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From the Director's Desk...

MAJOR EVENTS IN AUGUST

- Finishing School Started
- VIA Don Bosco Meeting at Guwahati
- DBAI Meeting at Delhi
- Inauguration of New Skill training centre at Mysore
- Second Batch of Skill training under LIST started in 10 Centres

UPCOMING EVENTS IN September

- Rectors and Principals of Technical/vocational training Institute- Bangalore
- TOT for DB Tech staff of Kerala at Vaduthala
- Finishing School
- Life skills training at Mampetta and Bathery
- Social Awareness Programme in All Technical Training Centres

The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act or Right to Education Act (RTE), which was passed by the Indian Parliament on 4 August 2009, describes the modalities of the provision of free and compulsory education for children between 6 and 14 in India. The same has been enumerated under Article 21A of the Indian Constitution. India became one of 135 countries to make education a fundamental right of every child when the act came into force on 1 April 2010. But the implementation of this act is a huge challenge for the government of India. And so access to education is still a distant dream for many children in India. According to 2001 census figures, as many as 12.59 million children toil everyday in the labour force. However, according to the NGOs actively involved in the elimination of child labour say that the working children are 80 million in India. BREADS believes in the principle that every child out of school is a child labourer.

Malnutrition is another social issue that India is facing at the moment. Almost every day we have the newspapers carrying reports of malnutrition deaths both in the rural and urban communities. More than half of women in Karnataka (52%) have anemia, including 34 percent with mild anemia, 15 percent with moderate anemia, and 2 percent with severe anemia; 63% of pregnant women are anemic which means children born to them are at high risk. Malnutrition is the underlying cause of at least 50 per cent of deaths of children under five, most of whom are girl children (NSSO Updates MHRD).

Education and nutrition are the two areas where we have to put our act together in order to bring changes in the life of children.

Education Sponsorship which looks at the integral development of the child is one of the thrust areas of BREADS. CFCA (Christian Foundation for Children and Aging), other agencies and individuals partner with BREADS to help educate children. The August issue of "A SLICE" looks at the Education Sponsorship Program of BREADS.

With Best Wishes,

Fr Joy Nedumparambil sdb



News...



Leadership Training for the leaders of Self-Help Group at Yadgir

Don Bosco Center for Social Action organized a leadership training programme for the leaders of women self-help group on 30th of August, 2012 at Don Bosco Yadagir. About 110 women participated in this one day training programme. The sessions were - [More...](#)



CERTIFICATION DAY First Batch –BREADS – LIST Skill

"The man who graduates today and stops learning tomorrow is uneducated the day after". Newton D. Baker The air was filled with laughter & joy, as the passed out trainees of the first batch of BREADS – LIST skill training [More...](#)



INAUGURATION OF BOSCO PLUS, 2012

The fifth batch of Finishing School began on 17th August 2012, at around 2:30pm with cultural programmes and inspiring talks by the dignitaries at BREADS, Bangalore. Fr. Thomas Koonan, the Vice Provincial of Bangalore province officially inaugurated the programme with- [More...](#)



Colorful Independence day celebrations

In all DB Tech centres the Independence Day was celebrated with lot of triumph and joy. All the centers had invited the prime personalities as guests for hoisting the flag on this mesmerizing day of freedom. The eminent personalities gave .. [More...](#)



Inauguration of LIST Batch-2 and Parents Meeting

"It is not a right attitude to be slothful and waste the talents that are given by God. You should develop what God has given to you for the sake of your own future." On 23rd of July 2012, DB Chitradurga inaugurated the 7th Batch of skill training program Rev. Fr C M Jose – the Rector of Don Bosco Chitradurga, – Fr. C. M. Jose. On [More...](#)

Education Sponsorship Programme: *Support for education to excel*



BREADS with the support from CFCA, USA and other individual and Institutional Donors has been supporting more than 700 poor children for their education, health and nutrition.

Sponsorship Details	
Supporting Agency Centres Trained	No. of Children
CFCA USA	619
DAAV Belgium	10
AFPRZO Italy	37
Individual sponsors (Ulrich, Don Masciullo, Klaus Jurgen Stegman)	71
Total	737



CFCA (Christian Foundation for the Children and Aging) has been playing a prominent role in touching the lives of thousands of children and the aging across the world restoring their hopes for better life through the sponsorship programme. CFCA- Kansas is a U.S based International Sponsorship programme began in 1981 through the visionary leadership of the Henzen brothers Jim, Bud, Bob and their sister

Nadine Pearce. The personalized sponsorship programme has helped many deprived children and the aging experience the love and support and live life to the fullest realizing their unique potentials and gifts. The purpose of the Christian Foundation for the Children & Aging is to create worldwide community compassion through personal outreach. The first priority is one to one sponsorship of children, youth and aging.

At BREADS we have been instrumental in translating this to a reality by reaching out to many children and aging in the states of Kerala and Karnataka.



Sub Projects

Presently there are 25 sub-projects under BREADS CFCA project. Each sub project is unique in terms of the strategy they follow in reaching out to the needy and poor, the activities they carry on, cultural background of the target groups, prevailing social problems, physical atmosphere, infrastructure and economic development of the area,

aries out of whom 931 were children and 65 were aging. During the last years many children were retired from the sponsorship programme for various reasons like child graduated, child working, child moved out of the area, non cooperation of the child with the organization, child died and also due to lack of timely correspondence with the project. As in August 2012, there are 619 beneficiaries under BREADS.



Beneficiaries

In the beginning, BREADS started off with 996 benefi-



Ms. Revathy Prasad is beneficiary of CFCA, Trivandrum project since 2002, when she was studying in 5th standard. Her father was an automobile mechanic and was running a workshop. Due to his ill health, he is unable to go for work and the mother works as a domestic help to make a living. Her brother Visakh is suffering from some heart disease and is under medication.



Revathy applied for CFCA sponsorship as her family was going through a difficult patch. She is an intelligent and hardworking girl and completed her higher secondary course with good marks. After her higher secondary education, Revathy joined for Fashion Designing for her graduation at Rai Foundation, Delhi, and successfully completed the course with Second Class. Now she has joined in KINFRA as a designer trainee for six months and will continue there as a designer.

CFCA has changed Revathy's life and her environment. She is now able to look after herself and the family. She remains indebted to BREADS-CFCA and her sponsor.

Major Intervention

Education

BREADS-CFCA's main objective is to make efforts in preventing school dropouts and ensuring enrollment in the school and quality education to the children through:

- special coaching and Tuition Classes
- Support for fees, uniforms, books and stationary,
- Follow up and guidance sponsored children
- Vocational Training
- Boarding Facilities
- Scholarship Higher Education

Health Care

CFCA through its sponsorship programs is able to address

the issue of health to a great extent. CFCA encourages the subprojects to conduct medical camps, health checkups and awareness programmes – on health & hygiene.

Family Help

CFCA also allows part of the sponsorship to meet the household needs of the family including house repairs, buying clothes, medical help, study materials for the siblings if necessary, etc.

Summer Camp and Picnics

Summer camps and picnics are subproject specific and are conducted by each sub-

project during the summer holidays in April and May. Most of the children plan holidays while some stay back at home. It is during this time that most of the subprojects conduct activities which will last from a week to a month. The activities include faith formation, value education, talent enrichment, personality development, etc.

Meetings

CFCA meetings at the subproject level differ from subproject to subproject. Some of them have fortnightly meetings while some have monthly.