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VISION FOR INDIA - The President Speaks

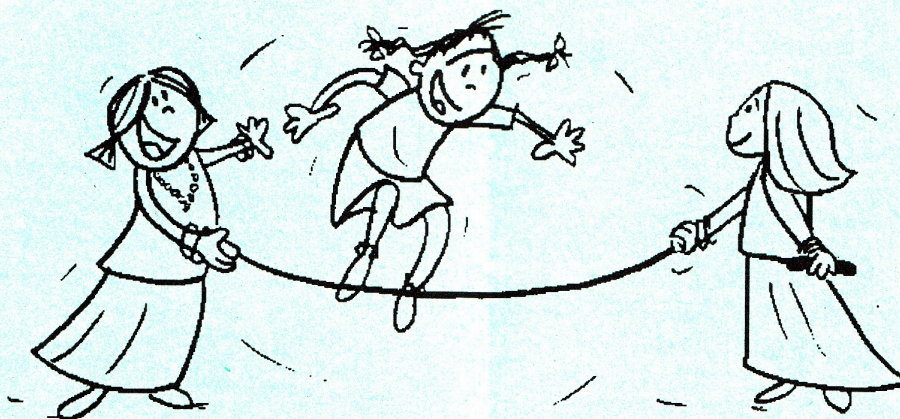
In a story titled 'It's pure love behind children's smile' - An excerpt:

"Brimming with characteristic mirth, our President shared his smile with tiny-tots telling them that "if you love and give you cannot but smile."

"From the time I've come here, I've seen smiles on your faces. How is it that these smiles have been fitted on your lovely faces?" the President asked a gathering of about 50 students.

"Even a rich man does not smile, a very big scientist does not smile. A businessman with all his riches does not smile. Everyone is so serious. How is it that you keep smiling?," he asked them.

Learning from the teacher that the motto of the school was 'freedom, justice, sincerity and love', the President nodded his head in approval and concluded, "Yes...that is why you smile. If you love and give you cannot but smile!"



Let the peacocks dance... a word for teachers from our President

Mr. APJ Abdul Kalam, a visionary and dreamer, likes to interact with students and challenges them to dream big. Addressing a gathering of students he narrated a recent dream that he had while taking his regular walk in the Rashtrapathi Bhavan. The pavement was unusually filled with flowers that had blossomed. As the President watched the flowers, he overheard a kid flower innocently asking her mother: 'Why do we blossom as we will eventually be plucked by men and then wear out?' Mother flower replied, "if we don't bloom, peacocks will not dance; nature will not be beautiful and man will become wicked and his heart will be violent".

'Like the mother flower advising her kid flower that by blooming you are giving happiness to humanity, teachers will have to keep on teaching the value system to the students (irrespective of the result), otherwise the latent potential in human beings will not be fired'. Later the President asked the students to sing with him in chorus, 'Dream, dream, dream, transform into thoughts, - thoughts result into actions'. He exhorted students 'to share your dream with me'.

Instead of Sending Flowers...



I am fifty-three years old. I remember the day when my God-child, Athena, was to be married. I was getting ready for the wedding. While I was bathing, I got breathless. I rushed out of the bathing room shouting for help. The doctor soon arrived and after examining me put it down to "allergy".

A year later, bouts of breathlessness continued. After a thorough examination, the doctors diagnosed fluid in my lungs. I was asked to go to TATA Memorial in Mumbai. My worst fears came true. After the doctors had performed all the tests, I was declared a cancer patient!

My whole life changed.

I had to take long leave from my job in the Syndicate Bank. The treatment was long and painful. Everything began to change, including myself. After months of treatment, when I looked in the mirror, I could not believe that I was looking at myself. I knew that my days on this earth were limited and the clock had begun ticking. But the thought of leaving my loved ones behind, especially my husband and two daughters, was unbearable. They needed me most at

this time of their life. 'I have to live,' I told myself and began to fight this disease. But while the mind was strong, the body was slowly giving way.

Each day passed by in the company of my loving husband, Douglas, who tried to give me the best treatment possible. My daughters too were there at my side and tried to make life as comfortable as possible. My friends and family members visited me to encourage and cheer me up. But all the while, I knew that I had to face this disease all by myself. People could only see the agony on my face, I could feel the pain in my muscles and bones. I had to bear my suffering all by myself.

During my sickness, I had a lot of time to think and reflect on the wonders of life and its mysteries. I saw my medical and hospital bills ... and I wondered. Suddenly, I realized how I needed to thank God for providing us with sufficient money to meet these expenses. And then I wondered about the poor... how will the poor people pay these bills if any of them fall sick... it must be very difficult for them...and... It was then that my husband and myself decided to do something for the poor, especially those suffering from sickness.

We decide to set up a Corpus Fund of Rs 35,000 in our memory in WE CARE. The interest from the fund would be utilized to provide medical and health care to the poor and needy. I hope and pray that after my death, my husband and daughters will continue to contribute towards the poor through this fund.

NOTE: Vida Lobo passed away on 19 February 2002. The **Vida & Douglas Lobo Health Care Fund** was set up in WE CARE. This fund is a tribute to the memory of someone who cared!

An excellent way to express your love and friendship. Letter from Sandra D'Souza, Canada

"Enclosed please find a draft for CND\$150.00 to educate two students for the upcoming school year.

"I recently lost a friend (Shalini Carvalho) to cancer and instead of sending flowers, I thought it best to use the money to educate a student. Could you kindly send an acknowledgement to her family in her memory? It would be appreciated."

We are also grateful to late Mrs Margaret Taveira for bequeathing Rs. 15,000/- to We Care.

MEMORIAL FUND

Birth of a son or daughter. Your Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary. The death of a loved one. What better way to preserve the memory of these events and persons?

Photographs? Albums? Videographs? Tombstones? Start a MEMORIAL FUND in We Care for the benefit of the poor. Your name will be remembered in their hearts forever!!!

For more information, contact:

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Another year has gone by. More milestones covered. More dreams fulfilled. We bring you a brief of our activities from 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002. Below are extracts from We Care's Fourth Annual Report and Accounts (2002).

EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

During the course of the year, We Care spent Rs 8,35,709 on the education of students ranging from kindergarten to professional courses. This amount was disbursed under various programmes, details of which are given below.

Sponsor a Child



The sponsor-a-child programme has been receiving wide support from donors and benefactors. We have been able to assist over 100 poor children to attend school by contributing towards their fees, books, study material, uniforms etc. We Care also provided scholarships to students of St. Paul's High School and St. Joseph's High School, Belgaum, from the proceeds of the **John & Theresa Memorial Education Fund**.

Fr Cleary's Fund / Renewal Education Services

Through the contacts of Fr Cleary, CSsR, We Care received Rs.11,83,337 for the education of children. During the year, we disbursed Rs 5,96,290 to 22 schools providing assistance to 1,386 children. The schools and the students were selected by the Renewal Education Services.

Save 'N' Study Programme

Our efforts to make more and more people take responsibility for the education of their children is slowly bearing fruit. Under the Save n Study programme, we collected Rs 14,030 by way of the students' contribution and disbursed Rs 11,400 as We Care's contribution. Over 35 children benefited from this programme.

Mid-day Meals

It's common to find poor children going to school without having had a proper breakfast and who will probably not have a full meal till evening. To help such children, We Care selected three schools for a mid-day meal programme. In **St. Francis Xavier's Higher Primary**

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CONGRAUTALTIONS AND THANK YOU (extracts from the final report)

We are extremely happy to express our gratitude to WE CARE Trust. You have been faithful in rendering your care without fail. It was our privilege to work with you. Through WE CARE, the children of St Clare's Hostel, Jharkhand, have benefited a lot. The children were blessed with nutritious food which in turn helped them to have stable health and concentrate on their studies. Your mid-day meal programme enabled our children to have holistic growth.

Fr Prasad Papabathuni, OFM,
Director of St. Clare's Girls Hostel, Nanasera, Jharkhand

Common letter from the children of the Hostel : An extract

"Dear Fr Trevor, Greetings from the children and family of St Clare's Girls Hostel. We are keeping well and wish you all the same. Thank you very much for the help... We wish you well so that you may continue your service among the poor. These days, we are very happy in the hostel and are learning many things. We have plenty of time. In the evenings, we are able to study well as we have electric lights. We are going to begin our exams shortly. Kindly pray for us that we may do well. **We hope that one day we may be able to help others as you are doing... Thank You**

"We have been able to study well and have enough to eat too. We are now getting good food (vegetables, eggs, fish etc.). **We do not go to sleep hungry now...** we are growing healthily.... Thank You"

Mary Gulab Beck, Vllth Std., St Clare's Girls Hostel,
Nanasera, Jharkhand

"We thank you very much for the project you have taken up for us. Today, because of this programme we are growing physically and mentally. We are able to study well. Some of us who were very poor are studying hard, inspired by your help. Because of the lack of facilities and support, we were afraid and could not concentrate on our studies. But now we feel confident and get ourselves involved in various programmes.... We the children of our hostel thank you for your love, service, kindness and support."

Children of the Hostel

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School, Summanhalli, Bangalore, 50 deserving children were given mid-day meals. In **St. Clare's Girls Hostel, Nanasera, Jharkhand**, about 30 to 35 children received mid-day meals. In **St. Anthony's Kannada Primary School, Belgaum**, the numbers exceeded 50. The total expenses for the programme was about Rs 1,15,243. This programme was supported by **Missionszentrale Der Franziskaner, Bonn, Germany**.

"We the staff & students extend our heartfelt thanks for your great generosity in providing mid-day meals for the destitute children of our school."

Theresiamma PJ (Sr Divya)
of St. Francis Xavier's Higher Primary School,
Somanahally, Bangalore

Nutrition Programme



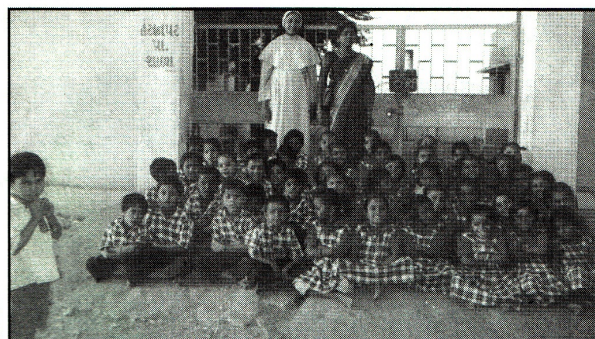
About 51 students from neighbouring slums received weekly rations of eggs under the We Care nutrition programme. This was part of the mid-day meals programme, initiated to provide nourishment for students, especially the physically weak. The programme was conducted in association with the **Holy Cross Sisters, Madivala, Bangalore**.

Nursery School

The nursery school was an initiative to provide formal education to children above 3 ½ years who were attending the crèche. About 20 children benefitted. The total fees collected during the year was Rs 10,675 while the expenses were about Rs 14,048. The nursery school was carried on with the assistance of the **Holy Cross Sisters, Madivala, Bangalore**.

Higher & Professional Education

We Care has assisted students in pursuing professional education in the fields of chartered accountancy,



Children under the BEST Programme, Gujarat

engineering, computer education, etc. We are happy that these students are faring well. The approximate amount disbursed to these students is Rs 31,000. Students are encouraged to repay the amount in easy installments once they secure employment.

Basic Education For Social Transformation (BEST):

We Care supported a programme in Gujarat for the benefit of the earthquake victims and for children. The programme aims to provide basic education for poor children from the villages and slums of Saurashtra and Kutch. This year, 55 children (studying in Std I) were selected from different villages under a programme called BEST. The children, who attend school run by the government or other organizations, were provided with books, uniforms, school bags, etc. Every evening, they are given extra coaching through common classes arranged for them. Over the year, the children also take part in cultural programmes and sports events arranged for them. The children's parents are called for a meeting once a year. This programme is carried on with the collaboration of the **Franciscan Clarist Congregation (FCC)**, at Wankaner, Rajkot District, Gujarat. A special thanks to Sr Ann Deepti and Sr Leena, Coordinators of the Programme.



Education of Nurses

We Care desires to assist at least five nursing students every year, depending upon the funds available. Under an arrangement with the **Holy Cross School of Nursing, Kamegere, Karnataka**, We Care will provide poor and deserving students with financial assistance



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which will be repaid in easy installments once they complete their studies. During 2001-2002, six nursing students received assistance amounting to Rs 58,200.

Bangalore Adoption

Under this programme, school-going children receive financial assistance for fees, books, uniforms, etc. This programme is supported by a voluntary organization, **AMICI DI RAOUL FOLLEREAU, Bangalore**. We Care received Rs 1,05,525 in 2002 for this purpose. About 75-100 children received help.

Children's Annual Day

Children's day was celebrated on 29 Dec 2002 at the Friary Hall. About 40 children along with their parents attended the programme. The children put up various programmes, including a short skit on the parable of the good Samaritan. After refreshments, the children took home sweaters costing about Rs 100/- each. Children's day was a beautiful occasion for some of our donors and volunteers who participated in the programme.



Non-formal School for Slum Children

We Care feels proud to be associated with the Society for Women and Development, Bangalore. The Society started a pre-school and a non-formal school at Shahadabnagar slum in Kavalbyrasandra in July 2000. Initially, there were only 15 children aged between 4-6 years. During 2002-03, the strength has grown to 50 children, with 25 in the pre-school and 25 in the non-formal school. The children come from very poor families - their parents are coolies, fruit and food vendors, agarbatti rollers and carpenters. Some of the children accompany their fathers to work after school.

The main objective of the school is to encourage and prepare children for formal school. It also acts as a crèche, enabling working mothers to leave their children in a secure environment.

WE CARE provides financial assistance to the pre-school and non-formal school by contributing towards the teachers' salary and rent for the school.

STORY OF SONU

Sonu is eight years old. His parents have migrated to the city in search of work. His father is a coolie whose income is barely enough to feed and clothe the family. Sonu was never sent to school. He roamed the streets, playing with other children every day. Till he became the first student of the pre-school started by the **Society for Women and Development, Bangalore**. Sonu came to school with shabby clothes and unkempt hair. He sat in a corner, not knowing any language except his mother tongue, Urdu.

Today, Sonu is a very different person. He speaks Kannada, writes A-Z and mixes with other children in the class, taking part in various activities. He has started coming neatly dressed and is developing well. Sonu is a very happy child today.

STORY OF GULABI

Gulabi is eight years old and has four brothers and sisters. Her father is a coolie and mother looks after the house. All Gulabi did till a while ago was to help her mother take care of her siblings.



The teachers from the **Society for Women and Development, Bangalore**,

approached Gulabi's parents and requested them to send her to school. They refused. After several visits, the parents agreed to send Gulabi to school. Today, she's a fine young girl. Hopefully, she will bloom forth like her name!



MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE GIVE OUR CHILDREN A TREAT

As part of their cultural fest, the students of Mount Carmel College (MCC) held a "day-out" for over 300 children. The children were invited to the college and treated to food, drama, music, games, fun, gifts and the like. The programme sought to provide deprived children with an opportunity to "see and experience" college life with the hope that they would be motivated to study well and enter college.

We Care sent 40 children from the Franciscan Institute. Needless to say, the children had a whale of a time.

We Care offers its wholehearted thanks to the Principal, Staff and Students of MCC for this brilliant idea and for exposing our children to something new and exciting. A special thanks to Pearl Mukadam, Radhika Dilip and all their companions.

MEDICAL & HEALTH CARE

We Care has often reached out to help those in need of medical care. During the year, Rs 22,845 was spent on providing medical help. The beneficiaries include three senior citizens who receive help on a monthly basis.

We Care Homeopathic Dispensary

The We Care Homeopathic Dispensary which functioned for two years, has been temporarily closed for lack of sufficient patients. The year's expenses on the dispensary was Rs 4,777. Our thanks to Dr Santan D'Souza for his valuable services.

CARE FOR POOR & SENIOR CITIZENS

We Care provides monthly rations to some poor families and senior citizens. Five families in Udupi / Manipal and five families in Bangalore receive assistance. The total amount disbursed during the year was Rs 5,156.

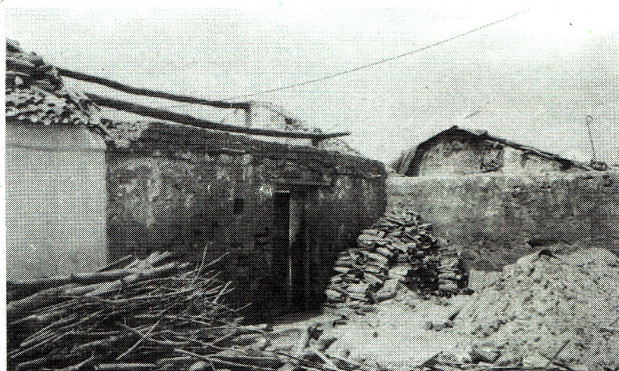
"I have enclosed the bills for the rations bought for Usha and her four daughters. This contribution has made a vast difference to the family. If we can **restore human dignity** this way, it makes us feel happy. Thank you very much."

Rose Sunderraj, Volunteer

SELF-EMPLOYMENT

Mr Ambrose is a very talented electrician. He is married and has two daughters. He earns his living by taking on electrical repair and maintenance work. But Ambrose is also an alcoholic. As a result, he spent the little income he received on alcohol. Naturally, his wife and daughters were the victims of his addiction. He and his family live on the edge of the village and this was one of the reasons why he was not able to get enough work. Fr Nicholas D'Souza, ofm, tried to rehabilitate Ambrose. He put his daughters in a boarding school and sent Ambrose for de-addiction. We Care chipped in by helping Ambrose set up a workshop in the market place in the hope that he could get more business. We Care paid the advance of Rs 15,000 for the shop and Ambrose would pay the monthly rent. Beside this, Ambrose has been encouraged to make monthly contributions towards the advance. Fr Nicholas, who is in constant touch with Ambrose, says that he is slowly improving, both in health and business.

PICKING UP THE PIECES IN GUJARAT



We Care has helped over 15 families to repair or rebuild their houses, affected by the earthquake. The funds for this were made available by **our donors and AMICI Di Raoul Follereau**, Bangalore. This project was carried on in collaboration with the **Franciscan Clarist Congregation (FCC)**, at Wankaner, Rajkot District, Gujarat.



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'ART FROM THE HEART OF A PRISON, ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE'

The Indian Express

The inmates of the Bangalore Central Jail staged a drama in Ravindra Kalashetra, Bangalore, titled **MADHAVI** as part of the jail programme for rehabilitation of prisoners. About 41 prisoners (men and women) were involved in this drama. Persons of great repute were involved in directing and training them for this public performance. **Dr H Prasad**, volunteer of WE CARE, made arrangements for cash gifts to be distributed to each participant after the programme. It was an eye-opener for those in the audience to see so many talented young men and women languishing in jail. All the backdrops, stage fixtures, costumes etc were designed and prepared by the inmates themselves. The drama was staged in a professional manner. We Care congratulates the prison authorities on this bold step and feels proud to have been associated with this programme in a small way. The Sunday Weekly summed it well: "The idea was to use the powerful medium of theatre to emotionally reform the convicts."

FUND-RAISING PROGRAMMES

We Care Cards: To generate funds as well as to bring publicity to WE CARE, we printed 10 beautiful cards designed by Ms Angeline Sunderraj, a Trustee. The cards had Diwali, Christmas and general themes. With the help of our friends and volunteers, we sold many cards in Bangalore and other places.

As part of our efforts to raise funds, we participated in mini-fetes conducted by clubs and social organizations. We also held fund-raising exhibition-cum-sales at various places. Items like decorative candles, painted leaves, embroidered cards, painted pottery, food items, novelty items etc. were exhibited and sold. We are grateful to a large number of friends, volunteers and organizations who encouraged and assisted us in raising funds. To mention some of them:

HSBC, Bannerghatta, Bangalore.
ZenSutra Software Technologies Pvt Ltd, Bangalore.
Mount Carmel College, Bangalore.
Jyothi Nivas College, Bangalore.
Lucent Technologies, Bangalore.
Samskruthi Ladies Club, Koramangala, Bangalore.
Brittania Industries Ltd
International Women's Club - (Charity Bazar), Bangalore
Lodi Multipurpose Social Service Society, AP.
Selena Nunes, Excel Prints, Bangalore.
Assisi Dermatological Centre, AP.
Family Welfare Centre, Bangalore.
Amici Di Raoul Follereau, Bangalore.
St. Peter's Parish, Rustum Bagh, Bangalore.
Asian Trading Corporation, Bangalore.
Others.



Our Volunteers at HSBC

VOLUNTEERS

During the year, we were ably assisted by many people who volunteered their precious time and energy in carrying out the activities of We Care. We appreciate their services and offer them a **big thank you**. We mention some of them.

Gladys D'Souza, Mary Joseph, Mildred & Jacqueline Sausman, Elias D'Souza, Zecharias, Robert Lobo, Regina Ambrose, Nirmala, Diana Coelho, Dr H Prasad, Iona, Rita & Wilfred Nazareth, Vinitha D'Souza, Sheridan Sequeira & Raghavan of HSBC, Kevin & Maureen Colaco, Inez D'Costa, Helen Gopal, Sr Clara, OSF, Sisters and Candidates of Medico-Social Centre, Novices of FMM, Xavier Fernandes, Margaret Machado, Vinay Kamath, Orson, Anita Rodricks (Belgaum), Cecilia, Dora D'Souza, Evan Pereira, T Ella, Novices of Augustine Nivas, Members of Secular Franciscan Order, Shobhana..... and many others.

LAND

It took two years and three months for us to secure the permission from the Government of Karnataka to register a plot of land, measuring about 5920 sq ft. The plot of land is situated at Chikkanneli Village, on Sarjapur Road, about 11 km from St Anthony's Friary, Bangalore. We thank **Mr Baptist D'Souza**, Advocate, for his patience and perseverance in seeing our file through.

FUTURE PLANS : NEW VENTURES

CBR Programme for Disabled

Community-Based Rehabilitation or CBR is an approach to social work which attempts to involve the entire community in rehabilitating those members who suffer from any kind of disability.

We Care, under the guidance of **AMICI Di Raoul Follereau**, has undertaken to carry on social work in the area of Bangalore South with a special focus on the disabled. The programme will cover all kinds of disability: physical, mental, social and economic and will motivate the community to address its own problems and assist those who are disabled to find suitable solutions. The CBR approach differs from the institutional-based approach where the disabled person is taken away from the community and placed in an institution for rehabilitation.

Under the CBR approach, the surrounding community (family members, neighbours, schools etc) are educated on how to handle, treat and rehabilitate the disabled within their own environment. As such, not only is the cost of treatment and rehabilitation reduced, but the community begins to take responsibility for its own members, even the disabled.

The programme will be carried on in collaboration with the **Sisters of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, Providence Convent, Bangalore**, and will receive technical and financial support from AMICI. **Dr H Prasad** will represent Amici in this programme. The programme will be coordinated by **Sr Raji, FMM**, and assisted by Sr Rita, FMM. During the first phase, the programme will cover all the slums in the areas lying between National Dairy - Jayadev Cardiac Hospital - Silk Board - Hosur Road. Over a period of three years, it will be extended to cover an area of over 20 km.

Pipla Village School, Assam

We Care has collaborated with the Management of Pipla village school to provide education. Given below is a brief description of the programme. The contribution of WE CARE towards this cause will be Rs 30,000 every year.

Pipla village is in Manikbond, a forest village in Karimganj district of Assam, about 78 km from the district headquarters.... and 3 km away from a PWD road, a distance which has to be walked since the Longai River has no bridge. The village is peopled by tribals who have their own dialect. There are about a hundred families here.

Being a forest village, the people don't own the land. The Forest department has allowed them to live there and cultivate the paddy fields. The allotted land is meagre compared to the number of people. So, the people illegally cultivate on the slopes of the fields. In recent years, the people have started looking beyond paddy, planting arecanut and coconut plants also, which yield good produce.

There is no irrigation facility here. If the monsoon fails, poverty and starvation are inevitable. Even when the yield is good, poor communication and transport facilities make people sell their agricultural products locally and for a pittance. Sometimes there are no buyers, so they sell them

to middlemen at a very cheap rate. On the whole, people lead a hand-to-mouth existence.

Education-wise, the tribals are far behind. There are many schools but illiteracy reigns. The children are admitted to school but they soon drop out, without even learning to read and write. Those who continue find it very difficult to pass the X Std examinations. They often have to spend two or three years in the same class before they can pass the examination.

The elders don't take much interest in their children's education either. Being large families, they prefer the grown-up children to help them in their work or earn money or look after the smaller children at home.

The school caters to children of the village and neighbouring ones. At present, there are 35 students. Due to financial shortages, we are not able to pay the teachers salary. We need financial assistance to run the school.

The students will study in our school up to the II Std and will then be able to attend the school at Manikbond (the next village) to continue their studies up to the X standard.

I look forward to the support of We Care in the development of the children and people of this area.

Fr. Joachim Walder, Manager



NURSERY CLASS FOR POOR CHILDREN

We Care has collaborated with the Management of the Franciscan Institute Higher Primary School, Bangalore, to provide education through the primary school meant for the local children. Given below is a brief description of the programme.

The Franciscan Institute Higher Primary School, Thavarekere Main Road, Bangalore, was established in 1967. In the beginning, classes were held under the tamarind tree in the Friary. In 1971, the school was shifted to the Providence Convent Campus and placed under the management of the Society of Franciscan Sisters of Mary, Karnataka.

The school was started in order to provide education to the economically weaker children. This is a co-education, Kannada-medium school with classes from I to VII Std.

The school slowly improved over the years. In 1974, with the gracious help of Fr Alex, the school was able to construct a proper building and classrooms. There are around 850 children coming from the neighbouring areas

of Thavarekere, Sudgundapalya, Bovi Slum Colony, Bande Slum Colony, Jogi Handi Slum Colony etc. Over 50% of the children belong to the backward classes.

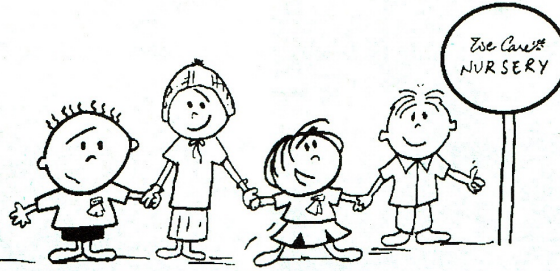
The school is recognized and aided by the Government of Karnataka. There are about 14 dedicated teachers who are academically and professionally qualified.

The management tries its level best to ensure that all the children attend school everyday and complete their basic education. To reduce the rate of dropouts, free

books, uniforms and even mid-day meals are provided to the children.

Though the children come from poor families, they are intelligent and coupled with the extra attention from teachers, they perform well in the public exams. The result of the school has been between 98 – 100 per cent.

We Care will provide the financial support towards running of the Nursery class while the FMM sisters will look after the administration and management.



BUILDING

We will shortly begin construction of an office - cum - training centre for We Care. Ar. S.J. Anthony & Ar. Indira, Advith Architects, Bangalore have been appointed to design and supervise the construction of the building.

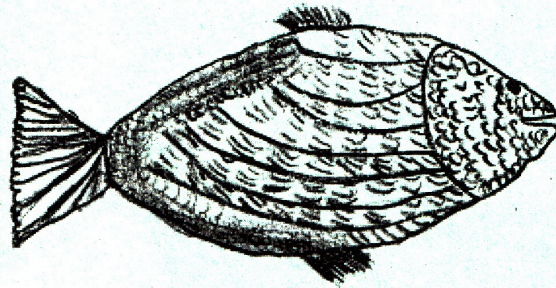
We need your generous help and contribution towards construction of this building. We have already received a generous donation of Rs 8,78,152 from Missionszentrale Der Franziskaner, Bonn, Germany. We hope to begin construction by May 2003.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Four of our Trustee along with our Executive Secretary, Ann Noronha, retired on 30 January 2003. They had served for a term of three years. The retiring Trustees are:

Ms Delon Pereira, Mrs Asha Shridhar, Fr Bala Sundar and Fr Babu Jose Pamplany.

We record our sincere thanks to the retiring Trustees and our Executive Secretary for their valuable contribution to WE CARE.



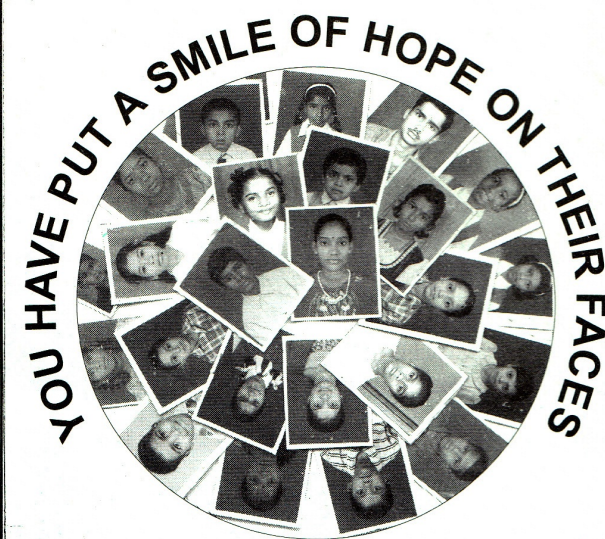
Drawing by Nikat, Age : 11yrs

THANK YOU

WE CARE thanks all our donors, benefactors, volunteers, friends and all people of goodwill who associate with us in an effort to create a better world. Our work and activities would not have been possible without your generous contributions.

We also thank our Patrons, St Anthony and St Joseph, who constantly intercede for the well-being of WE CARE and of our donors, volunteers and friends.

We also give thanks to Almighty God who never ceases to surprise us by His Providence.



From the Staff of HSBC

NE CARELL
TREAT JOE!
USE UP THE GOD
WALL
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• We Care!
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• Great job!
Keep up the good
work!
• [Signature]

A great effort
towards social
care. Keep it up
We Care. Daryl

Keep up the good
work, if feels
good to lend
a helping hand
hope more ppl
do this



Keep up the Good
work, if falls
and



noble job,
try your best.

I feel good
helping a child

I feel good
helping a child

We care!
God blessed us.
Pam

IF YOU CAN READ THIS

Thank your teachers



**If you could help her read,
some day she will thank you**

EDUCATION - the best gift you can ever give

Mr Francesco Rigon of Centro Studi Tagore Lido di Venezia, has undertaken to sponsor the education of children in India through WE CARE. This has been possible through the intervention of Sr. Marquerite Turcot, FMM.

EXTRACTS FROM THE AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS*(Figures in Indian Rupees)*

	YEAR March 2002	YEAR March 2001
DONATIONS & INCOME RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR		
Voluntary Contributions / Donations	48,04,285	12,88,079
Donations towards John & Theresa Memorial Education Fund	70,000	49,334
Donations towards Women's Welfare Fund	25,000	0
Donations towards Maureen & Kevin Colaco Charity Fund	20,500	55,000
Donations towards Vida & Douglas Health Care Fund	35,000	0
SNS Education Programme	14,030	15,150
Income from Vocational Training Centre	8,182	59,463
Bank Interest	1,79,361	59,220
Nursery School Fees	10,675	0
TOTAL	51,67,033	15,26,246
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Education & Literacy Programmes	8,35,709	1,23,854
Care for those in need of Medical & Health Care	22,845	29,781
Mid-day Meals	1,15,243	30,500
Care of Leprosy Patients	5,700	0
SNS Education Programme	11,400	22,654
Care for the poor, aged & destitute	5,156	3,783
Care for those in need of Housing	4,700	10,000
Summer Camp for Slum Children *	14,927	0
Vocational Training Centre	3,979	0
Self-employment Assistance	15,000	37,213
Care of the Disabled	9,830	5,400
TOTAL	10,44,489	2,63,185
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	69,622	77,496
TRUST & WELFARE FUNDS		
Leprosy Patients & Families Fund	50,000	50,000
Women's Welfare Fund	50,000	25,000
SNS Education Fund	8,876	6,246
John & Theresa Memorial Education Fund	1,78,916	1,08,916
Maureen & Kevin Colaco Charity Fund	75,500	55,000
Vida & Douglas Lobo Health Care Fund	35,000	0
General Fund	54,82,254	15,79,771
Trust Fund	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	58,85,546	18,29,933
ASSETS		
Fixed Deposits in Banks & Companies	54,30,667	14,08,000
Cash / Bank Balances	1,82,267	1,74,162
Advance for land	1,70,000	1,70,000
Rent & Telephone Deposits	21,280	6,280
Computer, Accessories & Furniture**	64,342	71,490
Two Wheeler (TVS)**	16,992	0
TOTAL	58,85,548	18,29,932

* Over Rs.30,000/- donations were received in kind. ** Value shown after depreciation

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ABOUT US

WE CARE is a Public Charitable Trust, registered on 30th January, 1999, which was the 75th birthday of its Foundress, Mrs Theresa D'Souza. We Care was born out of a true love and concern for the poor.

We Care wishes to reach out in love and service to all people, especially to the poor, women and children, without any discrimination. We Care believes that to be at the service of one's neighbour is to be at the service of God Himself. The basic vision of We Care is to create a better world, to support people in their endeavours, to achieve better human growth and development. We Care wishes to create and build an attitude and culture of love and care towards the more needy members of our society, towards nature and environment. We Care also wishes to create a network with people of goodwill – all those who think like us and who care.

At present, We Care is involved in the service of people in many fields, like care of the poor, care of those in need of education, care of the sick and infirm, care of orphans and children, care of the homeless, care of those seeking employment, care of women etc. **We Care believes in reaching out in love and service, because nothing else matters.**

OUR LOGO *We Care*

WE CARE's logo - fresh leaves - was designed by Angeline Sunderraj. New leaves are a symbol of new life that bring joy and hope. New leaves herald the season of spring which is a resurgence of new life. This logo is symbolic of two things: We Care for the people - bringing a new leaf into their lives thereby bringing a new sense of hope and joy. We Care for mother earth - which is a constant inspiration of new life - hoping that mother earth will always bring forth a new leaf of hope, joy and life!

WE CARE TRUSTEES

Ordinary people for ordinary people!

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