

PREM DAN NEWSLETTER

June 2007



Dear Friends,

June is a significant month in Mumbai. It spells the onset of the monsoons bringing respite from the sweltering summer heat. It marks the beginning of a new academic year. It is also a time of transfers and changes. At Prem Dan we are happy to welcome another sister on the Staff – Sr. Juanita Coelho who arrived at the Garden school on 18th June. We are sure she will enjoy being with all the Staff and children and contribute greatly to the work here. At our Boarding in Kharghar, Sr. Sheetal replaces Sr. Philomena Barla who is transferred to Khandala. We are grateful to Sr. Philomena for her dedicated service to Prem Dan.

Kindergarten Class 2007 – 2008: We began new admissions to the Garden School and Reay Road School from 11th June 2007. The number of parents that applied for admission was much less compared to the previous years on account of the slum demolition plans of the Government. Some families have gone back to their village, others have



moved to different locations. 113 children were granted admission to the Garden school while 75 children were admitted to the Reay road school. The school year commenced on June 18th.

Public examinations: 36 children appeared for the Secondary School Certificate examination of which 32 were successful. The successful ones are Alisha Horta, Bharat Ghudge, Bhim Vadari, Diana D'Souza, Dolly Issai, Domnic Naidu, Farzana Labee, Gayatri Gounder, Jainab Patel, Jesse Regvel, Mahesh Shetye, Manoj Pandey, Margaret Regvel, Monica Lopez, Neelam Issai, Neesha Pawar, Pawan Sha, Pooja Waghela, Prakash Pawar, Rajesh Nandi, Rakesh Basudekar, Rohan Savant, Rubina Shaikh, Sanjay Gupta, Shabnam Razak, Shalini Casmir, Sheetal Tambe, Sujata Pandurang Pawar, Varsha Bali, Veena Kariappa, Vishal Ghadge, Yogita Ghudge.

Dinesh Chakor, John Peddrai and Priti Dawale completed their school through the National Institute of Open Schooling.

Alaguneela Anbu and Irene Mendonca graduated from our Boarding, both securing a First Class for the Bachelor of Commerce Degree.

Sewing classes: The tailoring class at Reay Road concluded its third batch during the year with 13 girls completing the course. The Sewing class at the Prem Dan Social Service Center, Kharghar is in progress.

We are very grateful to

- Binaifer and friends for donating umbrellas, tiffin and pencil boxes for our children.
- Prerana Charitable Trust and Rotary Club of Queens necklace for school bags.



Another dream has been realized, thanks to all who
HOME in Khandala possible

have made **PREM DAN CHILDREN'S**



- We are extremely grateful to the Provincial Society of the Congregation of Jesus and Mary for the 2 cottages in Khandala.
- Our sincere gratitude to Takkt.AG, a Company in Germany which donated Euros 3010.00 for furniture for the Home. They have also made a commitment to 30 new sponsorships.
- A big thank you to Mr. Arjun Mathrani from USA, who through his matching gift from the Principal Life Insurance Co. obtained for us US \$ 6000.00
- We appreciate all the donations, big and small, that we have received from some of you sponsors and benefactors towards this Home. The interior work of the cottages is in progress and we will have the home totally ready for our orphaned and homeless children by October for the Diwali vacation. The Home will also house our sponsored children for week-end fresh-air camps and to organize programmes for the all-round development of our children.

Renewal of sponsorship: We thank you dear sponsors for promptly renewing your sponsorship, thus, enabling us to pay the children's fees in time. We send a gentle reminder, to those who have yet to send in the sponsorship money.

New sponsorships: We extend a warm welcome to all our new sponsors who are now part of the Prem Dan family. You will receive regular information on the developments of Prem Dan and letters from your child during the year. Together let us help our children reach for the skies so that they live with dignity and respect.



May God bless and reward
you abundantly for your
care and concern for the
underprivileged.

With love and gratitude,

Sr. Felicity Morris, Sr. Juanita Coelho, Sr. Asha Ohol, Sr. Patricia Santos and all
at Prem Dan