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Director's Message

It was that time of year. Stress and last-minute frantic study to catch up with portions. Getting hall tickets and locating exam centres. Knowing that the all-important Board exams were here—the gateways to the future. Students and teachers from the various Don Bosco childcare institutions and sponsorship programmes went through all of these moments of high drama and finally, experienced the relief and joy of very good results. BREADS celebrates these hard-won victories with them.

I take this opportunity to thank all of the donors—individual, institutional, agencies—who have made these victories possible, and I urge more of our readers to consider supporting a child's education. It most certainly makes a world of difference to the student, his/her family, and society at large. Education is the only weapon and lasting solution to eliminate poverty. Let us strive towards making education a reality for every child.

**Fr George PS**

Executive Director, BREADS

New Leadership in BREADS

A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way - John C. Maxwell

BREADS warmly welcomes Fr George PS (SDB), who took up the leadership of BREADS on 25 May 2023 in the presence of the Provincial team of the Salesian Province of Bangalore. Fr George completed his master's from the School of Social Work, Roshni Nilaya, Mangalore, as well as two post graduate diplomas in Child Rights Law (NLSIU) and Self and Professional Development (Mangalore University). He is currently pursuing a PhD in Social Work from Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore. He is a co-author on two publications related to vulnerable children, with whom he has

vast experience in his 11-year stint with BOSCO Bangalore in various positions. Fr George served the Province of Bangalore as Economer for six years; and most recently, was the Manager of Don Bosco Mithra School in Bangalore.

With his immense experience and understanding of the social work sector, BREADS aspires to expand its work and outreach under his leadership, and wishes him much success in all his endeavours.



Fr Rubin Mathew, the outgoing Executive Director, first served BREADS and its mission for two years as Assistant Director, contributing to the management and expansion of the skill training sector of the Salesian Province of Bangalore, on the whole. In his two years as Executive Director, he led the implementation and initiation of large, province-level programmes of BREADS in Kerala and Karnataka. Fr Rubin is fondly remembered for his down-to-earth nature, and especially for his dedication and hard work during the COVID relief outreach, through which BREADS touched more than 8 lakh lives. BREADS wishes him the very best of health and success as he moves on to his next mission in the service of others, and the Province.

BREADS also welcomes Fr Jitto Kunnath SDB, the new Assistant Director, taking up his first assignment after ordination. Fr Deepu Mathew, the outgoing Assistant Director, continues in the BREADS team as the Director of BREADS' Employment and Skill Training (DB BEST) Academy and other projects.

As the wheel of Change turns, BREADS looks to the future. To create new opportunities for the development of the children, youth and communities that we serve, helping them to transform their own lives. As always, we are counting on your support and accompaniment too!

And now... for the Results!

Exams and the announcement of results may not be the happiest of times for every child; nor are they the sole markers of a person's competence or skill. Therefore, there is no judgement on the marks that a child receives. However, what the Board results do signify, especially for children in our childcare institutions, is the overcoming of numerous hurdles in their personal lives to achieve an important milestone. Individually, they faced down challenges of poverty, child labour, lack of parental support and opportunity, disempowerment on various counts, to make it up to these exams and pass them. This is why BREADS celebrates these results. BREADS also applauds their teachers and mentors in the Don Bosco houses, who offer unstinting support all year round, enabling these children to aspire to different futures.

There are also numerous well-intentioned families struggling to educate their children, sometimes failing because of the lack of resources and their respective difficulties. BREADS also supports numerous such children across Karnataka and Kerala, to complete their school and college education through its education sponsorship programme.



Congratulations, everyone!

Class 10: 75.3% pass rate for children from the Don Bosco centres; 100% pass rate for the sponsored children.

DB Childcare Centre Children—Class 10 Results

Don Bosco Institutions	Attempted	Passed	Distinction	1st Class	2nd Class /Pass
BOSCO Bangalore	17	15	4	5	6
Makkalalaya, Mysuru	22	8	1	2	2
Savio Bhavan, Mamma Margaret Home, Yadagiri	5	4	0	3	1
Savio Bhavan, Tumakuru	2	2	0	2	0
Laura Bhavan, Kalaburagi	1	0	0	0	0
Suprabha, Davanagere	8	8	0	2	6
Makkalalaya, Devadurga	8	8	3	5	0
Snehalaya, Hosapete	18	16	0	9	7
Total	81	61	8	28	22



Sponsored Children—Class 10 Results

Don Bosco Locations	Attempted	Passed	Distinction	1st Class	2nd Class /Pass
Mannuthy	1	1	0	0	1
Bangalore	2	2	1	1	0
Hosapete	1	1	1	0	0
Raichur	1	1	0	1	0
Total	5	5	2	2	1



Class 12 Results: 69.3% pass rate for children from the Don Bosco centres; 100% pass rate for the sponsored children

DB Childcare Centre Children—Class 12 Results

Don Bosco Institutions	Attempted	Passed	Distinction	1st Class	2nd Class /Pass
BOSCO Bangalore	5	5	0	3	2
Makkalalaya, Mysuru	31	15	0	4	12
Savio Bhavan, Mamma Margaret Home, Yadagiri	2	2	0	2	0
Suprabha, Davanagere	9	7	1	5	1
Makkalalaya, Devadurga	2	2	0	1	1
Snehalaya, Hosapete	13	12	1	7	4
Total	62	43	2	22	20

Sponsored Children—Class 12 Results

Don Bosco Locations	Attempted	Passed	Distinction	1st Class	2nd Class /Pass
Bangalore	11	11	4	4	3
Hosapete	1	1	1	0	0
Total	12	12	5	4	3



Santhoshadinda Shalege! (Happily, to school!)

BREADS, with the support of its partners like YOU, has been sending thousands of children to school and college, who without our support, would not make it on their own. Thank you, most sincerely, for your support. If you have not yet sponsored a child, please consider it. You will certainly be making an impact in their lives. Let's give you an idea how...



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SOME CHILDREN CAN'T THEY DIDN'T GO.

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Let children enjoy these pleasures! It's their time to learn and play. A time that does not return. Ensure that it is not stolen from them.

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Raju was just six years old when he was brought to Bosco Mane, Bangalore. He hailed from a family of illiterates and was no stranger to the bitterness of poverty that usually accompanies illiteracy. His father was mentally ill and his mother went away, leaving Raju and his younger brother in the care of his grandmother. That too, was short-lived, as she also passed away, leaving two little children alone in a strange, loveless world. With no one to take care of them, the children were sent to their uncle and aunt's home. Though they were very happy to take Raju and his brother, their desire to give the children a new home did not work out as the physically challenged couple found it difficult to provide for them. Their situation was brought to the attention of BOSCO (BREADS' partner in Bangalore). After an enquiry into their home situation, the BOSCO staff applied to the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) to admit the children to the BOSCO centre. Raju and his brother were admitted to BOSCO Mane in 2012 and joined St. Joseph's School, Chamrajpete, after completing a bridge course to help them catch up with their lost education.

Raju, now 16 years old, has successfully completed his class 10 with distinction (87%) and will be joining Don Bosco Pre-University College, Prakashpalya for his studies. Raju is grateful to BOSCO and its staff, as he realises that if it had not been for the constant presence and extended support of BOSCO in his life, he wouldn't have come this far. He now has a bright future to look forward to, and he says that he owes it all to the organisation that stood by him in his greatest hour of need.



"The purpose of our lives is to be happy." - Sony



This is the story of an unusual Class 10 student.

Sony was born in Bangalore. Her family was poor, and when her two elder brothers dropped out of school and developed bad habits, her family atmosphere worsened. Sony studied in a government school and had to drop out in class 8, to take care of her sick mother and the family. Since her brothers were unsupportive, she took up a job; working as a tele caller and later, in an internet café, for many years.



For 11 years, Sony endured a multitude of problems. Whenever she saw her friends and former classmates, she would feel sad and unfortunate for having missed out on school and the chance to enjoy her life. At 21, Sony ended up getting married to a 38-year old man because her parents had not adequately checked out the person. Since the alliance had already been finalised, Sony was pressured to overcome her reluctance for the marriage.

After her marriage, Sony discovered that her husband was a painter, earning a low income. As a mother of two children, she dreamed of sending them to an English-medium school, for which, she decided to take up a job and start earning.

Don Bosco Makkalalaya (DBM) (BREADS' partner in Mysuru) has a back-to-school/college initiative for school/PUC dropouts. On learning about it, Sony was thrilled at the opportunity and joined DBM in 2022, in the direct SSLC programme.

Sony shares, "When I joined DBM, I was happy because I made good friends, especially with the teachers. Don Bosco is teaching me the value of life and how to lead a meaningful life. I will always be grateful to DBM for laying the foundation of my education and enabling me to continue my studies."

At 30 years of age, and almost a life later, this mother of two children, has achieved her first milestone by passing the Class 10 exam with 41%. Sony plans to continue her studies and is interested in becoming a lab technician. A remarkable achievement, indeed!



BREADS knows and appreciates that Raju and Sony would not be setting out on the next stages of their empowerment journey, if not for the generous support of people like YOU, who care to give a person in need, a chance at life.

Let's send them all, **santhoshadinda shalege!**

Calendar

May 2023

- BREADS' leadership change
- Monitoring and evaluation of BREADS' projects
- Observance of No Tobacco Day across projects
- Visit from funding partner of DB BEST

June 2023

- Employee engagement with CSR partners
- Observance of World Environment Day
- Inauguration of 21st skill training batch- DB BEST
- Observance of Anti-Child Labour Day
- Visits to all Don Bosco houses in the province
- Launch of new projects

BREADS NEWS



Devadurga Don Bosco Social Service Centre Celebrates

Don Bosco Social Service Centre in Devadurga, Raichur is celebrating another momentous achievement! The students who were rescued from child labour and accompanied back into mainstream education through...[more...](#)



Morgan Stanley painting a better world at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan

A team of 30 from Morgan Stanley, led by Mr. Raju Alluri – Managing Director, visited Bosco Vatsalya Bhavan as a part of their CSR volunteering activities. BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan is the one and only transit centre cum shelter home...[more...](#)



Deutsche Bank representatives visit DB BEST: Celebrating Mutual Benefits and Empowering Youth

Hosting representatives of the Deutsche Bank, Ms. Ruchi Khemka (Head, Corporate Social Responsibility, Deutsche Bank) and Mr. Shueb Maqsood (COO Global Markets Operations) on their visit to BREADS on...[more...](#)



Former Smokers declare 'No Tobacco here' in Kappikunnu, Wayanad

The Drug Rehabilitation Education and Mentoring (DREAM) programme in Wayanad joined forces with the Health Department to commemorate World No Tobacco Day in an event held at Meenangadi panchayat on...[more...](#)

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