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MAJOR EVENTS IN November

- SHG Leaders Training at Deodurga
- TOT DB Tech Staff at BREADS Bangalore
- DB Tech Batch Review at Hospet
- Project Visit by Ms. Margret, Don Bosco Mission Germany

UPCOMING EVENTS IN December

- Inauguration of Child Rights Promotion Project- CREAM
- Staff training—CREAM Project
- PRT Meeting—DB Tech
- Culex 2012 at Vaduthala
- DB Tech Workshop at Bangalore
- DO HEADS meet at Mumbai
- DBAI SHG Training at Pavur and Manacade
- New Batches of Skill Training— All DB Tech Centres

From the Director's Desk...

BREADS has been at the forefront in the promotion and upholding of the child rights; care and protection of children in collaboration with its Don Bosco partners and concerned govt. departments in 11 districts of Karnataka for the past 19 years. Now, BREADS would like to take a new step forward with its scale up intervention through its new project – CREAM (Child Rights Education and Action Movement).

I remember years back when I was in Davangere, where we formed the first child rights clubs under the leadership of Fr Kuria-kose Puthenpurayil in partnership with UNICEF, there was a club in Sattoor, village, Singrihalli GP, Harpanahalli Taluk. The members

of the child rights club were instrumental in rescuing 10 children from bonded labour by complaining to the district administration and the Commissioner in turn forming a task force to rescue these children. And from then onwards, there have been many cases of children stopping child marriages and child labour, etc., wherever we have formed child rights clubs.

Through CREAM, BREADS and its Don Bosco partners would like to empower the children so that they participate and exercise their rights; that they inform people concerned when their rights are violated. The community is empowered so that the child related

issues may form part of the development agenda at the Gram Panchayath meetings; and that the community proactively gets involved in issues and rights related to children. If this can happen four years down the line in these 10 districts, then CREAM has served its purpose.

In this edition of "A SLICE" we focus on our new project CREAM and the Children's Day celebrations at our local projects in the month of November.

Wish you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year 2013!

Fr. Joy Nedumparambil SDB
Executive Director



BREADS has launched a new project called "CREAM" (2012-2015) covering 10 districts in Karnataka (Bangalore, Ramnagar, Mysore, Bidar, Gulbarga, Yadgir, Chitradurga, Bellary, Raichur, and Davangere) reaching out to more than 75000 children.



- * The goal of the project is to encourage and enhance children's participation in development process, to promote child rights and to ensure care and protection of children.
- * Creating Awareness on Child Right among more than 75000 children
- * Human Right Education in 450 schools with a reach out of 22500 children
- * 900 Government school teachers to be trained to impart HRE in their respective schools.
- * The project will form 450 Child Right Clubs) and its networks at district and state level. Also various grass root level associations will be formed with child involvement such as task forces, child safety nets, etc
- * Training for all the stakeholders (SHGs, Gram Panchayth Leaders, Government Officials, youth, teachers, NGO leaders, etc.) in the community on Child Rights
- * Participatory Action Research and Campaigns by children at district and state level for policy influence. Foster Genuine and meaningful child participation, child leadership and advocacy actions.
- * BREADS as the project holder will partner with 10 Salesian communities/projects in the target districts to implement this project.

Celebrating Childhood - Children's Day Celebrations



"Children's Day" is observed to celebrate childhood and promote awareness about children's empowerment. This celebration aims to promote the well being of children and to uplift their social rights. Don Bosco Projects celebrated Children's Day with lots of programs, activities, game and fun. All the centres made it a festival for children. Various cultural programmes, campaigns, competitions, were organized by Don Bosco partners and community groups to mark the day and make it a special one for the children.

Keerthi Chakra Awarded to Eight Street Children at Bosco Bangalore

The Children's day was made memorable for the less privileged children at BOSCO Bangalore. The occasion was celebrated on 14th November with great splendor and grandeur and BOSCO made every effort to make this occasion a joyous and colorful one for the less privileged children of Bangalore. There were 450 under privileged children who took part in the event. Eight children were given "Keerthi Chakra" Award of BOSCO in recognition for the courage and determination they have shown to come up in life against all odds. The day was a platform for children from the various centres to showcase their talents with beautiful dances and other sports and games.



YAR Day at DBCLM Davangere

On 20 November 2012 Don Bosco Child Labour Mission (DBCLM) in collaboration with Saravajanika Sikshana Ilakhe, Child Rights Clubs and Task Force organized the 'YAR (Young at Risk) DAY' celebrations in Jagalur Taluk at Pallagatte. Speaking on this occasion, Mrs. Jayalakshmi Mahesh (President, Zilla Panchayat) opined that every child must be free from labour and live their childhood happily. The BEO of Jagalur Taluk addressed the gathering and said that the Government has piloted many child friendly projects aimed at helping children to attain their right to education. Fr. Joy (Executive Director of BREADS)



Don Bosco Gulbarga Organizes Children's Signature Campaign

On 19 November 2012, Don Bosco PYaR, organized signature campaign to promote Child rights at the auspices of Balbhavan on the occasion of the celebration of children's day organized by Department of Women and Child Development, Gulbarga. M.K. Pattan, Judicial Magistrate and First Principal Civil Judge (Senior Division) inaugurated the signature campaign that highlighted the rights of children and said that the rights of children should be protected at all cost. "People who violate the rights of children often do not realize what they are doing", said Narsija Rajan, BAR Association, Gulbarga while speaking on the topic, 'protection of child rights'. Two hundred children, CHILDLINE team members, staff members and social activists attended the programme.



My Education is My Right : MAKKA-LOTHSAVA at Chitradurga

CHITHRA Don Bosco organized *Makkalothsava* on 18 November to mark the Children's Day. The theme was "My Education is My Right". 1050 children from 30 centers, supervised by CHITHRA Don Bosco, turned up for this mega event. The main aim of the programme was to enhance the talents of children and conscientize them on their rights.



The children of Don Bosco Child Labour Special School graced the occasion with their prayer dance. In his talk Fr. Jose stressed the importance of education in their lives and the right of children to education.

After the inauguration, the children played different chance games and won prizes. The afternoon session started with dance and singing competitions. All the teams showcased their talents to the arousing applause of the audience. The concluding function was presided over by Fr. Jose in the presence of Fr. Geo (Principal, DB PUC College), Mr. Alesh Augustine (Manager, Federal Bank) and Mr. Dharma (Best studio, Chitradurga). Fr. Julian thanked all responsible for the day and honoured the participants with prizes. The children with happy faces returned to their homes.

SAISAVOLSAVAM- Children's Festival 2012 at DB Monvila

Don Bosco, Monvila, was overwhelmed by the presence of hundreds of children on the occasion of the Children's Day celebrations (*Saisavolsavam*) on 17 November. The whole campus was coloured by the presence of kids and active students. The celebration began with a procession from the junction, flagged off by Mr. V. S. Padmakumar (Standing Committee Chairman, Social Welfare, Trivandrum Corporation). The process was made attractive by the fancy dressed kids, marching towards Don Bosco campus with the theme, "our hope — our children".



Children's Day Celebration at Don Bosco Yadgir

More than 700 children who dropped out of school were brought together to celebrate the Children's Day at Don Bosco Yadgir. The day was filled with cultural programmes, games and sports. The children made the day as their village festival. Ms. Margret Vogt from Germany was the chief guest of the programme. She interacted with the children and the children shared their joys and happiness. Fr. Joy Nedumpambal the executive director of BREADS has also motivated the children to continue their education for ensuring a better future. The children celebrated their childhood to the full on that day and Don Bosco offered them every help to come back to school.



also exhorted the gathering to leave no stone unturned in order to create a society where children's well-being becomes the priority of the local community. Master Kumar Gurusidhanna Gowda (Student Representative) expressed his view that children should be treated as citizens. As citizens they should enjoy the right to life, protection, participation in public opinion, development and other opportunities. To add colour to the whole event, a cultural programme comprising of dances, skits, and songs was also organized. Over 1000 children and people from all walks of life participated in the programme. The teachers of the various schools were eager to know more about child rights and what more they should do to ensure that every child has his right.

