

## PREM DAN

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Dear Friends,

I'm sure you must be wondering if I have forgotten my newsletter giving you information about the results of the children and re-opening of school etc.

All the schools in Bombay re-opened on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June. On this day we also admit our new students. I dread this day because we have only 120 seats in each of our 3 schools and hundreds of applicants. We have to eliminate on the basis of age. The first 120 in the queue are given application forms. Those who cannot produce the birth certificate (many) have to be excluded. You will enjoy this joke. When we explain the date of birth required they leave the premises and get a person to change the date. They have no idea of a document that is official.

In June 70 children were admitted into Recognised schools. Each year the number increases. I feel that the programme which began with 2 children is now catering to the needs of hundreds of children. Prem Dan is certainly contributing to the needs of our country in its Literacy programme. Thanks to you dear sponsors.

You'll be happy to hear that 15 children appeared for their High School Public Examination. 13 were successful and all of them have gone to Junior Colleges. They are:  
Dilipkumar Govar, Shekhar Bhasudkar, Rosaline D'cruz, Pinki Kawaldar, Amrita Singh, Nathaline Fernandes, Jilani Mohiddin, Naeem Aktar, Neetu Sode, Sukanti Ragi, Ibrahim Kapadia.  
Vikram Akola and Jean John were not successful.

Two of our children Alka Sarkania and Poonam Issai had the honour of being chosen as captains in their school. I congratulate them and their sponsors.

Many of our ex-students have graduated in Arts and Commerce stream. But this year we have a student, Sangeeta Das who is determined to be a Chartered Accountant.

In May 2001 we were fortunate to find a sponsor to give our homeless children a holiday in Gorai – a beautiful seaside holiday resort. We took 10 of our children to this villa. They really had a wonderful time. Thanks Ernie Almeida for your kindness in giving us this great holiday.

Wedding bells rang on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June for our ex-student Arokia Mary David. Many of our ex-students were with us for the reception.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July we had the honour of the visit from the Knights of Malta headed by Prince Peter Iossiff. They were loaded with gifts for the children (clothes, sweets, milk powder and balloons). They visited our schools and our Boarding and Vocational Training Centre. They were deeply impressed by our work especially the Boarding and the Vocational Training Centre. Prince Peter has sponsored 9 homeless children from our Boarding. Thanks Prince Peter.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of July we were honoured by the visit of the District Governor of The Rotary Club of Queen's Necklace. The Rotary Club of Queen's Necklace has taken up the challenge to finance our Geetanagar Slum School. The whole village came out with the band and brought them in procession to the School. The Rotarian gave this school a face-lift. The classes were renovated with new tiles. The walls are now decorated with appropriate pictures and charts. Our special thanks go to Rotarian Mr Kamal Jhaveri who has been working with Prem Dan for the past 5 years.

You will be delighted to hear about my latest project. I met some sponsors who were willing to help their children to buy a Home. So far we have found 4 of them and I'm happy my own brother was generous enough to give his child a Home.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of August we had the pleasure of Inaugurating our Computer Centre. Our Fairy God Mother Mrs Havovi Medora was the Chief Guest. The Centre is run by NIIT, which provides the best courses in Software. We are giving you the names of the courses available:

<b>SUSTAIN PREM DAN IT INSTITUTE</b>		
<p><u>Net India</u></p> <p>Level - 1 MS Office Internet</p> <p>Level - 2 MS Access Tally 5.4</p> <p>Duration: 4 Months</p>	<p><u>Certificate in Computer Application</u></p> <p>MS Office Internet Oracle 8 C &amp; C++</p> <p>Duration: 7 Months</p>	<p><u>Honours Diploma in eCommerce Programming</u></p> <p>MS Office Internet Oracle 8 C &amp; C++ HTML, Flash, DHTML, VB &amp; Java Script</p> <p>Duration: 13 Months</p>
<p><u>TYB.COM MUMBAI UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM</u> MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, FoxPro &amp; C Programming</p> <p>Duration: 2 Months</p>		
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Our student will get these free. Those students who do not belong to Prem Dan will have to pay for the courses.

I thank each sponsor for renewing your sponsorship for the year 2001-2002. The children too are writing to you to give you news about their progress in school.

With love to each one of you. May God bless you, your family and your work.

Yours gratefully in Jesus and Mary,

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(SISTER FELICITY MORRIS)