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### MAJOR EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

- CREAM Project visit by Don Bosco Mondo
- Staff training—CREAM Project
- German Volunteers Meet
- FCDP and Bidar Projects visit by JEW Austria
- Internship by MBA & MSW Students
- Fiona (Volunteer) left for Scotland
- DB Tech Batch Review in Kerala
- BREADS Annual Outing to Alappuzha

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH

- DBDMS Training at BREADS
- DB Tech National Convention in Delhi
- Thijmen and Kimberly (Volunteers) leave for Netherlands
- DB TECH Batch Review - Karnataka



Ms. Marion and Ms. Hanna from Jugend Eine Welt (JEW), Austria visited Bidar and FCDP Projects in February 2013

Volunteer Placement is an integral part of BREADS' work. We facilitate volunteers from different countries prepared by Don Bosco Agencies. Volunteers play an important role in our Young at Risk centers where they spend quality time with the children. They engage with the children in their study, play, recreation and household responsibilities at the centre. In February 2013, BREADS Bangalore hosted the Annual Ger-

man Volunteers Meet at the Don Bosco Provincial House from 12th to 16th February 2013. The meet was felicitated by Mr. Hans -Günter Löffler (Deputy Consul General of Germany for Karnataka and Kerala). The meet provided a platform for the volunteers to share their experiences and explore fresh avenues.

BREADS also played host to interns doing their MBA and MSW programmes. We had two MBA students from NMIMS Mumbai and three MSW students from Don Bosco Arts and Science College, Angadikadavu,

### From the Director's Desk...

Kannur. The students, besides learning more about the organization, its objectives and mission, added value to it by their own contribution.

In this issue of "SLICE" we have a look at the volunteers and student interns at BREADS Bangalore.

With Regards,

**Fr Joy Nedumparambil sdb**  
**Executive Director**



## News...



### International Youth Conference, Bonn, Germany

The 3rd International Youth Conference was held in Bonn between 22nd and 27th January 2013. With the theme being 'Longing for a paradise', the participants and the guests deliberated on a variety of sub topics exhaustively.

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### Health & Family Welfare Minister inaugurates Don Bosco Veedu Skill Training Centre at Manacaud

Health and Family Welfare Minister, Shri V. S. Shivakumar inaugurated the Don Bosco Veedu Skill Training Centre, the institute that offers free employment training and placement in Hospitality Management and Marketing to the unemployed youth. [More...](#)



### Another girl rescued from child marriage!

Shoba (Name changed) is a 16 year old girl who is studying in class X. She has to give her SSLC exams in March, this year. She is studying at Govt. School Mellekatte, which is near our Rehabilitation Center for Child Labourers.

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### CRC at Kariyammanahatty Government School

A Child Rights Club was inaugurated at Kariyammanahatty Government School in Chitradurga district. The programme was presided over by Mr Maltheshappa, the school's Head Master. The occasion also saw the presence of School Development and Management Committee (SDMC) Members. [More...](#)



### Awareness Camp at SOLUR

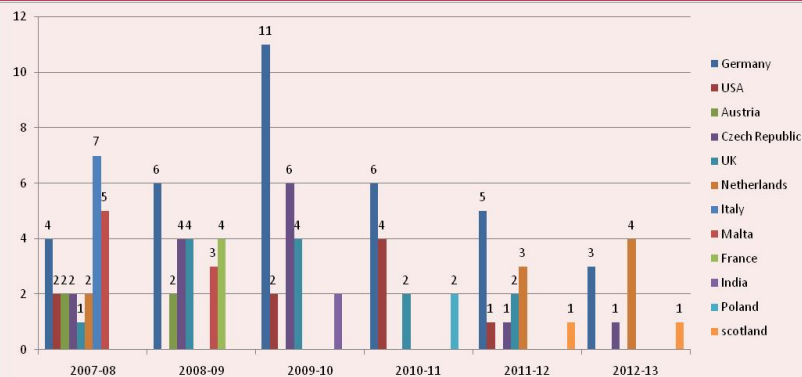
A health awareness camp was organised by BREADS, in association with the Sisters of Charity in their community hall, at Solur on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013. The programme was planned as part of the Community Health Promotion Project and is a follow up to the medical camp that was conducted early this year in January. [More...](#)



## Volunteer Placement - facilitating social commitment and changing attitudes

Volunteer placements at BREADS are as old as BREADS itself! With an ever growing network of organisations across the globe, this exercise is only bound to become more and more eventful by the years. As a facilitator, BREADS has placed volunteers from multiple countries across our projects. In 2011-12, 13 volunteers were placed in various projects across Kerala and Karnataka. Presently, there are 5 volunteers from Netherlands, Germany and Czech Republic, placed at Hospet, Davangere and Bosco Mane (Bangalore).

### Volunteer Placement details at BREADS for the last 5 years



### Volunteers speak...

**Thijmen and Kimberly de Jager are volunteers from Netherlands** placed at DBCLM Davangere. Here is what they have to say:

"On 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013, we landed in India. After a few days at BREADS Bangalore, we left for Davangere to work with the street children and child labourers there. The hearty welcome by the children made us feel at home instantly. There is not a moment of loneliness as the children give us a lot of attention. They always engage us in their games, helping us move comfortably with them. Soon, it was time for Thijmen to leave for Sujoyothi Alurhatti, where the project runs another home for the older boys. Besides the experience with the kids, India had a lot more to surprise us. Riding the auto rickshaw, travelling atop the bus, fighting with children using water balloons, coming across diverse and interesting individuals, dining on the local delicacies, enjoying the innate beauty of Indian music and culture are only a few that find mention here. In the last four months of our stay, we have realised that every child is unique, having his or her own brought up or background. Yet, they are all happy here, also making visitors like us feel joyful. Although the time to leave is almost around the corner, we are glued to the kids. The more you enjoy something, the sooner it comes to a close. So true. Whatever be it, our experience with the children at Davangere will remain fresh in our memories and we wish we could relive these days".

### Interns speak...

**Naksha Erappa and Heena Bhawnani** are MBA students from NMIMS Mumbai, who had come to BREADS as part of their "Winter 'We Care' Internship". Their month long internship has helped BREADS evolve a blog and online process documentation system for the project CREAM. Here is what they have to say about their experience at BREADS:



"Our experience with BREADS was one of immense learning and understanding about the functioning of an NGO. Initially we were pleasantly surprised by the efficient corporate structure at BREADS - well defined divisions within the organisation for projects, fund raising, placements, accounting and program coordination. After a few days into our internship, we were completely immersed and excited about doing our bit for the flagship work of BREADS in Child Rights education - the ambitious CREAM project. With our learning from MBA program and technical expertise we helped create a better online presence for the CREAM project and got firsthand experience of fund raising/creating awareness through a newspaper collection drive.



**Neethu, Godwin and Aby** are MSW students from Don Bosco, Angadikadavu, Kerala who were at BREADS for month long internship in February 2013. Although learning the nuances of writing project proposals was their objective in mind, BREADS had a lot more in store for them. Here is what they have to say:



"From a mere bookish idea of how community development works, on field observation of these circumstances helped us recognize the stark reality, specially in the cases of child labour, school drop outs and street children. We not only learnt the knack of writing project proposals, we have also gained the confidence to do it with excellence. The documentation at BREADS needs a mention here for its apparent transparency. Our space at BREADS was not restricted to desk learning. We were given opportunities to attend medical camp organized at Solur, take part in the local fund raising initiative and also visit their sub projects at Davangere and Chitradurga. In all, BREADS has been a skill enhancing and memorable experience for us".

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### German Volunteers get together here!

Thirteen young volunteers, Francesco Bagiolini and Br. Ignatius SDB. These were the members of the half year meeting of the German volunteers placed with Don Bosco for 2012-13. Though the purpose of this meet was to share their experiences in India, Philippines and Cambodia, BREADS also made it possible for us to meet the Deputy Consul General of Germany for Kerala and Karnataka. Five days were used by the young people to evaluate the challenges they faced in Asia. Although the volunteers were placed in different projects in different places, there are some feelings that are



common among all of us. Patience was needed in the first half of everyone's year to adapt to the locale situa-

tions. Also, everyone had his or her own way of adjusting to the new culture. The most enlivening was the discussion on defining a volunteer and his roles. It was too huge. Volunteering is multifaceted and cannot be defined in a prescribed sense. The participants were given an opportunity to discuss their personal problems and their excitement in being a volunteer.

As different as the topic in the single projects were, as different are the challenges everyone faced. Although every volunteer worked with children, not everyone was doing the same job. Some of us are teachers, some are medicinal helpers, others are directly associated with the poor children or - ALL of this at the same time. At the end of it all, we concluded that volunteering is a very challenging and an enriching experience. We are all thankful to Francesco and Br. Ignatius and to the Salesians in Bangalore for their hospitality. We are now ready to go back to our projects to continue the second half of our journey with the Salesians".

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