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From the Director's Desk...



Don Bosco Ajjanahalli has been serving the young at risk, especially those rescued from the streets of Bangalore for the past 14 years. During the course of time, the institute has mainstreamed more than 1500 children from the street and from child labour. It is ideally located at a distance of 60 kilometers from the city of Bangalore in a village. The inmates initially were children who were exploited in the street and who were forced to get into unhealthy habits of consuming alcohol, smoking, addiction to drugs, inhaling whitener solution, sniffing petrol etc. Counseling and de-addiction camps are organized for the new entrants to the institution. Later on the project felt the need to rehabilitate also the children who were child labourers and school dropouts from the neighboring villages. The project soon developed a major medical project reaching out to the villages with health services.

The "Help Alliance" and "Miles to Help", the CSR Wings of Lufthansa Airlines through Don Bosco Mondo, Germany have been the principal project partners for Don Bosco Ajjanahalli for more than last 9 years. BREADS is grateful to these agencies for their overwhelming continuous support to sustain this center and the children. In this issue of "SLICE", we look at this project and its major interventions.

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Executive Director

Major events in August

- 1st - 30th - Global Giving Open Challenge, September 2013
- 3rd - 4th - Induction training for I year ITI batch, Bhadravati
- 11th - 12th - Fr Joy Nedumparambil represented BREADS at the Civil Society Consultation on Post 2015 Development Agenda, in Delhi
- 13th - 14th - SMS Kelasa Training programme for Social Workers
- 23rd - Fr Jeeson participated in the Management Training for Principals of DB institutions in Delhi
- 27th - 28th - CREAM staff training on Foster care, POCSO, Operation of Trafficking Nets

UPCOMING EVENTS IN October

- 3rd - 6th - Tech Mahindra ITA Training, Lingarajapuram
- 19th - DB Tech Employers' Meet
- 25th - 26th - DB Tech Staff Training Programme
- 25th - SCDRF Programme, Bangalore

News...



BOSCO Comes to the Aid of an Abandoned Infant

A girl child, 6 months old, was found abandoned by its mother at Kumara Swamy Layout (Bangalore) on 23 September 2013. When Mr. Gagan, a gym owner, came hours to open his centre, he heard the cry of a baby. [More...](#)



Orientation Programme for Open Shelters

The Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD), Karnataka, organized an orientation programme for the Coordinators and Social Workers of Open Shelters on 19 and 20 September 2013, at Tapovana, Drug De-addiction cum training center, Davangere. From BOSCO, Mr. Shafi (Coordinator of open Shelter) and Ms. Shalu S John (Social Worker) attended the training. [More...](#)



"Stop Violence, Child Marriage and Sexual Assault on Minors"

Condemning the violation of child rights, sexual assault of minors and other pertinent issues hundreds of volunteers participated in an awareness rally organized by DBCLM and Child Rights Clubs in Davangere. The volunteers participated in the rally holding placards carrying [More ...](#)



Training on Local Resource Mobilisation in Kollam

BREADS organized a two days training programme on local resource mobilization in collaboration with Don Bosco Boys' Home, Mundackal at Kollam. Ms Nisha Purushothaman and Fr George Menamparambil from CORDAID were the resource persons who jointly facilitated the training. [More ...](#)

Don Bosco Yuvakara Grama Ajjanahalli- *rekindling childhood and smiles*



Don Bosco Yuvakara Grama (DBYGA) at Ajjanahalli was initiated in 1999 with the intention to reach out to children and young at risk and rehabilitate them. With the intention, came the necessity to do a survey to comprehend the situation of children and youth in Magadi Taluk. This survey, conducted in October 1999 helped us understand the plight of child labourers and bonded labourers in Bangalore Rural region, convincing us on the need to establish a rehabilitation centre for those kids who had no takers.

Rehabilitation Centre for Vulnerable Children

The centre's erection began in November 1999, with Unicef abetting the effort. Soon, the rehabilitation of street children and child labourers demanded a concerted effort. In carrying the mission forward, the Salesians decided to form a network of the like minded groups, christened 'Magadi Makkala Dwani', to tackle the menace of child labour in Magadi Taluk.

At the rehabilitation centre, the children are counseled and repatriated with their families. Those left behind are motivated and counseled to get out of the trauma suffered during the days of hard labour or street life. Sports, extra curricular activities, life skills training, theatre, etc are used to help in the overall development of the children. They are all mainstreamed in schools after a specific interval at the bridge school so that they can keep up with their peers in the open world. 150 children benefitted from this multi pronged intervention last year.



As a recognised centre of Karnataka Open School Scheme, the centre facilitated the completion of SSLC exams of school drop outs over 14 years of age. Complementing this effort, tuition centres are conducted in the villages to help slow learners after school hours.

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Community Outreach Programmes



Involvement in the villages has been manifested in the adoption of two schools in the Taluk and establishment of a health programme to reach villagers who stand the least chance to benefit from health facilities. The mobile clinic visits the villages every Tuesdays and Saturdays, making it to 4 villages every time. The dispensary at the centre, besides taking care of the children in the centre, reaches out to the villages through the out patient days and village visits by the mobile unit. More than 200 villagers are benefitted from this programme every month.

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