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Dear Friends,

After that very lengthy circular of August 20, 1995. I really have very little by way of news.

This year we had the unique experience of conducting a Camp for Mentally Handicapped children in Khandala. Some of our students joined this Camp and the integration proved truly beneficial to both the groups.

We had another unusual event which caused a great deal of anxiety to the parents of Irene Mendonca and Josephine Anthony, aged 10 and 8 years respectively. They were both kidnapped by a man who posed as a Doctor. They were rescued after a week. The motive of the doctor is being investigated.

You will be happy to know that I am a Grandmother again. Rita D'lima delivered her first baby 2 weeks ago. This was a premature baby boy.

Dear Friends, I know that many of you are working very hard to raise money for our new Dream Project. I thank you all, for the effort you are making to see this dream through.

As Christmas will soon be here, let us ready ourselves, renew our lives and conform them to the values of the Gospel. Let our hearts be ready to receive him and make daily efforts to find joy in God. We are time and again forewarned about the Lord's coming in judgement.

However, in the face of much conflict, tension and strife we may say that Jesus, the prince of peace was a failure. But was he? The answer lies in the crib. We gaze at the crib and we see a defenseless child: arms open, humble, simple. The child we see there has not come with a ready made wrapped-up gift of peace. he has come to win peace for us by a life of giving love for hatred, turning hatred into love. That was to be his way, everyday of his life, until his arms were stretched out on the cross, the last great act of receiving hatred and giving love in return.

Only then was the promise of peace fulfilled. For Jesus offered all the hatred he received to his Father and his Father accepted it and made him the risen, living prince of peace. And so the very first words that Jesus spoke to his apostles after his resurrection were, 'Peace be in the world'. The same Jesus today gives you and me the power to make peace a reality in our world, in our society, in our neighbourhood and in our family.

God bless each of you this Christmas Season, and may the year ahead be one of joy and graces.

Yours Gratefully in **Jesus and Mary,**

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