

We Care

Because nothing else matters!

9 years of Love and Service



TEACH INDIA

Dear Friends and Donors of We Care,

2008 is a year that many of us would rather forget. The onslaught in various parts of our country, the attacks on religious institutions, the economic downturn, losses on the share market, job cuts... the list goes on.

However, against this gloomy scenario, two things stand out that we wish to preserve in our memories for a long time to come. Both are in the field of education – the Teach India Programme, launched by the Times of India (TOI), and the Right to Education bill, granting the right of education to every child in India.

The Teach India programme is a masterpiece. Through this initiative, about 83,000 people from all walks of life came forward to teach the children of India! Kudos to all of them. Their spirit of volunteerism must be commended and appreciated. The evening tuition classes, conducted by We Care for the poor children of the locality, also benefitted from this initiative. Over 25 volunteers (college students, software professionals and others) came forward to teach. They surely made a difference in the lives of our children.

The approval of the education bill by the central cabinet, making education a fundamental right, has been long awaited. Though coming over sixty years after independence, it is never too late. This bill promises free and compulsory education for children between 6 and 14 years. We hope that this bill will be implemented vigorously, both in letter and in spirit, granting thousands of young minds an opportunity to be weaned away from construction sites, weaving machines, cracker factories, matchbox workshops, roadside garages – the sweatshops of life – and back to schools!

In a letter to the TOI team, I wrote, "Thank you for initiating the Teach India programme. It is one of the best gifts to the children of our great motherland." In the same spirit, I wish to congratulate the Prime Minister and his cabinet for granting the children of India a right to be educated. Thanks to all these people who care.

At We Care, we salute the brave hearts of our country who resolutely fought against all kinds of terror – from Jammu and Kashmir to Kanyakumari, from Punjab to Arunachal Pradesh. It is their dedication and sacrifice that makes us feel safe.

We also pray to the Almighty for peace to reign in the hearts of every citizen of our country, on our borders and in our homes. For it is only in a state of peace that our nation can progress to bring the fruits of growth to every one. May the ancient prayer uttered by our rishis become our daily prayer, shanti, shanti, shanti.

As we close 2008 and usher in 2009, it is time for us at We Care to remember each and every one of you with immense gratitude and appreciation. It is because of your generous heart and hands that we have been able to continue to reach out to hundreds of people who need help so desperately. You are indeed a very special person – a person who truly cares!

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

TO LEARN HOW TO READ AND WRITE IS THE RIGHT OF EVERY CHILD

At the daily free evening tuition classes conducted at Pratiksha Nivas (the programme center that was inaugurated last year), the children sing a song which goes like this: "I am going to go to school and I'm going to study well. I am going to study subjects like Hindi, Maths, etc. and I am going to pass in all these subjects. Because if I do not study well and pass, I will end up looking after buffaloes and pigs!!!"



At We Care, we believe that education is the best gift we can give to our young generation and that educating children is a way of participating in nation-building.

The children's education programme is to a large extent supported with contributions from **AMICI, Bangalore**, and from the generous donations of our benefactors.

Education being one of our priorities, we try to promote it at every level. In order to give more opportunities to underprivileged children and supplement their school education, various programmes like evening tuition classes, cultural programmes, singing, drama, role-play, music, computers, etc. were conducted for the children.

- ❑ In order to carry out many of these activities we have set up a club called **Nehru Children's Club (NCC)**. At present about 70 children are registered as members of the NCC.
- ❑ Every evening, **free tuition classes** are conducted for about 45-60 children. Most of the children are from the neighbourhood and come from poor families. Teachers (some of whom are volunteers) assist the students in their studies. The children spend some time in play before their studies. Computers are also provided for their learning.
- ❑ **Counselling** in order to help the students to develop their personality we have invited Mary Joseph, a counselor to assist them.
- ❑ Various **cultural events and national festivals** like Children's day, Independence day, Teachers' day, Deepavali, Christmas, etc are also celebrated. On such occasions, the children have an opportunity to present their talents in singing, dance and drama.
- ❑ **The Global Volunteers' Day** was celebrated by some staff members from Oracle on the 19th October by spending the day with our children. They conducting various activities which included



games, dancing, singing, drawing, etc. Thanks to Praveen Batra and his team for the wonderful day they gave our children.



- **Deepavali** (29th October) was celebrated with the children putting up cultural items and decorating the place with lighted lamps.
- **Children's Day** (14th November) was celebrated with gaiety and fun for the children at Pratiksha Nivas. Dr Mary Dias was the chief guest on the occasion.
- **Volunteers' Day** (7th December) was celebrated to honour and appreciate all the people who support us by volunteering their services, time and energy. The volunteers under Teach India programme and the CBR areas were present on the occasion. Our children put up an enjoyable cultural programme for the volunteers and honoured them with gifts.
- **Nutrition Programme** is conducted every day, under which 40-50 children are provided with nutritious food at Pratiksha Nivas after the evening tuition class.
- **Children Health Camp** (13th December) was conducted for about 60 children at Pratiksha Nivas, Bangalore. This was organised in association with Snehadaan (center for HIV/AIDS) and St John's College Hospital, Bangalore. Our thanks to Fr Mathew, OSC, Sr Sylvia, FSM, Drs Preethi, Meryl Anthony, Rohini Omkar, Geetha Maria, Kiran and social worker, Indu for organising and conducting this programme along with our staff and volunteers.



- **Christmas Programme** (21st December) was celebrated at Pratiksha Nivas amidst our benefactors, staff, volunteers, friends

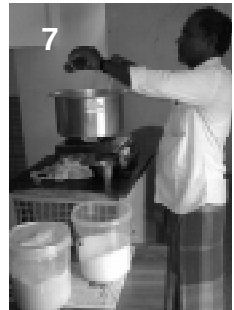


and children. Mr P M Thomas was the chief guest and Mr Lawrence D'Souza was our special guest. The children presented a skit, songs, dance and other cultural items. The morning ended with everyone wishing each other and the distribution of gifts.

- **Parent's Day** (22nd December) was celebrated for the parents and family members of the children of NCC. Over forty parents attended the function. The children presented a skits, songs, dances, speeches, etc. Prizes were awarded to those who had the highest attendance for the evening classes.

PROGRAMMES SUPPORTED BY WE CARE

- **Scholarships** were distributed to over 400 children, assisting in their education: tuition fees, books, uniforms, mid-day meals, transport and other expenses. Students who benefitted were from various schools/programmes such as: St Joseph's Girls High School, Belgaum, Maryknoll High School, Barkur, Udupi, Franciscan Institute Higher Primary School, Bangalore, Basic Education for Social Transformation, Wankaner, Gujarat, Holy Cross School of Nursing, Kamagere, St Francis B.Ed College, Hands of Hope Programme, and other local schools in Bangalore.



- **The nursery class** in the Franciscan Institute was supported by We Care till March 2008. We thank the FMM sisters for giving us an opportunity to assist in the education of these children.

- The **BEST (Basic Education for Social Transformation) programme** is running well with the collaboration of the Franciscan Clarist Congregation at Wankaner, Gujarat. 100 children are receiving education under this programme.

- In collaboration with the **Holy Cross**

School of Nursing, Kamagere, We Care supported the education of some young girls pursuing nursing studies.

- **Midday meal** were served to about 60-80 children every day at Maria Kirana Creche, Indiranagar, run by Sr Jini and her staff on behalf of the Dominican Sisters of the Presentation.

TEACH INDIA PROGRAMME

We Care was privileged to associate itself with Times of India, Teach India Programme. Under this programme, about 15-20 persons from different fields -- software, management students, college students, etc -- volunteered their services to teach our children at Pratiksha Nivas. A time table was drawn out and every evening, two or three volunteers gave their valuable time and services in teaching the children. This



programme began in September 2008. With the coming of these volunteers, the number of children who registered for the evening tuition classes also increased. In December 2008, we had about 65-70 students (all coming from nearby localities) registered. The subjects taught were languages (Kannada, Hindi and English), Science, Maths, Computers and Personality Development. As a result of this initiative, a few others too joined in as volunteers.

Here we wish to **appreciate and congratulate the Times of India** for their innovative contribution to nation-building by launching the TEACH INDIA programme. From a report in their newspaper, about 83,000 people volunteered from all over India to teach. Of them, 70,000 got an opportunity to do so. We thank Depashree and Unnath from TOI for initiating this programme for us. We also



thank all the volunteer-teachers who gave their precious time and knowledge to teach and serve our children: Afrah Shafiq, Akshath Shatia, Deepak Vijayaragavan, Edwina Alia Eapan, Indu Priya Suyambu, John Nazareth, Kanika Karvinkop, Rajasekhar Reddy K, Sajjan Bas, Shiva



Prasad K N, Sneha Menon, Suma S, Susan, Tania Jones, Trina Talukdar, Veera Valayaputhur, Pattabhi, Vinay Rathi, Ramya, Manjunath, Regina, Mary Joseph, Sr. Mary Martin, Br. Sandesh, Fr. Balraj, Nethravathi, Munisamy and others.



COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION (CBR) ACTIVITIES

In the field of disability too, there has been good news. Awareness and concern for the rights of the disabled in India is growing by the day. On 3rd December, 2008, over 10,000 people with various disabilities assembled at the India Gate in New Delhi for a night-long vigil and silent protest to demand, among other things, a separate ministry for disability affairs.

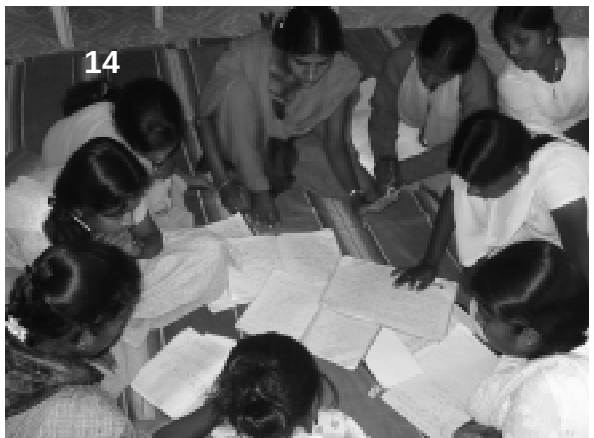


Voicing the sentiments of hundreds of deaf and mute, visually impaired, autistic, physically challenged individuals that had gathered, the organisers said: **“We, the 70 million disabled people of India, just want to be equal partners to be able to work, to be self-reliant, to be able to serve our nation, to be able to contribute to its economy, become tax-payers and not to be a burden on society.”** -- Javed Abidi, Convenor, Disabled Rights Group.

At We Care, we have been doing our bit too for the welfare of persons with disability. Ever since we started the community-based rehabilitation programme for disabled in July 2003, it has grown both in number and size. The total number of disabled under our programme stands at **1,026** and includes people with various kinds of disability (visually challenged 108 persons, hearing and speech 178 persons, physical loco motor 549 persons, leprosy 7 persons, convulsions 14 persons, mental illness 13 persons, mental retardation 116 persons, multiple and others 41 persons). The total population covered under this programme is about 584146, spread across 44 villages/wards.

MAIN ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR

Staff training and Exposure regular ongoing training is conducted for our staff members to enable them to improve the quality of their work among the persons with disabilities. Training takes the form of exposure programmes, in-house training, field supervisions, discussions, etc. This year the CBR team visited Snehadaan (HIV/AIDS) institution at Carmelaram, Association for





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the Physically Disabled (APD) at Lingarajapuram, ADD India, CBR Network and National Association for the Blind. From November 25th - 29th the CBR team visited Thirmurthy

Rural Development Centre (TRDC) for an orientation in self help groups, disabled peoples organization, exposure on field based activity planning, kinds of disabilities, therapeutical services, appliances and adaptations, home based education, Social awareness programme, self employment activities, etc. Our thanks to Jayanth, Ramesh, Sagayaraj, and TRDC for the help rendered in training our staff.

Certificate courses for the CBR

Workers In order to enhance their educational qualification and knowledge, eight staff members have been assisted to register themselves for certificate courses in CBR conducted by Bangalore University. The course will cover topics like disability and early childhood development, inclusive education and planning and management of NGO's, SHG's, etc.



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Home Based Education Volunteers

Training from the 28th – 30th January

2008 in collaboration with the education department a training programme in home based education was organised for volunteers at the Franciscan Institute. All our grassroots level workers attended this training.

Awareness Programmes for schools in the community

In order to effectively implement the inclusive model of education, we organized lectures on disability



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awareness in 16 schools in our targeted area. There were 632 students and 72 teachers who received an orientation on disability and leprosy.

Nutritional sensitization programme for women Our field workers operating at the

grass root level conducted 3 sensitization programmes on significance of nutrition in preventing disabilities. There were 55 women who benefitted from these programmes.

Pulse polio programme We care not only focuses on the rehabilitation of PWDs; it also works towards prevention of disability. All our CBR workers participated in the government-initiated pulse polio programme (11th - 13th of February 2008). They surveyed 2500 houses and 775 children between the age group of 0-5 years were vaccinated in Basapura and Togur.

MCIM CDP Programme In February we had 12 MBA students and in October 60 students of Mt Carmel Institute of Management, Bangalore (MCIM) who underwent the community development programme (CDP) organized by We Care for eight days.



The aim of the programme was to expose the students to community work with the disabled and children. The programme was a mix of theory and practice, classroom and field visits. Over the eight days, the students conducted a door-to-door survey of 2,672 houses in Subash Nagar to identify persons with disabilities and dropout children. They found 101 persons with disabilities. They also held a two-day integrated camp for children and visited TRDC, a centre for the disabled run by Sri Ramana Maharishi Academy for the Blind, and interacted with self-help groups in and around Kanakapura.

Facilitating the Schemes of the Government of Karnataka the disabled persons were given Information on pensions, adhara and other schemes promoted by the government for the disabled.



Integrated Summer Camp we conducted a three-day integrated summer camp for children (disabled and normal) during the month of May 2008 at St Francis ICSE School, Begur. There were 62 children present among them 24 were the children with disabilities. The others children were from the families of the challenged persons and some from the neighboring areas like Hongasandra, Begur, Garve Bhavi Palya, Devarachikkanahalli, Shubhasnagar, Roopena Aghrahara, Bommanahalli and Yelenahalli. The parents came forward as the volunteers and helped for the success of the camp. All the children were oriented the concept of inclusion. The children enjoyed

the camp and learnt lot of things about disability and their talents. Our thanks to Br Samuel, Provincial and Br Charles, Principal for giving us the premises and all the assistance in conducting the camp.



Disabled People Organisation (DPO)

The formation of a DPO is an important step in the rehabilitation process of disabled. Our efforts have begun to bear fruit when after 28 meetings we were able to get into

shape a DPO. 296 disabled persons or their parents participated in the meetings and eventually 57 persons joined as members of the DPO. The executive body was elected and the registration is under process. The bank account has been opened jointly in the name of two executive members. Hence forth the DPO will take up issues related with the disabled.



Corrective Surgery With the motivation and guidance given by our CBR team two girls, Manjula (19 years) from Hongasandra and Bharathi (7 years) from Weavers Colony have undergone corrective surgeries at St. John's and Ramaiah hospitals respectively. Both of them are now able to walk using crutches.

Aids and Appliances (3 wheel chairs, 1 white cane for the blind, 2 elbow crutches) were distributed to various disabled persons in the project.

Jaipur Foot Camp 45 disabled from our project and our staff attended the Jaipur foot camp organised by Rotary Club and Jain Association from 4th-11th January 2008. The disabled persons were assessed and 28 received aids and appliances like caliper, crutches, artificial limbs etc. 8 of them were referred for surgery and the remaining were advised to continue the physiotherapy.

Roshanara who is orthopedically challenged was assisted by us to secure a plot of land and house from the municipal authorities. Roshanara is married and has two children. She is well educated and can speak



English but unable to get a suitable job because of her disability.

Therapeutical Intervention In order to rehabilitate the disabled persons home based therapeutical services were rendered. Children with mental retardation were taught skills for daily living and their parents were instructed to daily follow-up. Physically challenged clients were given physiotherapy and their parents were trained to give therapy daily. Speech and hearing clients were given speech therapy and advised to have followed up with the local therapy centers.

World Disabled day was celebrated on 14th December at Pratiksha Nivas and on 22nd December at MCIM. At Pratiksha Nivas, over 120 people were present to mark the day which included disabled persons, their family members, children, staff and volunteers. The annual report was presented highlighting the activities done during the year. The disabled persons who won prizes at the disabled sports meet were felicitated. Aids and appliances were distributed to a few disabled persons. Those present pledged to work together for the rights of the disabled. At MCIM (Mt Carmel Institute of Management) over 200 people (180 students, staff members, and about 30 disabled persons from our project area some together with their parents) attended the function. Mr Azeem Bolar (visually challenged) was the chief guest at the function. Azeem shared his life experience which was very edifying for the audience. The CBR staff presented an awareness skit and song on disabilities. The disabled children were treated to fun and food by the students and staff of MCIM.



Disabled sports meet was conducted at Bangalore at which eight of disabled persons from our project area won prizes in different events like shot put, tri-cycle race, etc.



Staff picnic the staff went for a picnic in November to Talacad and enjoyed an outing amidst nature and the waters of the river.

Education assistance has been granted

during the year to children with disability or whose parents are disabled.

Visitors from AMICI we were happy to receive various volunteers and guests from AMICI who were keen on seeing the project first hand. Most of these guests/visitors being foreigners are first given an orientation of the project and then taken round for visit.

CBR resource persons We are grateful to AMICI for their timely technical support and encouragement especially from Mr Jayanth Kumar, Project Coordinator, and Dr Manimozhi, Health Coordinator. Both of them have been instrumental in assisting our staff to improve the quality of their knowledge and skills.



CBR Consultant Mr. Ramesh from SRMAB has been a regular visitor to our project. As a resource person he guides and trains our staff to set up an effective programme and in implementing the rehabilitation activities. We are grateful to Mr T Shrinivas, founder director of SRMAB for allowing Ramesh to assist our project. We thank Ramesh for all the help and assistance he renders to our staff, clients and project.

Our CBR Team Our CBR programme was headed by Mr Sagayaraj, Programme Coordinator. Under his guidance, the team took up various activities (mentioned above). He was ably supported by team members Meena, Amala, Premila, Muniyamma, Deepa, Sashikala, Varalaksmi, Sagaya Mary, Narashima Murthy, Micheal, Nethravathi, Shweta, Chandrashekar and Muniswamy.



We thank Mr. Sagayaraj, who has served from July 2003 till December 2008, for his valuable services to the organisation and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

CBR volunteers We extend our thanks to volunteers of the CBR programme: Raju, Arjun, Rosamma, Seetha, Vimala, Manjunath, Rani, Kannaka and others. They have been of great assistance to our staff in the field, helping them to coordinate their activities. Also, a big thanks to Shivarudramma, Rathnamma, Savitha and Basavaraja from TRDC for their support and assistance.

Summary highlight of our activities during the year Given below is the activity and the number of beneficiaries or programmes conducted. Physiotherapy (39 clients), activity of daily living skills (adls) (24 clients), speech therapy (12 clients), doctor's certificate (57 clients), medication (22 clients), train concession pass (36 clients), pension applied (57 clients), scholarship applied (14 clients), school awareness programmes (16 programmes), parents meeting (3 meetings), dpo members (57 members), referral services (79 clients), aids and appliances (30 clients).

A big thanks to Amici di Raoul Follereau (Trust) for their financial support in carrying out the CBR programme. Our **special thanks** to Mr Jose M V, Administrator of AMICI, and all the staff members, Jayanth Kumar, Project Coordinator, Dr Manimozhi, Health Coordinator, Patrick (Accountant), Lucy Bhaskar (Office Assistant) and Krishna.

You are most welcome to sponsor wheel chairs, calipers, crutches and other appliances for persons with disability. Contact us at address given below.



Photographs :

1) Dr. Mary Dias 2) Mid Day Meal 3) Global Volunteers Day 4) Children's Drama 5) Childrens Day 6) Volunteers Day 7) Nutrition Programme 8) Br. Sandesh 9-12) Volunteer Teachers - Teach India 13) Integrated Children's Camp 14) Staff Training 15) Friends of AMICI 16-17) School Awareness Programme 18) MCIM Students 19) Ms. Lizy Willson and Mahadesh 20) Executive Body of DPO 21) Disabled Prize Winners at Sports Meet 22) Jaipur Foot 23) Corrective Surgery 24) Disabled Sports Meet 25) We Care Staff 26) Evening Tution Class 27) World Disabled Day 28) MCIM Students & We Care Staff 29) Premankur Team 30) Distributing Hamper 31) Womens Day Celebration 32) Eye Camp 33) Housing Programme

WOMEN AND CHILD PROGRAMMES

In every child who is born, no matter what circumstances, and no matter what parents, the potentiality of the human race is born again: and in him, too, once more, and of each of us, our terrific responsibility toward human life; toward the utmost idea of goodness, of the horror of terror, and of God - James Agee, (1909–1955), American writer, novelist, poet, *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men* (1941)

The Premankur Team We Care wishes to thank all the members of Premankur: Carol Beck, Cynthia Rosario, Lydia Fernandes, Yvonne Pereira, Aida D'Costa, June Carvalho, Jessie Almeida, Greta Colaco, Marie D'Souza, and Concy Peres.



Premankur, the seedling of love, welcomes newborn babes into our world with love, care and concern. Premankur is a programme carried on by a committed group of women, who sew clothes for babies and distribute these to poor mothers who have delivered their newborn ones. Most of the mothers do not have sufficient clothes to cover themselves nor the means to buy clothes for their child.

One hamper consists of 1 blanket, 6 nappies, 2 wrappers, 3 shirts, 3 dresses, 1 coat, 1 bonnet, 1 pair of knitted booties, 1 pillow with cover, and 1 night dress for the mother. A hamper costs about Rs 700. **Labour is free** – they stitch the clothes with their own hands!!! A lot of love goes into stitching these clothes, as if one were preparing them for their own babies. In 2007-08, **62 hampers** were distributed by visiting mothers and their babies at Government Maternity Hospital, Cox Town, Bangalore, Infant Jesus Children's Home, Kothannur,



Bangalore, St Michael's Home, Indiranagar, Bangalore, and P.L. St. Joseph's Heath Centre, Vellore.

The Premankur group meets regularly to plan out their work, help each other in stitching and to share in their joys of visiting the mother-child. In order to raise funds, they accept donations (in cash and kind). They also participated in the charity bazaar which was held on 8th December 2007.

GRETA COLACO – A PERSON WHO CARES



The Premankur group wishes to pay a special tribute to Mrs Greta Colaco. She joined the group in January 2008 and is the senior most member. Despite her age, she has been a great source of enthusiasm, willingness and dedication – a great source of inspiration to the younger members of the group. At her age, she stitches more clothes than all the members put together! She is skilled in embroidery, which many mother-to-be long to have for their newborn. Though she is unable to attend meetings regularly, she supports the group with her valuable suggestions and generosity. Our hearty thanks to Greta Colaco for being a person who truly cares!

The Premankur group wishes to thank all their donors and benefactors. In a special way, Kareem and Al Ameen (cloth merchants), Leela D'Souza, Deloitte Pereira, Elizabeth Pereira, Deepu, John F Pinto, Tara Satyavrata, Moorie and many others who support them in one way or the other.

Those interested in this programme may contact us at We Care.

WOMEN'S GROUP AT RAGIGUDA SLUM

Over the past few years, we have been interacting with a group of women (about 10-12) from Ragiguda, which is considered to be Bangalore's largest slum. Most of these women hail from poor families and began their association with us by saving small sums of money towards the education of their children under the Save 'n' Study programme. After reaping the fruits of this programme, they now wish to form themselves into a self-help group and improve their lot, both economically and socially. We hope that this initiative will go a long way in enhancing the quality of their lives.

WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Women from the neighbourhood and from families of persons with disabilities gathered at Pratiksha Nivas for the Women's Day celebration on 9th March 2008. Mr Ramesh, our resource person for the day, spoke about the women's development and Mrs Nalini spoke about the rights of the women. About 50 people attended the celebrations



OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Health Care / Medical a number of persons received assistance to support their medical bills or towards purchase of medicine. An eye camp was conducted for the poor villagers of Pannakahalli and its surrounding benefitting over 150 people. The eye camp was conducted under the Hands of Hope programme.



Care of Senior Citizens monthly rations are supplied to 5-7 senior persons and their families, presently supervised by Mrs Celine Soans, Trustee.

Housing Assistance under the Hands of Hope programme We took up renovation and repairs of 50 houses in the village of Pannakahalli in Tamil Nadu. Many houses, being mud structures, were dilapidated and worn out due to rains. Under this programme, the identified houses were taken up for repairs and renovation with the



assistance of the family. Some of the building material were reused and part of the labour was provided by the family members. **Fr. A Vincent**, the local parish priest and coordinator of the program, took an active role in identifying the houses, purchasing the materials and in supervising the work. Prakasam Hardwares coordinated in the supply of materials. The local villagers and the panchayat also assisted in giving their full cooperation. The entire program was coordinated and supervised by **Peter Aranha** from Bangalore.

Our sincere thanks to Elizabeth Hitchcock, Irene and the members of the Hands of Hope Ltd., Ireland for the generous contributions and interest in the program. We also wish to thank Peter Aranha, Fr. A Vincent, Prakasam Hardwares and others who have assisted us in carrying on these programmes.

MEMORIAL / CORPUS FUNDS

We are thankful to the people who have reposed their trust and confidence in us by setting up funds either in honour of their loved ones or for a particular cause such as education, health care, widows, women, old age and charity. As on 31st March 2008, we have 30 funds as follows:

▣ A Lazarus memorial fund (for senior and aged) (2008) ▣ Alma Philip memorial fund (2008) ▣ Alwyn & Bernadette Nazareth fund (2007) ▣ Amanda & Ambur fund (2007) ▣ Annam Manikkathan fund (2002) ▣ Beatrice & Charles Noronha fund (2005) ▣ Cecilia Thomas Memorial fund (2006) ▣ Dr Jeanette Pinto fund (for widows) (2003) ▣ D Y N Murthy fund (2003) ▣ Hands of Hope Education fund ▣ John & Edith Countinho memorial fund (2003) ▣ John & Theresa D'Souza fund (1999) ▣ Karen Maryann Pereira Memorial fund (for cancer patients) (2003) ▣ Leprosy patients and families fund (2000) ▣ Lily & Bonaventure memorial fund (2007)	▣ Mabel Rodricks fund (for diabetic patients) (2004) ▣ Maureen & Kevin Colaco fund (2000) ▣ Osborne & Ela D'Lima fund (2004) ▣ Prem Ankur fund (2007) ▣ Prudente & Fatima Menezes Fund (2005) ▣ Rita Nazareth memorial fund (2003) ▣ Rosario Vincent & Natalia Lobo fund (2004) ▣ Shirley & Maurice D'Mello fund (2002) ▣ SNS education programme fund ▣ St Anthony's Charity fund (2004) ▣ Valerie Peters memorial fund (2007) ▣ Velthoria & George Sequeira fund (2002) ▣ Vida & Douglas Lobo health care fund (2001) ▣ We Care 4 Children fund (2006) ▣ We Care education fund (2005) ▣ Women's welfare fund (2000)
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The interest received from these funds is used to carry on various charitable activities.

**If you love someone, show it
Set up a memorial / charity fund
in memory of yourself / your loved ones
Continue to live in the hearts and minds of people
rather than on the face of a tombstone!**

A Lazarus Memorial Fund

A Tribute of love from his daughters by Juliana Lazarus



When dad passed away on 12 May, 2007, he looked younger than his 73 years. I suppose that's one reason why it was easy to forget that here was an ageing man. He looked young and we thought he was young. Till suddenly one day, we were forced to deal with his mortality and with the passing away of a husband, a father and a grandfather.

But dad, or Lazarus as the world knew him, was acutely aware of what old age meant. His sympathies were with those who had to spend their last days in old age homes. And he had only praise and admiration for the work of care-givers at such homes, especially the Little Sisters of the Poor.

That's why we decided to institute a fund for the aged in We Care in memory of A Lazarus. The fund was set up with a corpus donation of Rs 50,000 and is designated as the A Lazarus Memorial Fund.

Born on 30 September, 1934, in Sholapur, he was the eldest of five brothers. He spent his life in cities as varied as Belgaum, Karachi, Baroda, Bombay, Goa, Calcutta and finally, Bangalore. He married in 1958 and was father to four daughters. For his hard work, his sense of responsibility, his devotion to the church, selflessness and generosity, we couldn't have asked for a better father.

Our dad is no longer with us. But, he lives on. The memorial fund is just one way to ensure that.

ALMA PHILLIP MEMORIAL FUND

An outstanding woman who lived by her values and a love for the poor. Alma, lovingly called Mimi, by her family and friends, a teacher by profession, was a great friend of We Care. She took a great interest in our work and never failed to enquire about our activities. In spite of her age and frail health she wanted to come over and teach English to the children. Of course this did not happen as it was becoming difficult for her to travel long distances. However her goodwill is what we remember and cherish. In spite of her meager resources, she always found some money to donate to the poor. We Care is grateful to Alma for her bequeath left for our charitable works. In her honour and in gratitude for her love and affection for us, we have set up a fund in her memory. We thank her brothers Simon and Peter and other members of her family. We pray the Almighty to grant her eternal rest.



ALWYN AND BERNADETTE NAZARETH FUND

Alwyn and Bernadette have set up a charity fund in their memory. They have made large donations in the past but it is only recently that they have agreed to have a fund set up in their memory. We thank them for their generosity and kindness towards the poor.

DETAILS OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE

PARTICULARS	2006-07	2007-08
Voluntary contributions	22,02,659	34,07,273
Voluntary donations	55,101	61,401
Education programmes	0	2,85,750
Interest on deposits/investments	8,26,920	10,13,026
Memorial & Corpus funds	15,25,900	13,32,413
Other income	45,341	12,566
TOTAL INCOME	46,55,921	61,12,429
Education programmes	7,41,361	11,60,113
Programmes for Disabled	4,51,658	5,95,839
Housing, Medical, Senior Citizens		
Poor, casual charity, etc.	81,770	9,00,675
Building at Thavarekere	10,60,187	3,63,955
Other expenses	9,987	1,41,141
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	23,44,963	31,61,723

Note: The above details have been taken from our audited accounts. We are grateful to our Auditor, Rohan Miranda of **Lawrence Tellis Associates**, Bangalore. We also thank his staff, especially, Uma Devi, Sunil Correia and Divya for their valuable guidance and cooperation.

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Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a New Year 2009 filled with the blessings from the Almighty.

With best wishes,
Fr. Trevor D'Souza, OFM
Managing Trustee

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