

PREM DAN

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Dear Friends,

I'm sorry my news-letter has been delayed due to my poor health. I had to battle with acute Bronchitis Asthma, Arthritis and Vertigo. Obviously God doesn't want me to retire in spite of being 72 years old. But I certainly would have been miserable to be away from Prem Dan.

School re-opened on the 13th of June. We had the usual rush for admissions but we have learned to cope with the everlasting problem.

The public school Examination results was declared on the 14th of June. 9 students did well but we had 3 failures. I congratulate all the sponsors whose children completed High School. All of them are continuing their studies in Junior Colleges.

1. Manjula Acharya
2. Lavina D'souza
3. Sumedh Jadhav
4. Sunita Thakur
5. Prashant Nawalu
6. Manisha Jadhav
7. Meryn Alexander
8. Kunal Kamble and
9. Anuradha Shukla

Mahadev Yadav, Alex Rajan and Pushpa Jadhav were not successful.

This year we were able to admit 70 students into Private English Medium School. 40 children in Little Flower of Jesus, 10 children in Holy Name High School, 5 children in Sir. J.J High School, 5 children in St. Joseph High School and 10 children in Our Lady of Health.

On the 16th of March Prem Dan lost its Father Founder Msgr. Theodore Anthony Periera. This was indeed a great loss to Prem Dan. Fr Theodore took keen interest in the running of the Trust. We had a memorial service for him. I'm sure he will always be a part of Prem Dan even in Heaven. Thanks Fr. Theodore. We miss your daily visits to Prem Dan.

In June we were sad to bid farewell to our dear Uncle Mario Traversini of Telecom Italia. Mario was always around to solve our problems with our computer and also to introduce Prem Dan to all his close friends. We miss you Uncle Mario. We hope you will be posted back to Bombay.

In June we were delighted to meet our dear friends Elisabeth and Heinrich Hunck. Their love for Prem Dan is outstanding. They have enrolled so many of their friends as sponsors- Thanks Elisabeth and Heinrich.

Our favourite Uncle J visited us in 3rd of June. Now the entire Feix family is involved in working for Prem Dan. Today his son Tommy Feix is also busy working for us. Uncle J and Tommy we cannot thank you enough for your dedicated service to Prem Dan.

The 3rd of August will remain a memorable day in the history of Prem Dan. On this day we had the pleasure of receiving a delegation of the Knights of Malta. This delegation was lead by His Excellency Sir Peter Iossif de Lemessos and 3 other Knights. They came loaded with gifts for our children- shoes, clothes, milk powder, medicines, tonics etc. They visited all our slum projects and were very happy to meet the children.

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We were extremely delighted to have our fairy God Mother Havovi Medora with us for a month. Her only preoccupation was to raise money for Prem Dan to complete our Second Building. Her charming personality and her big heart did a marvelous job. Thanks to her generosity we were able to start another lunch programme for 110 needy children of the Little Flower School. Thanks a million Aunty Havovi, all the hungry children will bless you and pray for you.

You will be glad to hear that the Lions International gave all our children Hepatitis B Vaccine. Our Special thanks to Mrs. Stella Srivastav who arranged for this gift.

We are also pleased to let you know that the Rotarians of the Queen's Necklace under the leadership of Mr. Kamal Jhaveri started a Lunch Programme in our Reay Road Slum. This is a real blessing for our needy children. Thank you Kamal and all your collaborators.

We are grateful to Uncle Micheal Baltus and Aunty Anne-Marie Beziat for starting the sponsorship programme in Switzerland. We welcome you dear friends in Switzerland and hope that you will enjoy belonging to our Prem Dan family.

We also thank Peter Clement of Australia for adding 20 new sponsors to our Australian Prem Dan family.

All our Local Sponsors are helping us to get the furniture we need for the new building. Thanks to each one of you. Our special thanks to the Uncles and Aunties of Alitalia who come loaded with gifts for their sponsored children.

Wedding bells rang for Angelina Himschoot in Belgium on the 14th of August. We are proud of Angelina a former student of Garden School. She was adopted by Magda Himschoot when Angelina was 7 years old and taken to Belgium. Angelina became a nurse and has married a Doctor Stefaan Vandecappelle. Congratulation Angelina and Stefaan. we are proud of you.

In August our former shoe shine boy Murgesh Loynes graduated from Howard Dental College, Washington. Loving congratulations Murgesh. We were represented by 2 former Garden School students, Chandrakant Nair and his brother Ganesh. His wife Michelle also a ex-student was there to witness this great event. Murgesh you must come to Bombay and conduct a few dental camps for our children.

Our grateful thanks to our Music teacher Mrs. Sulu Samant who arranged for one of our children who could not lead a normal life because she had club-foot. After the surgery Deepali has new life and takes part in all the school activities.

You will be pleased to hear that we started admitting our grand children into school. This year we have Rita D'lima's son, Tina Mendonca's daughter and Leela Amin's son. These three are now no longer on our sponsorship list but I'm sure their one time sponsor would be happy to hear that the children they educated are now keen on educating their sons and daughters.

I thank each one of you for your love and valuable co-operation.

Yours gratefully in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Felicity Morris
(SISTER FELICITY MORRIS)