless.

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