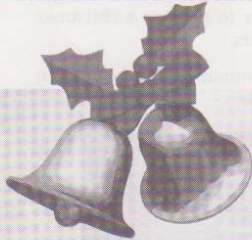


PREM DAN NEWSLETTER

Christmas 2008

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Dear Friends,

Christmas is around the corner, filling us all with that wonderful warmth and excitement, especially the children. It beautiful to see how children cherish life in all its goodness.

The birth of Jesus was an act of generosity, as God our Father sent his only Son for our salvation. With this act of generosity began the greatest story of love and sacrifice. With His birth among us and spending his life to save us, Jesus made each of us special.

Likewise dear sponsors you have reached out to these children and have not only made a difference in their lives but have also made them special. As we go through our daily lives we make an attempt to change the lives of others and it is through your generous hearts that this is being made possible.

During these troubled times it is heart-warming to know that people care and reach out from across the globe, showing that love can cross all boundaries and therein we find peace, and a source of great hope for our children and the future of the world.

This Christmas we assure each one of you of our prayers, and love as we celebrate the coming of Jesus into this world. May our hearts be filled with joy and love helping us fulfill the purpose of our lives.

"Happy Christmas"



- * On July 20th, Don Bosco Shelter Home at Matunga conducted a 'Mela' with a difference, keeping career education of prime importance for the street children. Three staff members along with eight children attended this enriching seminar which will help students with their future career choices.

- * Three fresh air camps were conducted on August 16, October 12th & 23rd at our Prem Dan Childrens' Home Khandala. Our Students of Std V-X attended these camps. They were delighted to find themselves in a campus full of trees and shrubs. They enjoyed the beautiful sight of the hills in the background. For many this was the first experience of being so close to nature and to enjoy the scenic beauty so vivid in Khandala hill station.



- * Teachers Day was celebrated on September 5th with a meaningful prayer service followed by games and lunch.

- * The NSS Unit of HR College spent an hour a day for the month of September to interact with the Garden school children as part of their literacy drive.

Past Student of Prem Dan Speaks



Madhavi happy to meet her Sponsor

I strongly believe that education is essential for every human being and every individual should have a right to it. Unfortunately everyone does not have access to it, mostly the less privileged ones. I am glad and fortunate to be a child of Prem Dan. It has played the major role in educating me and helping me reach the position that I am in today.

Married with baby boy of almost a year old, I am currently working as an Advisor at Madhavi Desai Consulting Pvt. Ltd which is India's first and leading international education consulting firm. I am happy with the job and doing great for myself. This I believe would not have been possible without a good education. I am thankful to Prem Dan and my sponsor whom I can never forget for giving me this opportunity to educate myself.

Mother Felicity has been the person who has not only helped me but many others. She is indeed doing a wonderful job – educating children to help them better their lives. Like in my case, Uncle Tommi (Mr. Thomas Feix) has helped me and sponsored my education throughout; I have completed my Bachelors as well as the Masters degree. I thank him also for always being there and supporting me.

I hope this message motivates everyone who reads it and makes them take a step in helping the needy. I am sure this will make a difference in the life of someone as it has made in mine.

Madhavi Bahadur



- * Mr. Thomas Feix who is Prem Dan's representative in Germany visited the Garden School, on October 15, 2008 He spent four days in Mumbai visiting Garden School, the Reay Road school and the boarding at Kharghar. He interviewed a number of the staff and the students of Prem Dan in order to prepare a christmas message for the German sponsors.
- * A number of Lufthansa crew continue to visit the Garden school bringing along useful gifts.



- * On November 26, the mass media students of Wilson College put up a skit on 'environment' for the tuition children and had a discussion with them.
- * School closed for the Diwali vacation on October 16, 2008 and re-opened on November 10, 2008.

Our Sincere Gratitude to:

- * Our Staff and Volunteers
- * All those who have visited Prem Dan and spent time with the children
- * The Staff and children of St. Anne's and Fort Convent for their social involvement with our children
- * All who have donated to the feeding programme
- * Our benefactors and sponsors for the toys, clothes and other useful items.



May the love and joy of Christmas remain in your hearts and homes all through the New Year 2009.

With our love and greetings,

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

