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The schools are closed now for the summer vacation and most of the Don Bosco projects have already made their plans ready to for the summer camps for the children from the rural villages. The novelty of these summer camps is that they are organized mostly in villages so that there is more participation. These camps will identify children who are drop outs and child labourers so that they can be mainstreamed in the next scholastic year. Don Bosco Summer Camps have been always great attractions for children because of its catch word, "infotainment". It gives children information and entertainment at the same time. We wish success for these summer thrills!

Shelter is one of the basic needs of the human being. Having a house of its own is a big dream for every family. BREADS in partnership with Kerala Aid Trust Malta was able to fulfill the dreams of four families in Kollam district, Kerala. In this issue of SLICE, we will talk about this project in detail.

With Best Wishes,
Fr. Joy Nedumparambil SDB
Executive Director

Events in March 2015

- Miseen Cara Team visited Prkashpalaya project
- Holy Childhood Team visited various projects across Karnataka
- CRT and BREADS organized training program on data collection on 25 & 26
- PICNIC of BREADS TEAM

Events in April 2015

- Summer camps for children from the villages in all Project Locations
- Annual Meeting of the CREAM Project Directors—28 & 29



Miseen Cara, Ireland Team visit



Kindermissionwerk, Germany Team visit



JEW Austria Team Visit

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Tuition Centre Students Visit Children's Home, Kollam

The Tuition Centre Students of DB Kollam, visited Children's Home, Kollam, on 8 March 2015. The visitors comprised of around 100 catechism students led by Fr. Thomas Meckaden, the Parish Priest, and Sr. Anita FMA, Principal of the Catechism Department. The Director of the Home welcomed the visitors and spoke elaborately on the work done there. . [More...](#)



Women's Day Celebrated by FCDP and TMS

Women's day was celebrated by the FCDP (Fishermen Community Development Programme) and TMS (Theeradesha Mahila Sangham) jointly on 7 March, 2015 at the FCDP hall. Ms. Honey Benjamin, the honourable Mayor of Kollam was the guest of honour. Fr. Sunny Uppan sdb presided over the function. Sr. Mary FMA also shared her views on the present situation of women India. [More...](#)

International Women's Day at Hospet

International Women's Day was celebrated at Don Bosco, Hospet, with the collaboration of Tharuni Mahila Abhivrudhi Society, on 9 March 2015. About 1650 women participated in the event that began with a rally from the Municipal premises. Kanne Umadevi (President, Hosapete City Municipal Council) inaugurated the function. Other guests . [More...](#)



'Suraksh' - Rehabilitation Center for Rescued Child Labourers from Brick Kiln in Davangere

"More than one-third of the country's population, around 440 million, is below 18 years of age. India's children are India's future. They are the harbingers of growth, potential fulfillment, change, dynamism, innovation and creativity. It is necessary that for a healthy future, we must .. [More ...](#)



SHELTER FOR THE POOR

A housing project for poor fisher folk Families in Kollam Coastal Villages



BREADS implemented a groovy project for the most needy families amongst the vulnerable and marginalized communities in Kerala as a means to integrate them into society. Housing is an essential building block in people's lives as it provides them with not only a base from which to center their lives but a means to free them from the need to pay rent and as such devote their earnings to their economic well-being.

The project has selected 4 most deserving families for this housing programme. All the beneficiaries of the project are people living below the poverty line and had no stable house. All the families lived in thatched huts or temporary sheds before realizing this project.

The most deserving and genuine beneficiaries were identified by Don Bosco Thope through the participation of respective grass root level organizations such as Self Help Groups. The construction of houses was done with a low cost housing plan and estimate with required interior alterations according to need of the family and considering the micro level planning. The



4 new houses are self-contained houses with sanitation facilities and with access to safe drinking water. The size of each house is around 410 sq-feet (38.15M³), which was decided during the family based planning process considering the size of the family, their livelihood base and other requirements. Locally available materials were extensively used as far as possible for the construction works to reduce the costs and in lieu with local conditions. Each house contains one small hall, two bedrooms and one kitchen with toilet facility. The houses were constructed by a qualified labour contractor and project provided the required materials. The beneficiary families have also provided their contribution by way of money, materials and labour. The project has also mobilized social capital (like voluntary works, free materials, etc.) from the community and relatives to realise these houses. The participation of women right from the beginning of the construction was ensured to mainstream the women perception in the entire construction and decision making processes.

Results and Outcomes of the project

- Four most vulnerable families in coastal villages of Kollam district, Kerala state now became home owners and received training in skills relating to the project
- People's participation and local resource mobilization were promoted extensively in the project which ensured the mobilization of social capital and other resource base for completing the housing project.
- Provided Sanitation facilities and access to safe drinking water for the target families.
- Created awareness and empowered the most vulnerable sections in the target area on various developmental themes and relevant developmental skills.
- This project has addressed the housing issue of the locality and also created a clean environment in the target area

