

Christmas 2005

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Dear Friends,

It's Christmas time once again and our hearts are filled with gratitude for God's wonderful gift of love, Jesus. Too often Christmas gets swallowed up in the busyness of shopping and sending cards and wrapping presents. As we rush around, we often miss the wonder of what Christmas is all about. God sent His Son to reveal His unlimited love for each of us; to show us that He loves us more than we could imagine.

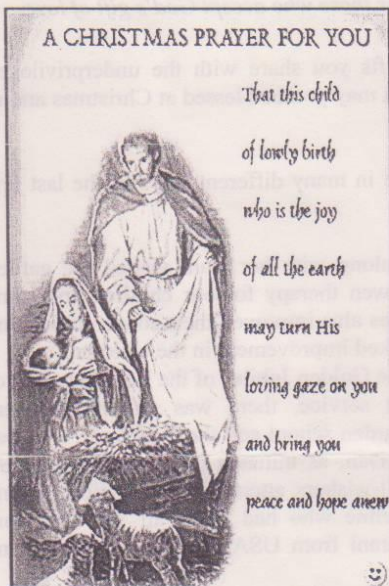
God's love overcomes hatred and evil, and enables us to love one another. His kindness to us inspires us to be kind to one another. When we are grateful for His forgiveness, we are moved to forgive others. This spirit of love and kindness and forgiveness lasts not only for the Christmas season, but all life long for those who accept God's gift of love.

Thank you for the love, concern, time and gifts you share with the underprivileged children. For all the blessings you bring to others may you be blessed at Christmas and in the coming year with joy, fulfillment and peace.

The Prem Dan children experienced God's love in many different ways in the last few months.

- ✦ Farida Irani, a Senior Bowtech instructor along with her team visited the garden school on August 17, 2005 and started Bowen therapy for our children and some staff. This has helped them physically and has also improved their concentration and overall well-being. The teachers found a marked improvement in the children.
- ✦ On August 21, 2005, Prem Dan celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the Religious Life of Sr. Felicity Morris. After a short prayer service, there was an entertainment programme performed by the children of Garden school and the Boarding. This was followed by a VCD presentation on Prem Dan, as initiated and carried on by Sr. Felicity. A number of benefactors and well-wishers attended the function, among whom were Magda Himschoot and Jacqueline who had come all the way from Belgium for the occasion and Anjali Mathrani from USA. It was a beautiful and touching experience for Sr. Felicity.
- ✦ On September 2, 2005, the mass-media students of Wilson College put up a skit on the disposal of Garbage for the tuition children of Standards 3 and 4.
- ✦ Teachers Day was celebrated on September 5, 2005 with a meaningful Prayer service, games and lunch. The children greeted their teachers and prayed for them.

- ✦ On October 20, 15 Staff of Aquinas College, UK arrived at Garden school. They spent 3 days conducting various workshops for the children. They spent a day at Kharghar and also visited the proposed site for the Children's Home at Khandala. Since we are getting more homeless children we are in the process of building a home for them at Khandala, to give them a sense of security and stability. We would appreciate any contributions for this new Home.
- ✦ On October 31, 2005, a German Musical group visited the Garden School and Reay Road slum. They entertained the people in the slum with their band and donated generously to Prem Dan.
- ✦ In preparation for Navy Week, 25 children and 2 Staff attended the programme organized at Sagar, the IN Sailor's Home, on 9th November, 2005. The children were given lunch, gifts and taken around the place. They also got the Garden school classrooms painted.
- ✦ The children received a wonderful treat on November 14, Children's Day. Mr. Deepak Ramanathan arranged for a sumptuous meal for all the children. In the afternoon, 17 Staff of Taj Presidency Hotel interacted with the tuition class children and organized games and entertainment for them, after which they served them some delicious snacks and ice-cream. The children had a great time dancing and playing.
- ✦ We appreciate all the useful things brought by different people, in particular, from the Crew of Lufthansa and Alitalia, the Elizabethians now called the Mumbai Connexions, and other NGO's.



Prosit Neujahr

Xin Nian Kuai Le

Bonne Annee

Felice anno nuovo

L'Shannah Tovah

Naye Varsha Ki Shubhkamanyen

Gelukkig Nieuwjaar!

Akimashite Omedetto Gozaimasu

Nveen Varshachy Shubhechcha

We wish you a beautiful Christmas and a Wonderful New Year 2006.

Sr. Felicity Morris and Sr. Patricia Santos