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PREFACE

I am ever grateful to the almighty God who inspired me to pen ENHANCED LIVES. It was possible only through the past pupils of Don Bosco Vidyakshetra, Prakashpalya.

Enhanced Lives: Success Stories of Don Bosco Prakashpalya, is a true testimonial of the past pupils of Don Bosco Deepanjali. This small work encapsulates the progress and aspirations of the girls who transformed their lives uniquely. These girls were relentless in changing themselves, which in a spectacular manner improved their quality of life. In an era marked by technological advancements, medical breakthroughs, and educational innovations and evolving social structures, these success stories serve as a beacon of hope to many who have embarked themselves on the journey towards a new beginning.

These short accounts are replete with narrations of difficulties that these individuals had to go through in order to tide their way to climb the ladder of success. In an instant, one feels upon reading these stories that if these people could fulfill their dreams, why can't I do it too? Definitely, the story tellers gratefully acknowledge the experienced hands of the fathers, sisters, brothers and teachers in helping them be where they are today.

As I conclude, I feel contented to see that not only those mentioned here in the book, but also many others have truly benefitted from the services that Don Bosco Prakashpalya has been rendering ever since its inception. It is needless to mention that many who will come here to study will definitely stand to gain. I pray that this institute may continue to touch the lives of many especially the lives of the most deserving ones.

Fr. Lawrence R. Sdb
Rector

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ANITHA J.

Continuing the Heart Business of Education

I was born in a poor family and in a remote village in Mysore and my initial education was done in the same village. Soon after my school education, I joined in Don Bosco PU College at Prakashpalya in Chamarajnar district. I belonged to the 2007-2009 batch. I recall the 2 years that I spent at Don Bosco College as well as at the Deepanjali hostel were the best years of my life. Those 2 years had brought about a deep transformation in my life and had prepared me for a better future. I was privileged to grow under the guidance of Late Fr. Raj & Fr. Jose. And, both of them were very strict disciplinarians and at the same time very fatherly and caring. They taught me the values of honesty, punctuality and hard work. I always remember them with respect & deep reverence.

I really enjoyed the student friendly atmosphere in the college. The teachers were very friendly at the same time they demanded results from us. They were very strict, but at the same time, were very caring and understanding. There was a homely atmosphere in the class and hostel, I really cherish those days a lot. They really motivated me to study well. I take pride in saying that I passed PUC with distinction without any additional tuition classes. I learned a lot from my teachers. Even now, some of the teachers call me and enquire about my well-being. This is something unique of Don Bosco teachers & I can never forget them. They are very precious gems for me.

I was a student in the hostel there. Our hostel was built with tin sheets and had only minimum facilities. Life was very hard. It was a very remote village surrounded by fields, but I really enjoyed my stay there. We had to work every day in the field. And, whenever we had a holiday, we worked the whole day. It was tough but we enjoyed. We were not forced to work, but we gladly did it. But we worked with a lot of interest as the Fathers and the Brothers also worked with us. It was a

new experience for me, which I had not seen anywhere. It was a home away from home.

Today I have a beautiful family. I have completed my post graduate studies & B.Ed. too. I am teaching in Narayana Tech. School, Bengaluru. It is one of the well-known schools in the city. As a teacher, my role models are my Priests and teachers in Don Bosco Prakashpalya. I am happy to say that I am a well appreciated teacher. In fact in one of the staff meetings, the principal looked at me and told the other teachers "Be like Anitha Mam, she is very active, children friendly and so much committed. Just look at the way children love her." The whole credit goes to my respected Fathers & teachers of Don Bosco who molded and guided me to become a good human being. Today whatever I am is because of Don Bosco P.U. College. I love Don Bosco. You will not be a loser if you study in Don Bosco Vidyakesthra, Prakashpalya.

Motto: "Tough times never last, but tough people do."



DIVYA M.

A School Co ordinator

“School is a place for learning, if knowledge flows, then the ignorance will not have a place.

If one understands well and walks then life will be brighter”.

School should become a strong foundation to the future.

My educational journey in Don Bosco School from 8th std to 2nd PUC, (2004-2009) was indeed worth noting. I had to cope up with unpleasant moments when I joined the school since there weren't proper bus facilities and financial support to me. Since, my place was in a rural and remote area, it was indeed a blessing when Don Bosco built the educational institution in our area. There were more unpleasant experiences than pleasant ones until Don Bosco School made its mark in Prakashpalya.

Both, the Don Bosco management and the teaching staff had laid a strong foundation towards a disciplined life and a solid education. They motivated me to study well and inspired me with their words and deeds. They created in me a deep urge and thirst for knowledge, which fortunately is being continued in my life. Don Bosco is the small hub for educational activities at Prakashpalya in Kollegal taluk. Many of those who had pursued their studies in Don Bosco have excelled in various fields of interests such as Military, Engineering, Nursing, Education, Management, Accountancy and as members of Civic bodies.

Many of us had experienced difficulties to study due to lack of hostel facilities. Providentially, when Don Bosco started the hostel for girls, it helped me and my friends to pursue our studies well. In the hostel we gained many values and also a disciplined way of study. It made a deep influence on me to change my life style. Situations made me strong while I lived in the hostel through which I built my character.

Presently, I am working as a teacher in almost three schools. I am the coordinator for these three schools as well. This work has made me very active and helped me develop the best personal qualities for my life. As I conclude these few lines, I would like to remind everyone that in the present world, the English language is the medium that is used in most places in our society. Thus one should focus more on mastering the English language. It will definitely help you to excel in your career. Let us give heed to the positive thoughts always, which will change our thinking.

Motto: “Remember that education is a matter of heart”. - Don Bosco



PAULINE JAYANTHI

A Surgical Nurse

I hail from a rural area called Thomiyarpalya in Kollegal taluk, Chamarajnar district. Let me share my success story with you all. I joined Don Bosco PU College in Prakashpalya in 2007. I came from a very poor family. I entered into the Arts wing. I was fortunate to have a shelter in Don Bosco Deepanjali girls' Hostel in Prakashpalya. At that time, the hostel was not fully equipped. Yet, many girl students were pursuing their PU studies in the College. I had spent two beautiful and very meaningful years in the hostel with Don Bosco fathers, sisters, college teachers and girls. The fathers were very helpful to me to continue my studies in the college. I too received a lot of encouragement and support for my education. Their simple way of life inspired me to achieve something in my life.

I had a dream to become a nurse and I pursued that after my PUC. I pursued GNM for three years and I excelled in that field. I got a government job and I am currently working in Yelandur village in Mysuru as a surgical Nurse. Though I was born poor but now my life has changed for the better. I sincerely thank all Don Bosco fathers especially Fr. Jose & community financially supported me to achieve my goal. Poverty should not be limiting our goals but self motivation should enable us to reach our goals.

Motto: To shine like a sun, first you must burn like the sun.



MARIA S.

Molding Lives

I hail from a small village called Jaganatta Doodi at Thomaryarpalya in Kollegal Taluk. I joined the Don Bosco Deepanjalli hostel and Don Bosco PU College in 2010. It was quite tough for me to leave my home and to stay in the hostel. During my studies at Don Bosco, the college had provided many exposure visits and it made me more confident. The teachers, mentors and friends enlightened my mind. This knowledge helped me a lot to cope up with my problems. It was a great platform for me to grow in knowledge. I am unable to forget the wonderful experiences that I had during those years.

Life in the hostel taught me great lessons as to how to be self reliant disciplined and manage my time. It had enabled me to plan well in my studies and to plan well for other activities without wasting time. While I was in the hostel, the sisters taught us moral values and helped us to do well in studies. I had a dream to become a good teacher in future. Though I had many hardships in the past years, yet I achieved my dream. Today, I am a teacher at Don Bosco, the place where I studied. I gratefully remember Don Bosco College and the Hostel.

Motto: You can't cross the sea by staring at the water.



SALOMI SHALINI J.

Persuading Goodness

I had a great dream to become a teacher in my life. It was truly actualized with the basic foundation and values from Don bosco college and the Hostel life. I was born in a village called Prakashpalya at Kollegal. My parents are farmers and live a simple life. I have two younger brothers and a sister. I am the eldest in the family. My house is located in a forest area in Kollegal taluk. There are no basic facilities in my locality, yet people manage their daily lives. In 2009, I joined Don Bosco College, Prakashapalya. We were very poor, and we could afford only Rs. 2000/- then for my studies. Little did I know that this change was bringing about a significant turn in my life.

My life is like a treasure for me. It provided me the invaluable joys in life. While I was getting educated in the college, I grew up with a lot of self confidence. I bet that I could not have seen myself so self-confident anywhere else. I used to work in the garden, farm and kitchen. It was for me a home where I had learned from the Fathers and Sisters, and where I understood my personal uniqueness and individuality.

I made use of the time in the hostel for studies. In fact it was quite tough for me in the beginning and gradually I got accustomed to live in the hostel. The hostel had provided me the basic facilities to grow as a human being and achieve the desired goals.

If ever I get the chance I would like to stay in Don Bosco and learn some beautiful things for my life. It was heaven for me and I will never forget it. Now I am married and have a girl child who is studying in 2nd std in Don Bosco school. I am happy at home with my family members. I am rendering my best since Five years as a teacher in Don Bosco, in a way gratefully reciprocating for the values and education which I received from it.

Motto: Be good and do good.



SUDHA

Woman, Strong and Resolute

I am very proud to write about my success story. I come from Prakashpalya. My parents are very poor and it was very difficult for them to take care of the children at home. My village is wholly surrounded by forest. My hostel and my college were a second home for me. I joined Don Bosco PU College to pursue my college studies. I had a dream to become someone like my teacher. So I worked hard to realize this dream.

As I joined the PU college and Hostel, I had no friends as such, yet gradually I made many friends in the college and hostel as well. In fact, I enjoyed my days in the hostel to the fullest and had sweet and memorable days with my companions. Every moment which I spent in my college was something which I will eternally cherish in my life.

I acknowledge fully that what I am today is due to Don Bosco and I learned and practiced human values and it made me strong with a lot of hard work. I enjoyed so much while studying in the college since all staff and friends were so loving and friendly and the atmosphere was very pleasant. I became a strong girl as I was moving out of Don Bosco campus. The whole credit goes to Don Bosco. I salute St. John Bosco for the great gift of college and hostel in Prakashpalya. It has been nurturing and educating many rural girls especially in Kollegal taluk. Now I am a teacher in the same Don Bosco School. I will try to render my service to the people of my locality. Let the name of Don Bosco shine always through the good works of charity and education.
Motto: Life is a journey, not a race.



REKHA

Living Gratefully

I am from a village called Mariapura in Kollegal taluk. It is a very remote village which had no educational institutions. Generally, in rural areas, parents do not send girls to school once they complete their 7th STD, as they have to travel distances to pursue their high school education. Such was my condition on completion of my 7th std. Thanks be to God! At the right time, the Don Bosco fathers began a school in Prakashpalya for the rural students to continue further studies. Late Rev. Fr. Irudaya Raj in 2000 began the high school in Kannada medium. He then started the girls' hostel, so that the rural girls and boys could stay and study. Since those days were the initial days, I must say that there were no decent doors and ventilators for the rooms, but since we had a goal to reach, we stayed there and studied. In 2003, Fr. Raj also started the PU College (HEGP & PCMB) in Prakashpalya.

Just like the mother hen that protects her chicks through her wings, we too were protected through education and human values. All college professors especially Mr. Nagendra and Mahadev taught me and directed me well in my studies. I am deeply indebted to them for the gift of education and values imparted to me while I lived in Prakashpalya.

My dream was to become a teacher. After my graduation, I pursued B.Ed. I had a privilege to render my humble service to the institution where I gained knowledge for 7 years as a teacher. At present, I am happily living in Mysuru. I would like to place on record my sincere gratitude to the almighty God who provided me with the opportunity through Fathers to equip myself and others by imparting qualitative education. I greatly admired and revered St. John Bosco. I am also grateful to the fathers and brothers for all their sacrifices.

Motto: Your light is my life



TEJA S.

Gratefully Soaring

I am Miss Teja S. currently; I am working as a teacher in Don Bosco School. I hail from a lower middle class family. I have lovely parents and two elder sisters and two elder brothers. Both my elder sisters and a brother have also studied in Don Bosco PU College. My eldest sister Roja has completed M.Sc. in Biology. She served as a lecturer in Don Bosco College for 4 years. My second elder sister Roopa also served as a teacher for 8 years in Don Bosco School. My elder brother has completed M.A. in library studies.

I joined this great institution in 2007 to pursue my high school education and PUC as well. I came with Rs.2000, which was not sufficient amount to study yet, Don Bosco institution had made it possible for me to study. I am very grateful to Don Bosco Fathers for having given me the place to study with such a low fees. Indeed I made use of the opportunity to study well and also to take part in sports as well. It gave me more self confidence and also the strength to face difficulties in life.

My life in the college and in the hostel was memorable. Here, I learnt several good values. All the teachers were very good as teachers, sports trainers and musicians. I acquired a good education and I pay my deep homage to all my educators. They are my real heroes in life.

Presently, I am a teacher in Don Bosco School. It's a great pride for me to serve in the same institution where I was educated.

Motto: Live and Let Live.



PUSHPALATHA M.

Hard Work pays

I hail from a very poor family in Marianagar in Hassan District. My father's name is Moses and my mother's name is Mary Regina. When I entered Don Bosco, I realized that there were many students who came to stay and study there from distances as far as 300 kilometers. I am one among them as well. Most of the students were from poor families. Honestly, I find it difficult to mention that I come from a poor family. It was a Vidya Degula for all of us. The Hostel started in the year 2000 with 15-20 girls. It became my home. The fathers and brothers were friendly and caring. I revered the late Rev. Fr. Raj who was my role model and inspiration to study well. He was a living Don Bosco for us always. We built up strong and healthy relationships, so much so we still are in touch with each other.

If today I am well placed in society, I owe it to the fathers and my teachers in Don Bosco Prakashpalya. They helped me to cultivate various qualities like self confidence, trust, honesty, hard work and relationships. Although, we belonged to different castes, I must say that there was no discrimination whatsoever in the college as well as in the hostel. It was largely due to the education and moral values that were instilled in us by our superiors. I believe very strongly that nothing could replace the love and education that I received in Don Bosco.

Currently, I am teaching as an assistant Kannada teacher in Bengaluru. I am well settled in Bengaluru with my family. All thanks and honor goes to the institution where I developed the best qualities, the fruits of which I am reaping now. I believe that hard work will not fail to bear fruits in life. Let the spirit of Don Bosco shine like a sun.

Motto: Where there's a will, there's a way.



PRIYA

A Hand Supporting Many More

I was born in Prakashpalya. My parents are Robert Rebelo and Theresa and I have two brothers. I had my primary education in Prakashpalya government school. In 1999, the Don Bosco School began in Prakashpalya. It was late Fr. Irudaya Raj who initiated it. At that time there were a few girls from the nearby village in the hostel. I was able to complete my 10th STD. But, after my SSLC, my poor parents were unable to send me to the college. Before I could join the hostel, my parents wanted me to work in the convent due to financial difficulties. The sisters persuaded my parents to educate me instead. Thus, they did not allow me to work rather, Srs. Deepthi, Sofia and Mr. Anthonyswamy provided me with the college uniforms and a pair of colour dress. The college fee was Rs. 2000 per year and they paid it. I opted to study Arts in 2003. Those days were very hard and still they were the best days of my life.

The hardships that I experienced made me tough and sharpened my goal to study well and achieve something in my life. I made use of the hostel facilities and study timings well and because of that I could score good marks. Since I came from a poor family, my friends encouraged me to focus on my studies. It was the period of transition in my life. After my studies at Don Bosco, I went to Bengaluru to Nirmala Jyothi convent in 2005 to pursue higher studies. Soon after that with the support of my relative Mrs. Priya Prasadini I joined the Expert College as Data entry operator.

I got married and I have two sons. I worked as a data operator for a few months. My Aunty who was in Bengaluru helped me to join Chethana Techno as a teacher, where I worked for a few years. In 2014, I joined as a data operator in Women and Child Welfare Committee. Later in 2016, I joined the BBMP and I began to earn Rs.13,000 and more. Meanwhile I met my childhood friend Mr.

Prashanth Bellur and we planned to do something for our parish and school where we were educated. Since 2019 onwards, I decided to help my alma mater. My desire is to help the poor children who are studying in Don Bosco Prakashpalya. Don Bosco has molded me with the best of education and moral values which has transformed me into a very resilient woman. Let God continue to shower his blessings on everyone. I will try to encourage a few more friends to support this cause. I am convinced that the poor should not be deprived of good education.

Motto: Be Positive, Be Patient, Be Persistent.



PRESILLA S.

Giving Care

I was born in Jokkalli village at Kollegal taluk in Chamarajnar District. My Parents being very devoted Catholics brought me up with devotion and faith in God. Mr. Susairaju and Mrs. Selvi kumara are my parents. I loved my parents very much especially my mother. I have a sister, and her name is Sara. Our village is encompassed by forest and natural beauty. Since we were poor, my parents requested Don Bosco Hostel to accommodate me so that I could continue my studies. Don Bosco Hostel and college at Prakashpalya laid a strong educational foundation to me.

I joined the PU College and stayed in Don Bosco Deepanjali hostel from 2017 to 2019. I had a desire to become a nurse. While I was residing in the hostel my life was tough but at the same time I could learn many beautiful things for my life. I had good friends. I acquired leadership qualities and also the ability to face tough situations. The Fathers and Sisters were very kind and encouraged me a lot to achieve my goal. The initial training in the hostel with sisters was good. It laid a moral and educational foundation in me which later on paved the way towards a happy life. Then after my PU studies I joined B.Sc. nursing in Bengaluru and eventually I started to work in Bengaluru itself. I am very happy and contented as well. Today what I am is all due to the guidance and education that I received at Don Bosco, Prakashpalya.

Motto: Mother is the best gift of God.



PRANITA G.

Lecturing Transformation

The fact is that, those days had passed and the place has also been transformed, but the fond memories live forever and never die. I am very much enthused to recall my days in Don Bosco college and hostel. My parents are very good. My father is a primary school teacher and my mother is a homemaker. I have a brother who is currently studying in Bengaluru. Our home is situated in a village which is 28 kilometers away from Kollegal taluk.

The days that I spent at Don Bosco College and Hostel are very dear to me. It not only enthused me to live but also galvanized me to lead my life well in the society. The experiences that I had gathered there helped me to focus on my goal and also to achieve success. Life in the hostel taught me how to be happy and tough. I also learned with regard to morality, which has come handy now as I live my life. I gratefully remember my beloved teachers, fathers and friends. I have successfully completed M.Sc. in Mathematics and Physics. I am currently working in my own college as an assistant lecturer, where I began nurturing my dreams.

Motto: Life is a journey but it is not a destination.



PRATHIMA R.

Healthy Educator

I am very much privileged to brief you about my institution or rather it's a temple. My stay at Don Bosco College and hostel are the unforgettable days of my life. I deem myself lucky to have pursued my PUC over there. Words are inadequate to express my deep sentiments of gratitude to all the Fathers, sisters and teachers for their invaluable contribution towards my personal growth. I hail from a small village in Hanur taluk in Chamarajnagar district. I come from a very poor family and poverty ranks high in our region. My friends who secured more than 90% in Class X pursued their education in the so-called best colleges. But, I must dare to say that I did not make a mistake when I joined Don Bosco Vidyakshethra, where even the student who scored the least eventually excelled in his/her studies. We had regular classes and tuitions on different subjects and there was a lot of time to clarify our doubts. This boosted me up to do well in my studies. It must be noted that Don Bosco College consistently has high rate of students passing their PUC exams.

I joined Don Bosco College for PUC as a PCMB student. Initially it was quite tough to understand yet, all our teachers supported me and the sisters at the Deepanjali hostel also helped me to study. In the hostel, I had a good experience, wherein I learned to work hard, pray and study. I ended up cultivating some of the life-skills so crucial to face tough situations that life offers us. Soon after completing PUC, I went to Mysuru to pursue my B.Sc. Nursing. It took nearly four years to complete the course. Thereafter I worked in Mission hospital and Radiant Cancer hospitals. As I was working, I attempted competitive exams and fortunately, I was selected for the Government job. I was placed as a community health officer in Hanur Taluk which is near to my native place. Presently, I am very happy with my duty and life.

I sincerely thank God and my tutors who educated me both intellectually and morally. I feel proud to mention that Don Bosco institution is like a great library for me. All should grow and glow in Don Bosco institution. This is my wish and prayer. Now I am leading my life based on the values and education, which I gained from Don Bosco.

Motto: Life is not a bed of roses.



SOWMYA P.

Became Resourceful

I am Sowmya P and I hail from a very poor family in Mysuru. I joined Don Bosco College and Deepanjalli hostel in 2013. My parents are farmers and they found it very difficult to financially support me in my studies. I am really grateful to the fathers and sisters, who helped me to become a good human being. I really enjoyed my life both at the college as well as in the hostel. We had regular prayers and work in the hostel. The hostel life in Don Bosco Prakashpalya remains as sweet memories in my heart. The life style there taught me a great lesson for life.

After the completion of my studies at Don Bosco, I finished my graduation. Currently, I am an Area Human resource (AHR) in a project finance firm. I am earning a good sum of money through which I am able to support my life.

Last, but not the least, I must acknowledge that whatever I am today is largely because of Don Bosco, which is undoubtedly my second home. I wish that everyone accepts this challenge to face the hardships of life.

Motto: If you are born poor it's not your mistake, but if you die poor it's your mistake. (Bill Gates).



DRAKSHAYINI N.

Education Lights Horizons

I am from a poor village called Kothanur in Kollegal Taluk of Chamarajanagar district. I joined Don Bosco Vidyaksethra in 2012. At that point there was a lot of financial crisis at home. I have my parents and sisters as well at home. Yet, it was due to the support that I received from the Don Bosco fathers that I could do well in my studies. I did find my studies difficult, but my teachers supported me to do well in my academics. Similar to me there were several girls who were helped by Don Bosco to pursue their studies.

My life in the hostel had many unforgettable moments. I cherished the company of my mates in the hostel. I must specially mention that all my companions deeply benefitted from all that Don Bosco offered to them.

After my PUC, I pursued my degree. Later on, I became a Geography lecturer in Don Bosco PU college, a unique privilege indeed!

At Don Bosco, I encountered many students who hail from poor families. My services here gave me a lot of self-satisfaction and fulfillment as well. I deeply exhort all to be encouraging of students who come from poor families. My humble exhortation is that let no one be discouraged or disappointed since he/she comes from a poor family. God is totally in charge of each one of us!

Motto: Where there's a will there's a way.



SHASHI R.

Living on Challenging Role (As a Role Model)

I am Shashi R. I hail from a very poor family in Pushpapura village. At home, I have my parents and two other siblings. Life at home was so hard that sometimes it was difficult to have a meal. Thus it was quite hard for my parents to take care of the children's education. Somehow, I managed my studies up to class VIII. Travelling to school by bus too was becoming increasingly difficult, which was affecting my studies. But, the deep desire to study was growing steadily. Perhaps, this was the reason why I was fortunate to enter the portals of Don Bosco Prakashpalya to study in 2011.

I was privileged to get admitted both at Don Bosco School as well as at the hostel. Both the school as well as the hostel instilled in me values towards good behaviour. I picked them up quickly. I thank both the fathers as well as the sisters who took care of me. Today, whatever I am is solely due to Don Bosco's system of education. I exhort all the readers and students of the school and the college to make the best use of the education opportunities offered by Don Bosco. If only they absorb the values that Don Bosco teaches us then their life will indeed be beautiful

Motto: Each person must live their life as a model for others.



VASANTHA M.

Walking on Illuminating Paths

I was born in a poor family at Pushpapura in Kollegal taluk, Chamarajanagara district. Almost everyone in pushpapura is poor as their only source of income is farming. At home we are five members, namely my parents, sister, brother and my humble self. My early education was far from being good. Also, my parents could not afford to educate me in some well-known schools. When my father scouted for some schools so that I could get some decent education, he found that Don Bosco Prakashpalya as the most suitable one, as well as an affordable one.

I started my journey over there as a 5th std student. I joined the hostel too. As I entered the hostel the fathers and sisters were very kind and took good care of me. In the beginning we were only 16 girls in the hostel. But, we felt as if we belonged to the same family. Late Fr. I. Raj, had created a system of disciplined and tough life, indeed a place to shape our behavior. What I learned then has come in handy to face some tough situations even today. It was a home with joy, fun and study. Thus even now all those who passed out from Don Bosco institute have fond memories to cherish. In a similar way the teaching staff and sisters were demanding from everyone. They taught me moral values of life and knowledge to understand the tough situations in life. While we were in the hostel, we always shared our joys and sorrows with each other without any hesitation. We had a good campus with huge play grounds, well equipped library, Labs and class rooms which I had not seen in my previous school.

Today if I am a good citizen, it is due to Don Bosco and its staff. They were truly God's gift for me. Soon after my PUC, I pursued B.A. and B.Ed. After this, I worked in GHPS School as a teacher on contract basis at BG halli in Hunasur, Mysuru district. My parents and family are deeply indebted to Don Bosco for all that it did for me. I would gladly like to support Don Bosco in the future in some of its endeavours.

Motto: The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.



MAHADEVAMMA S.

Life's Dancer

My name is Mahadevamma and I come from a tiny village called Chikkamalapura in Kollegal taluk. My Parents are Shivaya and Gowamma. I have an elder sister Sharada and an elder brother Mallikarjuna. I finished my lower primary education at my own village school. My parents were daily wage workers. We were obviously economically poor. As I experienced this poverty, I had resolved to put an end to this by taking my studies seriously. There were two children in our neighbourhood who were getting educated at Don Bosco Prakashpalya. I too decided to pursue my studies there. I decided to join 6th std in Don Bosco school while I stayed in the Satyaseva hostel close to the school campus. I was good at dance. The sisters had identified my talent and had sent me to Bengaluru to learn Dance. I joined the Nirmala Girls' high school at Bengaluru for 8thstd. I successfully completed my 10th std. While I was studying in the school, I was getting coached up in dance on Saturdays and Sundays in NBCLC (National Biblical Catechetical Liturgical Centre). Soon after my 10th std, I rejoined Don Bosco PU college, where in I chose HEGP combination, although I was persuaded by the college principal Mr. Mahadev to opt for PCMB.

Over the years I experienced teachers' dedication, moral standards, simplicity, good will, discipline, etc. in the college and in the hostel. All were showing a keen interest in the students' welfare and encouraged them to achieve their goals. Perhaps, all these factors contributed to the growth of the desire in me to become a police official. But, due to some problems, I did not join the police; instead, on the basis of merit, I pursued DGNM in Krishna Rajendra Hospital in Mysuru. In the first year itself, I failed in the community subject.

I was discouraged from continuing my studies, but I decided to put in a lot of hard work and finally within three and half years I

completed the course and I joined Swamy Vivekanda Memorial Hospital sargura (NGO) and I worked there for four years. Later, I joined Apollo BGS hospital. In 2022, I married Mr. Yogesh from Kothanur village. My life in Don Bosco has given me some unforgettable experiences. Let us not lose hope in life but rather focus on what we want to achieve and in due course of time it will be in your hands. Remember hard work, persistence and determination is the key to success.

I am very happy to have studied in Don Bosco Prakashpalya. Dear Fathers, brothers, sisters and staff, you were my life changer and have made my life very beautiful.

Motto: Until you dare to take on new challenges you wouldn't discover your full potential.



SOWJANYA

Education Helps with Choices

My parents had four children, all of them girls. I never dreamt of studying PUC as my family was not economically sound. Our parents wanted to give us in marriage. In such a context, I never dreamt of achieving anything special in my life. But, somehow, as fate would have it, I cleared my SSLC and also joined Don Bosco PU College at Prakashpalya in 2012. It was sheer providence!

I was not good at mathematics and science, thus I opted for Arts combination in PUC. Don Bosco College helped me to focus on goal in life. But, I had to work hard in order to reach that goal. I had wonderful companions at the hostel. At Don Bosco I truly felt that the fathers, brothers, sisters and staff value education. They were my real inspiration. Their encouragement instilled in me the courage to take a complete turn in my life. I am glad to say that I scored good marks and I went on to pursue my degree. With this, I was able to get a police constable's job.

Today, I am working in Bengaluru. I bear testimony to the fact that it was Don Bosco that was responsible for transforming my pitiable life situation to a more decent and cheerful one, where a new meaning began to emerge in my life. Let us not lose heart as God is present through some good human beings in society.

Motto: There is no success without hardships.



DEEPA MARY J.

Don Bosco Always Blessing

“Anybody who acquires knowledge can lead a pure life.”

My parents name is John Wesley and Jayasheela. I have a younger sister and her name is Precila and I have two younger brothers' Micheal D'souza and Immanuel. We hail from a middle class family at Kotti ugugane in Chamarajanagra district. I had completed my elementary education at Jakkali village and High school education at Christ the King in Mangalur. Thereafter I wanted to study further and I was searching for the college then my brother Hrudaya Raj and Pricilla had studied in Don Bosco PU College at Prakashpalya in Kollegal Taluk. My parents had been impressed by the quality education and moral values provided by the Don Bosco college at Prakashpalya. Thus my parents admitted me to the Don Bosco PU College and I stayed two years in the Deepanjali hostel.

Once I entered the College and hostel then I came to my realization that each and every student who comes into contact with this college had a special way of development due to the support of the staff. At that point, I realized that anybody who acquires knowledge can lead a pure life. I had witnessed in Don Bosco college and hostel especially girls who were from far away village had a very good education and stay facilities for students. At that time Rev. Fr. Jose Kuttaniyanikal and Fr. Aloysius sdb had been sacrificed their time to educated well those who were with them. There were great moments in our life like sports, study and work and extracurricular activities etc. In the hostel Sr. Asunda and other sisters who supported us well to develop our abilities. I was deeply impressed by their way of praying and life example while I stayed in Don Bosco Deepanaji hostel. The deep relationship which we had while we were studying over there is

still imprinted in me. My deep respect and honor to all fathers, sisters and lecturers for their valuable service and good moral values. Those who read my life success story should recommend the poor and difficult studies to get good education in Don Bosco Prakshpalya. It is my desire and prayer as well.

Soon after My PU studies I joined for the degree studies at St. Philomina college in Mysuru. Later on I entered to B.Ed studies and I successfully completed it and joined as an assistant teacher. After few years I entered into married life with Mr. Sunil Kumar and now I have a girl child. At present my family is settled in Bengaluru. My life is good and happy by the grace of God. I will never forget the blessings and education which I had experienced while I was in Don Bosco Prakashpalya.

Motto: “Only the educated are FREE”.

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