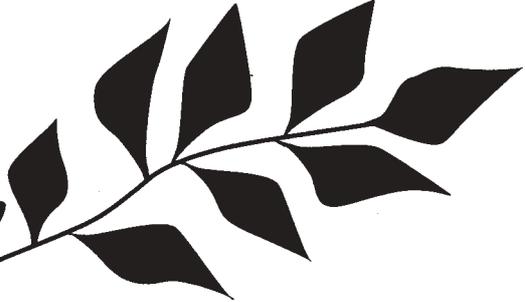


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**10 years of our efforts to build
a Civilization of Love**

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EDITORIAL: NUTURING A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE

10 years have gone by so quickly, it seems as if it was yesterday that *We Care* began its journey of reaching out to the poor and needy in a spirit of love and service. We are bringing out a separate souvenir to mark this journey towards our tenth anniversary. We feel proud and humbled at the same time that *We Care* has been an effective instrument able to draw and reach out to so many people in our efforts towards nation building. We know that our efforts are small. But every small drop contributes towards filling the ocean and every step towards walking miles.



This year we wish to introduce to you an outstanding person, Raoul FOLLEREAU (1903-1977). Born in 1903, his productive life (1920-1970) has been described as "fifty years of a life which was an entire act of love." A journalist by profession, he published 44 books and pamphlets consisting of poems, novels, plays, travels, memoirs, .. all with one ideal, to create awareness among the peoples of

this world that it is the obligation of every human being to foster a real concern for those people who live on the margins of life, especially the ones affected by the (then) dreaded disease of leprosy. He dreamt of a world without hatred and violence, where every human being would live as brother and sister to each other. He dreamt of a world revolving on a spirit of love and put his efforts into building a "**civilization of love.**"

In 1920, at the age of 17 he authored a little book, *The Book of Love*, in which he writes: "To love is to live, to betray love is to be dead!" In a novel, *the Other Dream*, written in 1922, defending the rights of the poor, destitute and suffering he writes: "All of you, the underprivileged, the inglorious, the penniless, the homeless, the hopeless, you that all scorn or despise, come unto me: I love you."

His first encounter with a leper came when he was on a journey through Africa. Seeing for himself how the leper was ostracized from society and made to fend for himself, that sight left a deep and lasting impression on him. From that day on he decided to plead one single cause, leprosy. From then on he began to plead with the public, leaders of governments and even the UNO to do something positive for the wellbeing of the leper. In 1954 he founded the "World Leprosy Day" with the aim of obtaining for lepers the right to be treated like all sick people with respect for their dignity and freedom, as human beings.

In his continuous efforts to build a civilization of love, he wrote to the Russian leader, Khrushchev: "Within 60 hours after the outbreak a conflict, the number of the victims would be between 500 to 700 million. 160000 people dead every minute. You can't deny this is a fine piece of work!" Do you wish to build a chain of love or a chain of death? We must choose straightway and forever.

He wrote, "**to love is not to give, but to share.**" Observing that war brought about a civilization of death, he urged world leaders in these words; 'With the cost of one aerial torpedo, slum children could be offered 16,000 holidays; one tank is worth the cost of 84 tractors; with the cost one bomber, 30 schools of 20 classrooms each could be built; with the cost

of one aircraft carrier, 400000 men could be fed for one year'. He concludes by saying: "Weapons of death must be converted into works of life."

In 1954, he wrote to General Eisenhower and Mr Malenkov: "Give me one plane, one bomber, each because I have heard each of these airplanes costs about 5 billion francs. With the price of these two planes of death, all the lepers in the world could be treated!"

He always spoke of the most powerful weapon in the hands of every human being, love. For him, "To love is to help another to live and one can be happy only by making others happy." Taking a very radical position, he wrote, "Love one another or disappear: there is no other choice." He used to often say, "a civilization without love is a mound of termites" and "civilization is to love one another."

On his initiative the European federation for eradication of leprosy (ELEP) was founded in 1962. It later became ILEP. He died on 6th December 1977.

Raoul Follereau was a great social transformer; many of his statements are still so true for the events of present times. Millions of people are still working, inspired by his words and his works. There are many Raoul Follereau associations in the world working for leprosy affected persons. Some of his famous works: *If Christ tomorrow...*, *Traffic lights civilization*, *Men like the others*, *The only truth is to love each other*, *I'll sing after my death and the book of love*.

After his death, groups of people came to together to carry forward his memory and mission. This group is formally known as AIFO, Italian Association Amici di Raoul Follereau, and has its head office at Bologna, Italy. Today AIFO is an important leader among the members of ILEP and along with other organizations is committed to serve the leper, the "last and least" till this scourge is wiped away from the face of our earth. With the incidence of leprosy falling, today AIFO has turned its gaze towards other forms of "leprosy" within our society, children, women, the disabled and marginalized.

Every year, people of all ages are mobilized to raise funds through charity shows, street sales, donations, etc. and these are in turn handed over to projects in India, Africa, South America and South Asia. Aifo has its branch office in India called Amici Trust, Bangalore.

The life of Raoul Follereau is an example to us that demonstrates how the work and conviction of one human being can change our world. He set off a chain reaction that made the world stand up and take note of the leper.



The CBR and Children's programmes of *We Care* are supported by AIFO. We are grateful to the Board members who inspite of the difficulties of the recession have made "something" available to help promote these programmes. Besides the financial support, we are also fortunate to receive timely technical support from the Amici Trust in Bangalore. More than this, we have been fortunate to be part of the dream of Raoul Follereau, to build a civilization of love.

This year the recession has been a trying time for all of us putting pressure on our purses. In spite of this, you have been generous with your contributions and support. It is because of your sacrifice and generosity that a newborn child was able to receive clothing, that some child somewhere was able to receive education, that some person with disability was able to receive rehabilitation, that someone suffering from cancer or diabetics was able to receive medical care, that someone without proper shelter was able to have a roof over their head, that someone who was poor and old was able to have bread to eat...

For such generosity we offer you our appreciation and immense gratitude. On behalf of all those who have received from your hands we say, thank you.

As we close 2009 and usher in 2010, it is time for us at *We Care* to prayerfully remember each and every one of you. It is because of your generous and loving heart that we have been able to continue to serve hundreds of people who need help so desperately. You are indeed a very special person – a person who truly cares!

This newsletter covers the programmes and information upto 31st December 2009

Educating A Child Is An Investment Not An Expense!

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES

At *We Care* we believe that money spent on the education of child is not an expense but an **investment** in the future of our children and of our nation. I am certain that the seeds that we plant today, by supporting the education of a child, will surely bear fruits in the years ahead. In 2009, we have expanded our education assistance by reaching out to more children in different parts of India. We are working towards assisting at least 1500 students by the end of 2010. The total number of children who benefited from our programmes like scholarships, free tuitions, mid-day meals, health care, balwadi (pre-school) etc., is about 1074 during the year 2009. During the year 2008-09 the total amount spent on educational activities was Rs.4,28,253.

SCHOLARSHIPS & EDUCATION PROGRAMMES SUPPORTED BY *We Care*:



Scholarships distributed to assist children in their education: tuition fees, books, uniforms, mid-day meals, transport and other expenses. Most of the scholarships were given to school students. Some scholarships were also given to

college students and also to those pursuing professional courses like B.Ed., Engineering, CA, and Nursing.

Two new projects, **Don Bosco Centre, Wakro** and **Don Bosco Centre, Mintong**, both in Arunachal Pradesh, were undertaken during the year. It was Fr. Joseph Pampackal, former economer of his province, who first introduced me to these two places and the pristine beauty of Arunachal. Looking at the poverty of the region and the people, *We Care* decided to support the education of 15 children in each of these centres. We are happy to have reached out so far to very remote, hilly and backward villages of our country. We thank

Frs Jose C. Kaippalli, in-charge of Wakro, Anto Tharakan, in-charge of Mintong and Jose Paley, present Economer of his province, Dimapur for their cooperation in making this project possible, inspite of the distance and difficulties in communication.

From the month of August 2009 we undertook the support of 146 children in **Project Sarang Talab Balwadi** (pre-school) Programme, Varanasi. The balwadis are mainly



for pre-school and non-school going children from the slums and from families who have migrated from different other states. This programme is being carried out in association with the sisters of the **Franciscan Servants of Mary, Varanasi Province**. Sr. Anshu animates the project together with teachers in five different villages. We thank sisters Tara and Daisy for coordinating the project.



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In association with **Prema Jyothi Trust, USA & India**, education scholarships were given to 15 deserving children and students studying in various schools and colleges in Bangalore.

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



Every evening, **free tuition classes** are conducted for about 45-60 children at our programme centre, **Pratiksha Nivas**. Most of the children are from the neighbourhood and come from poor families. One teacher, Yashodha, has been appointed to coordinate the programme. This year employees (Preeti Rani, Sanketh Rao, Kapil Vyas, Pearl Lewis, Sanjeev Mehta, Ramesh Natesh, Vidhya Thyagarajan, Sunita P, Mala C K, Sukanth Mishra, Narayan and other members of Community Relations Team) from **Rambus Chip Technologies (I) Pvt Ltd**, Bangalore volunteered their time to teach the children. Volunteers (Ambrose, Jacqueline Sausaman, Ankit Malani, Sajjan Bai, Manjunath, Sheila Montero, M a m a t h a , Monica and others) also came to teach the children.



MIDDAY MEAL & NUTRITION PROGRAMMES

SUPPORTED BY We Care:

Mid-day meals 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**.

Nutritious food consisting of ragi, milk and sugar, is served every day at **Pratiksha Nivas** after the evening tuition class for about 40-50 children.

From October 2009 nutritious food is being served for 146 children of **Sarang Talab Balwadi** Programme.

From November 2009 nutritious food is being provided for 70 children of **Sneha Nilaya Orphanage**, run by Sr. Louisa and her staff on behalf of the Franciscan Sisters of Immaculate, Bangalore. The children in this orphanage range between 3 and 18 years and attend various schools.



OTHER EDUCATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY We Care:

In the month of March 2009, three office bearers of Hands of Hope Ltd., Ireland, Elizabeth Hitchcock, Tracey Hosford and Irene Clifford, together with Miriam Walter, from New Zealand visited our children at Pratiksha Nivas. The children presented cultural programmes and interacted with the guests. They had an enjoyable evening.



In order to overcome the difficulties experienced by regular power cuts, we installed a **Solar lighting system** at Pratiksha Nivas for the benefit of the evening tuition classes. We express our heartfelt thanks to the members of **Retail**



Reach, a volunteer group of **Infosys Technologies Ltd** for partly supporting the cost of solar lighting system. We also thank **Selco Solar Light Pvt Ltd**, Bangalore for their support and cooperation. The solar lighting system has proved to be a huge blessing in conducting the education of the children.

Teacher's

Day was celebrated on the 5th September at Pratiksha Nivas, Best, Project Sarang Talab Balwadis and Maria Kirana Creche.



Divali (16th – 19th October 2009) was celebrated at Pratiksha Nivas by the children of the evening tuition class. The next day ten children along with their teacher and some volunteers, joined in the Diviali celebrations organized by **Dr. H. N. Prasad**, President of **Sri Charukeerthi**



Bhattaraka Vedike, Bangalore. The evening was joyfilled with the over 100 children, who came from different organizations, giving dance and song performances. Many eminent persons from

the society were also present on the occasion.

Children's Day celebration (13th & 14th November 2009): In order to mark the children's day, programmes were conducted for our children by members of Community Relations Teams



from **Rambus Chip Technologies (I) Pvt Ltd, Bangalore, Timken Engineering & Research India Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore** (Santosh, Vishvesh, Keshava, Rudraswamy and Milton Lobo) and **Infosys Technologies Ltd** (Anitha Martin, Udai Kiran, K G Praveen Kumar, Kanisha Agarwal, Sharmistha Kar, Sudeep Agarwal, Anusha, Maitreya Bhoopalam, Suneetha Chittamuri). The team from Rambus treated the kids with pizzas and gifts. The team from Infosys conducted a spot drawing competition and gave gifts. The team from Timken gave games items and children story books. The children in turn entertained their guests with song and dance. Children's day was also celebrated at Best, Project Sarang Talab Balwadis and Maria Kirana Creche. The highlight of the children's day celebration was the surprise visit by our guests from Italy, namely AIFO President, Dr. Francesco Collizi, Board Member and Child Specialist, Dr. Henrico Populin, and Director Project Division, AIFO, Ms Francesca Ortali.



Laxmeesha Acharya from **Dhithi Infoserve Pvt Ltd.** conducted an **awareness programme on environment and ecology** on 5th December 2009 along with his friends Harish Kumar, C Srinivasa Raman and Geraldine Fernandez.

Parent's Day was celebrated on the 13th December 2009 for

the parents of the children attending the evening tuition class. This function was clubbed along with the **World Disabled Day** and **Christmas** celebration. 86 persons which included 40 children, from the evening tuition class, 23 parents, 6 staff and 17 well-wishers and trustees were present on the occasion. It was an occasion for us to meet the parents of the children. The children entertained their parents and the guests with cultural programmes. **Sr Laila, Principal, Mary Immaculate High School, Bangalore** was the chief guest. Prizes were distributed for regular attendance and best students. We are grateful to Ms Anusha Infancia, Monica, Roshini, Sneha and Vineetha George, students of Mary Immaculate High School, Bangalore for assisting our children in the cultural programmes. We are also grateful to the

Principal and teacher **Philomena Manuel** for encouraging their students to involve themselves in our programmes. Our thanks also to **Mr Anthony Das** who anchored the programme and entertained the audience.



TESTIMONIES

Jagdish is presently studying in the 10th std in Adarsha Vidya Society School. Last year, he was a regular student for the free evening class. On the parent's day celebration he gave his testimony on how the evening tuition classes benefitted him. He said, that he was able to get good coaching from the volunteer teachers and improved his ranking in the exams. He said that in the tuition class he



got more opportunity to take part in the cultural programmes and other activities, especially bhathanaty dance. He wishes to be a volunteer to teach other children after he completes his SSLC exams. Jagdish, you are most welcome!

Excerpts from the BEST annual report 2009. We are grateful and happy to inform you that the parents of our students under the BEST programme are satisfied with the programme. The children make the best of this privilege. The teachers take special interest and care, especially of the weak students. House visiting is done regularly to motivate the students. We took the children to Porbandar for a picnic and showed them the birth place of Mahatma Gandhiji. They were also thrilled to see the beach and other tourist places. Your support is very timely and a great help to the poor families. On behalf of our children, thank you once again - Sr. Alpha, Superior and Coordinator of the BEST Programme, Gujarat.

Excerpts from the annual report 2009 of Maria Kirana Creche. Our programme is for children from the slum who are unable to attend school. Maria Kirana Creche tries to provide an environment for the children to feel at home and

*Many hands, hearts and minds
contribute to achieving a noble cause.*

And yours are one of them !!!

COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION (CBR) PROGRAMME & ACTIVITIES

The CBR programme for challenged persons has been making steady progress. The total amount spend on the programme in 2008-09 was Rs. 6,61,538. During the year we undertook a thorough survey of the area once again to determine the number of persons with disability. At present there are 635 persons with disability in our project area. The total number of persons who benefitted from the programme is over 12606.

Given below is the list of activity and the number of persons helped or programmes conducted. Training in physiotherapy (27), activity of daily living skills (adls) (21), speech therapy (19), doctor's certificate (53), medication (26), train concession pass (38), pension application (54), Pension received (12), scholarship applied (26), Scholarship received (10), school awareness programmes (13), parents meeting (7), DPO members (69), DPO meetings (12), Special School Admission (2), Home Based Education (2), Home Based Education Training (1), SHG Meetings (49), Referral services (102), Aids and appliances (21).

MAIN ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR - HIGHLIGHTS



Jaipur Foot Camp 22 persons with disability from our project and our staff attended the Jaipur Foot Camp organised by Rotary Club and Jain Association from 3rd to 10th January 2009. The disabled persons were assessed and 15 of them received aids and appliances like caliper, crutches, artificial limbs etc. One of them referred for surgery. Rest of them were advised to continue the physiotherapy.

World Anti-Leprosy Day was celebrated on 30th January 2009 at Pratiksha Nivas. 2 cured leprosy patients from our target area along with 10 citizens, 35 children and CBR staff were present on the occasion. Awareness about leprosy was given to the participants through a street play, songs and skits. The main aim of the programme is to make people aware that leprosy is a curable disease and to give an opportunity for those affected by leprosy to be integrated into the main stream of society.



MCIM Community Development Programme: 58 students of Mt. Carmel Institute of Management, Bangalore (MCIM) underwent the community development programme (CDP) organized by *We Care* for eight days from 22nd – 29th March, 2009. 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 2 days the students conducted a door-to-door survey of 3000 houses consisting of 9778 persons in Begur Village to identify persons with disabilities and dropout children. The survey

revealed 59 persons with disabilities. New cases identified were 24.

They also organised a two-day integrated camp for 70 children from the locality, of which about 25 were children with disability at St. Theresa High School, Begur. We thank **Fr. Moses** who provided the space and other facilities for conducting this programme.

They also visited Sri Ramana Maharishi Academy for the Blind, Bangalore and Tirumurthy Rural Development Centre, Kanakapura, and interacted with inmates and with members of self-help groups from the surrounding villages.

The students were highly appreciative of the programme conducted by *We Care* through which they learnt many new things about persons with disability and the poor.

Integrated children camp was conducted on 9th May 2009 at Pratiksha Nivas for 25 children (including those affected by disability). The camp gave the children an opportunity to mingle with each other and participate in various fun activities.

Parents and Staff Exposure Programme:

7 parents of children with disability, 2 children with disability & 5 staffs went on a one day exposure to **Association for People with Disability, Bangalore** on 19th September 2009. The aim of the programme was to bring awareness to parents on their role and responsibility towards the disabled children under their care. The staffs came to know their working style, how to train the children and how they can create awareness on vocational among disabled & their parents.



Scholarships for children with disability. Cash gifts were given to 3 children with disability under our CBR programme in the month of 23rd

August by **Dr. H N Prasad** and his friends. On 21st September, 5 children with disability under our CBR programme received scholarships offered by **Sri Charukeerthi**



Bhattaraka Vedike, Bangalore. Under our CBR scholarship programme 2 children received assistance.

Nutrition programme for persons with disability. From October 2009 onwards we have started distributing ragi (millet) flour to the families of persons with disability who are economically weak. The aim is to supplement nutrition along with their daily diet. 20 families of persons with disability have benefitted from this programme.

Biennial meeting The biennial meeting conducted by AIFO, was held at TRDC, Karnataka from 9th – 12th November 2009. Representatives from AIFO, Italy included the President, **Dr. Francesco Collizi**, Board Members, **Dr. Henrico Populin** and **Sergio** and Director of Projects, Ms Francesca Ortali. Representatives from Amici, Bangalore included the Board Members **Dr Daisy Kandathil, Dr Alice, TV Srinivasan, Dr H N Prasad and Jose MV** along with **Dr Manimozhi**, Health Officer, Y B Jayanth Kumar, CBR Project Officer, Dr Parthipan, Research Coordinator and Nijil George, Systems Coordinator. The meeting was represented by over 20 project holder-partners from various parts of India. Fr. Trevor D'Souza, represented *We Care* CBR-Children project.

The meeting was a platform to meet other project holder and for all to share their work, experiences, successes and difficulties. It was an opportunity to learn from each other. During this meeting inputs and group discussions were held on various topics such as, care for those suffering from mental illness (by Mr Naidu from Basic Needs India), planning and management strategies for persons with leprosy (by Dr. Manimozhi), sustainability of projects, new proposals from AIFO on how to manage the projects during the recession (Francesca Ortali), vision-mission of AIFO (Dr. Henrico Populin), project funding and fund raising (Francesco Collizi), reporting (Jose M V), etc. The meeting was well conducted and very beneficial to all the participants.

Anganwadi Teachers Awareness programme a one day awareness programme on home-based education was conducted for the teachers of the anganwadis on 2nd December by our staff. The programme by organised by the Block Education Office. There were 10 teachers and 5 parents of persons with disability.

World Disabled Day celebration. On 2nd December 2009 drawing competition and cultural programme for disabled children was orga-nized by Disabled & Senior Citizens Welfare Depart-ment, Government of Karnataka. 10 children with disability from our project participated in the programmes.



On 3rd December 2009, a programme was organised by the Government at which the Chief Guest was Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka Mr. B.S. Yeddyurappa. 14 persons with

disability from our project participated in the programmes.

On the 13th December 2009 the members of the Disabled Peoples Organization under *We Care* celebrated the world disabled day at Pratiksha Nivas. **Mr Manjunath Reddy, Ex-Councillor** was the chief



guest. The day was celebrated with cultural programmes and motivational speeches. 43 persons were present for the occasion which included 17 persons with disability.

On the same evening the world disabled day was celebrated at Pratiksha Nivas along with the children from the evening tuition class, their parents, staff, well-wishers and trustees. The evening was filled with cultural programmes and awareness songs on disability.



S k i n Screening Camps : during the year 4 skin screening camps for 607 school

children were conducted in various schools/centres (Konappana Agrahara, Bettadasanapura, Pratiksha Nivas and Dodda Togur). The purpose of the camp was to identify children with skin infections and to give them timely treatment. This activity was conducted with the assistance of **Raj and Jayamma from Shantha Jeeva Jyothi, Bangalore** and **Masthan from Sumanahalli, Bangalore.** Our thanks to all who helped us in conducting these camps.

Nutritional sensitization programme for women during the year 2 sensitization programmes were conducted, one each at Garvebhavi Palya and New Guruppana Palya respectively, on significance of nutrition in preventing disabilities. The aim of this programme is to sensitize the women, especially those who are pregnant and have new born children, on the need for good nutrition for themselves and their wards and the relationship between poor nutrition and disability. There were 15 women who benefitted from these programmes.

Welfare of persons with disability. We distributed gifts to Manjunath & Nagaraj's daughter on their marriage. **Manjunath** is a person with disability, our former staff and presently a member of the Disabled People's Organization. Nagaraj too is a person with disability and our former staff.





Self Help Group Meeting: At present we are in the process of formation of 7 self-help groups for the

persons with disability or their family members in various localities of our target area. The main objective of the SHG is to motivate the members to recognize the strength in a group and to strive towards becoming self-sufficient and self-reliant in respect to their social and economic status. During the year we have conducted 49 SHG meetings in which 62 persons are attending regularly.

Awareness Programmes for schools in the community

In order to effectively implement the inclusive model of education in favour of the



children with disability, we organized awareness programmes in 13 schools in our targeted area. 507 students and 14 teachers who received an orientation on disability and leprosy.

Ashray, located at Varanasi, is a rehabilitation home and counseling centre for the mentally ill. It is run by the **Indian Missionary Society** and managed by the **Franciscan Clarist Sisters**. It has a capacity for about 20-25 inmates. Besides medication, psycho-social and psycho-spiritual programmes like community living, counseling, meditation, games, work, prayer, etc., are conducted for the inmates. Those who get well are sent back to re-join their families. *We Care* has been associated with Ashray for the past few years and provides support towards healthcare and hygiene of the inmates.

Staff training and Exposure Programmes: regular ongoing training was 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, review meetings, etc.

One day training in self-help group conducted by **Mr. Jose M V** on 5th May 2009.

Regular ongoing monthly training for staffs by **Mr. Ramesh** from TRDC till June 2009.

Training programmes and workshops conducted on regular basis during the year on personality development and capacity building by various resource persons: **Ramesh, Nita Mukherjee, Fr. Trevor D'Souza, and Sheila Montero**.

Our staff, Ms. Rani (Amala) attended training programme, held in the month of August, "Training on Planning and Development Project Proposal" conducted by the **National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development**, Bangalore, a government organisation.

Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly, Half yearly and Yearly review meetings were conducted.

On 3rd November 2009 the staff attended a one day training programme on Right to Information Act conducted by **Vikramsimha & Mr. Veerasha of Mahithi Hakku Adhyayana Kendra, Bangalore**.

Certificate courses for the CBR Workers: **Congratulations to our staff Amala (Rani) and Meena M B who secured first class and Deepa who have secured a second class** in the CBR Certificate Course conducted by the Bangalore University in May 2009.

Navajyothi Disabled People Organisation (DPO) was formed in 2007. The formation of a DPO is an important step in the rehabilitation process of disabled. During the year we have conducted 12 meetings at which 400 disabled persons or their parents participated. Eventually 69 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. During the meetings the DPO members discuss issues of common interest and also receive training on various related subjects. Some of the major activities conducted by the DPO during the year:





On 9th August 2009, they celebrated Independence Day. On the occasion a wheel chair was handed over to Shivaraju, a child with disability by the chief guest, **Mr. Mathew Montero, Former District Health Education Officer, Mandya.**

On 11th October 2009 DPO celebrated Deepavali Festival.

On 8th November 2009, DPO celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava & Children's Day. On 13th December DPO celebrated World Disabled Day. We thank **Mr. Jayanth Kumar**, for his guidance and congratulate him for being the first President.

There are many persons to thank for supporting us in our work and ensuring that we are able to reach out to the persons with disability in a meaningful manner.

Our CBR Team the CBR programme was assisted by **Ms Meena M B & Amala (Rani)**, Joint-programme Coordinators. Under their guidance, the team took up various activities (mentioned above). They were ably supported by team members **Sheila Montero, Premila, Muniyamma, Deepa, Sashikala, Varalaksmi, Sagaya Mary, Narashima Murthy, Sowmya, Arun Kumar, Muniswamy and Augustine.**

CBR Consultant We thank **Mr. Ramesh** from **Sri Ramana Maharshi Academy for the Blind (SRMAB)** who was

assisting our CBR programme over the past 2 years. As a resource person he guided and trained our staff to set up an effective programme and helped in implementing the rehabilitation activities. We are grateful to **Mr TV Srinivasan**, founder director of SRMAB for allowing Ramesh to assist our project.

CBR volunteers We extend our thanks to the volunteers of the CBR programme: **School principals:** Sheila Kumari and Narayanappa, **Anganwadi Teachers:** Nagarathna, Sujatha, Kanaka, Seetha, Prema and Sathyabhama, Amuda, **Local Area Members:** Nagaraj, Arjun, Raju, and Rajini, **Home-based education teachers:** Vasantha, and **others.** They have been of great assistance to our staff in the field, helping them to coordinate their activities.

A big thanks to **AIFO, Italy** for their continued support and encouragement in providing financial & technical support for the CBR and Children Programmes.

Our thanks also to **Amici di Raoul Follereau (Trust), India** for their support and encouragement in carrying out the CBR and Children programmes. Our **special thanks** to **Mr Jose M V**, Administrator, and all the staff members, **Jayanth Kumar**, Project Coordinator, **Dr Manimozhi**, Health Coordinator, **Dr. Parthipan**, Research Project Coordinator, **Patrick**, Accountant, **Lucy Bhaskar**, Office Assistant, **Nytil George**, IT & Systems and **Krishna.**

You are most welcome to sponsor wheel chairs, calipers, crutches and other appliances for persons with disability.

WOMEN AND CHILD PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES



World Women's Day was celebrated on 8th March 2009 at Prathiksha Nivas. 35 women from our target area, including neighbors, and CBR staffs participated. The special attraction of this programme was the

presence of 5 disabled women. The CBR staff presented a play drawing awareness about the difficulties women face and their rights in the present world. Two women shared their life experiences.

PREMANKUR (seedling of love) consists of a group of women who dedicate their spare time, effort and skills in stitching clothes for newborns in the 0-1 year age group. These clothes are distributed on a quarterly basis to newborns in the Corporation maternity hospitals in and around the area of their operation in Cooke Town, Richards Town and RT Nagar. The group meets every month to allot work and at the end of every quarter, the packing of the hampers take place with great enthusiasm and admiration for each one's work. The

members look forward with eagerness and anticipation to the distribution, just to see the joy and thankfulness in the eyes of the mothers who receive them. It is a fulfilling experience for all who have used their time and talent to create the hampers. Premankur hopes to grow with each passing year to reach out with love and concern to clothe more of God's precious little gifts. During the year 60 new born babes received clothes hampers under this programme.

The members of Premankur group are: **Carol Beck, Carol Karumbaya, Concelia Perez, Cynthia Rosario, Dorothy Rebello, Greta Colaco, Indra Miranda, Jaya Miranda, Jeanette Menezes, June Carvalho, Lydia Fernandes, Marie D'Souza, Winnie Mascarenhas, and Yvonne Pereira.** Those who volunteered their help and supported **Aida D'Costa, Ivy Rodrigues, Shirley D'Cruz, and Meera Manjunath.**

The members of Premankur thank all their supporters, especially those who have donated in cash and kind.

We Care is proud to support this group of women who involve themselves in such a wonderful and noble work. We are highly appreciative of their work and grateful to them for making this world a better place. We welcome many more women to participate in such endeavours.

MARIE D'SOUZA, A WOMAN OF GRIT by **Carol Karumbaya**

Hardworking, enterprising, gritty, independent and enthusiastic - these words best describe Marie D'Souza, who at age 78 is one of the senior-most members of Premankur.

Even at this age, her precision cutting and sewing prowess is something to be admired and her tremendous contribution to the group's work is important in helping it achieve its goal in clothing babies born to poor mothers.

Growing up in Mangalore, Marie lost her father at the tender age of 13, and upon her slender shoulders fell the responsibility of augmenting the family income. Largely self-taught, using only a book for guidance, she began sewing at the young age of 16. At the same time she also got a job offer from the PWD where her father had earlier worked. She continued in that job for a little more than 22 years, taking a transfer to Madras, to be with her husband.

While in Madras, Marie sewed in her spare time so that she could send the extra earnings to her mother back home, even after marriage. She would sew skirts and petticoats and while tailors of that time charged Re 1, she charged only 50 paise.

With her interest and skill at sewing, Marie strengthened her talent further by learning machine embroidery in Mangalore. What the group members love about Marie is her knack of sourcing the right material for the right price from the right place. Her unflagging energy in getting the best deals leaves members awestruck. Younger members of the group are enlightened by her selflessness and respect for duty.

As a mother of eight, one can only be left in admiration for the lovely person that she is. **Premankur members thank God for the gift of Marie and pray for her good health so that she continues to be an active member of the group, helping it with her valuable contribution.**

TESTIMONY FROM MEERA MANJUNATH

For the last few months I have been coordinating the distribution of clothing for new born on behalf of Prem Ankur in my area i.e. Ganganagar, RT Nagar and Yeshwantpur. The mission is to see it is delivered to the poorest of the poor. This is the area where I function, go to the local maternity homes, identifying who is really needy and seeing that it reaches them only and sending back the details of recipients for the records. I am new to this field and do everything alone, but it is gratifying to see calls coming directly from lady doctors who are in-charge and the hospital staff when needy patients are in the hospital. Demands for the clothes have gone beyond the supply this month! It is such a humbling experience doing God's work. So far I have distributed about 25 hampers and **some of the feedback from the poor mothers brings tears to my eyes.** There was this lady in the Ganganagar Government Maternity Hospital, pale, anemic and suffering from bouts of giddiness, but still afraid to go home because her third child, whom she just delivered, was also a girl child! Then there was this poor construction worker in Yeshwantpur who never got food in her pregnancy and had to work till the very last day, but who would refer to her husband as "Devaru" (god-like-man). **Its these agonized layer of people we need to touch and help and I thank God for giving me such an opportunity in life.**

**MEDICAL PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES**

Support for purchase of medicines, hospitalization and other health related matters in the year 2008-09 amounted to Rs.63,482. During the year financial support has been provided to about 524 people who are sick and infirm.

From October 2009 a special programme has been initiated to support patients undergoing treatment for **cancer, diabetics, kidney and psychiatric care.** *We Care* has networked with **St. John's Medical College Hospital (SJMCH)**, Bangalore and **Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology (KMIO)**, Bangalore in carrying out this programme. During this year we have already assisted 3 cancer, 8 kidney, 1 diabetic and 1 psychiatric patients. We wish to acknowledge our gratitude to **Ms Eliza Pereira, SJMCH and Dr Janet Parmeshwar, KMIO Social Welfare Officers, and their staff** for their cooperation and support.

Under the **Hands of Hope** programme a free **eye-camp** was conducted at **Martya Deepthi Matriculation School, Panakahalli village, TN** in association with **Arvind Eye Hospital, Coimbatore** on 5th March 2009. A total of 205 patients were screened and 44 patients were taken to the hospital for surgery.

A **First-aid box** was donated to a government school at Konappana Agrahara, Bangalore for the benefit of the children.

NELSON MANDELA:

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

The total amount spent on other charitable activities in 2008-09 was Rs.13,06,011 and over 467 persons benefited from these programmes in 2009.

Housing for the poor under Hands of Hope Programme during the years 2008 and 2009, under the Hands of Hope Programme, 86 houses were renovated in the village of Pannakahalli, Tamil Nadu. In 2009 the project was completed and a programme was organised for the beneficiaries in the month of March 2009. The office bearers of **Hands of Hope Ltd., Elizabeth Hitchcock, Tracey Hosford and Irene Clifford**, from Ireland, **Miriam Walter**, who came from New Zealand, **Peter Aranha**, Coordinator of the Project, Bangalore along with his wife, Janet, **Fr. A Vincent**, Parish Priest and Coordinator of the Project, Panakahalli and Fr. Trevor D'Souza from *We Care* were present on the occasion. The beneficiaries expressed their heart-felt thanks and gratitude to Hands of Hope Ltd., for undertaking this project in association with *We Care*.

Gifts for the poor In the month of December 2009 the Premankur group on behalf of *We Care* distributed 60 gifts (food, clothes and household items) to the poor and needy, including Jerome's old aged home and to the staff of the hospitals visited by them.

Clothing for the poor in the month of December 2009, under the **Hands of Hope Programme**, 60 poor villagers in the neighbourhood of Panakahalli village received gifts of clothing.



Clothes from Infosys the members of **Retail Reach**, a volunteer group of **Infosys Technologies Ltd** made a collection of clothes and handed the same to us for distribution to the poor. We are happy that many poor people benefitted from these clothes. The remaining clothes were also given to Sr. Louisa from Sneha Nialaya for distribution to the people living in the slum. More than 40 people received these clothes.

Care of Senior Citizens during the year 7 senior citizens and their families received assistance for monthly rations. The programme is supervised by **Mrs Celine Soans**, Trustee and assisted by **Mr Calistus Fernandes**.

HOUSE FOR CURED LEPROSY PATIENT

G Bakkanna is aged 47 and a native of Kollapur village in Mahabub Nagar district of Andhra Pradesh. He got affected with leprosy and it became extremely difficult for him to take care of himself. His wife and in-laws abandoned him when they came to know about the leprosy. The villagers also turned against him because of this disease. Having no where to go he went and lived with his aged and bedridden father. One day the house in which they were staying suddenly collapsed as it was very old. Bakkanna and his father were literally living with their sheep under a small thatched roof. All requests for help from his friends and relatives were turned down. It was then that they



met the **Sisters from Arogyamatha Rural Rehabilitation Center**. With their assistance he was able to get both proper treatment for leprosy and a decent house too. He says, "The Sisters came to us and treated me and my father. Since then I am under their treatment for leprosy. I am extremely grateful to them for extending medical support and also for giving moral support to me and my father." *We Care* made a substantial contribution towards construction of the house for

Bakkanna and his father. We are also thankful to **Joan and Saju John Pallath, Bangalore** for their valuable contribution towards constructing this house. We also thank **Sr. Lucy Anthikat** for her cooperation.

This space is dedicated in prayerful remembrance of our donors, benefactors, well-wishers & beneficiaries who have left for their heavenly abode. May their souls rest in peace.

This space is dedicated in prayerful remembrance of the victims of floods and other natural calamities which took place during the year.

PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST, SOCIAL ACCOUNTING

In our efforts to enhance the quality of our programmes and to ensure the optimum cost-benefit we have made an effort to account for the persons who have benefitted from the programmes and activities that we have conducted over the year. The chart below will give an overview of the programmes, activities, institutions and the number of persons who have benefitted from the programmes. This chart is not complete because the real number of people who benefit from our programmes is not always easy to determine. But the information below will give the reader a fair idea.



DETAILS OF BENEFICIAIRES FROM OUR PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED DURING THE 2009

PROGRAMME / ACTIVITY / INSTITUTION	NO. OF PERSONS BENEFITTED	PROGRAMME / ACTIVITY / INSTITUTION	NO. OF PERSONS BENEFITTED
CHILDREN EDUCATION PROGRAMMES			
Basic Education for Social Transformation, Gujarat (education)	100	Pension applications	54
Sneha Nilaya Orphanage, Bangalore (nutrition & hygienic)	70	Pension received	12
Festivals and important days (cultural)	80	People with Disability in our target area	635
Don Bosco Centre, Mintong, Arunachal Pradesh (education)	15	Referrals and assistance	102
Don Bosco Centre, Wakro, Arunachal Pradesh (education)	15	Scholarship applied from government	26
Intergrated Children Summer (2) Camp (cultural, nutrition)	70	Scholarship received from government	10
Maria Kirana Creche, Bangalore (nutrition)	70	Scholarships from <i>We Care</i> and friends	10
Maryknoll High School, Barkur, Karnataka (education)	60	Self-help (7) groups	62
Parent's Day celebration (cultural)	68	Skin Screening Camps	607
Free evening tuition class, Pratiksha Nivas (education, nutrition)	60	Special school admissions	2
Prema Jyothi Education Programme, Bangalore (education)	15	Speech therapy	19
Sarang Talab Balwadi Programme, Varanasi (education, nutrition)	146	Staff training programmes	10
Save N Study, Bangalore (self-help)	30	Survey to identify disabled (3000 houses)	9778
Sri Charukeerthi Bhattaraka Vedike, Bangalore (education)	5	Train concession pass	38
St Joseph's Girls High School, Belgaum (education)	50	Training in activity of daily living skills	21
St. Paul's High School, Belgaum (education)	50	Training in physiotherapy	27
Students in various schools and colleges (education)	50	Welfare of disabled (marriage)	2
Solar lighting (education)	60	World Anti-leprosy Day celebrations	47
Computers (education)	60	World disabled day celebrations	143
Total	1074	Total	12606
COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION - DISABLED		WOMEN AND CHILD PROGRAMMES	
Aids and appliances	21	Women's day celebration	35
Anganwadi teachers (awareness on home based education)	15	New born children (Premankur)	60
Ashray, home for mentally ill (medicines & hygienic)	25	Total	95
Awareness for inclusive education and leprosy	521	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	
Biennial meeting (awareness about <i>We Care</i>)	40	Hospitalization and medicines	5
Competitions and programmes by government of Karnataka	10	Cancer, Kidney, Diabetic & Psychiatric patients	14
Disabled people's organization members	69	Free eye camp under Hands of Hope programme	205
Doctor's certificate	53	First aid box for school	300
Home based education	2	Total	524
Intergrated Children Summer Camp, Begur	25	OTHER CHARITABLE PROGRAMMES	
Jaipur Foot Camp	22	Clothing for the poor	100
MCIM students CDP Programme	58	Nutritional supplement for senior citizens (7 families)	21
Medical expenses support	4	Housing programme for villagers (86 families)	344
Medication for persons with disability	26	Support cured leprosy person (housing)	2
Nutritional sensitization programmes	15	Total	467
Nutritional supplementation programme (families)	80	Grand Total	14766
Parents exposure programme & counseling for vocational training	15		

MEMORIAL AND CORPUS FUNDS

**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!**

We are thankful to the people who have reposed their trust and confidence in us by setting up funds in honour & memory of their loved ones or for a particular cause such as children, education, health care, widows, women, old age and leprosy patients. The funds are listed below along with the year and cause for which they were established.

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| 2009 - Yvette & Austin Da Gama Memorial Fund (memorial & charity) | 2004 - St Anthony's Charity Fund |
| 2009 - Stella Sequeira Memorial Fund (memorial & charity) | 2004 - Rosario Vincent & Natalia Lobo Fund (memorial & charity) |
| 2009 - Peter & Florine Tantz Memorial Fund (memorial & aged) | 2004 - Osborne & Ela D'Lima Fund (memorial & education) |
| 2009 - Mercy Jacob Charity Fund (memorial & education) | 2004 - Mabel Rodricks Fund (memorial & diabetic) |
| 2009 - Lazarus Rajamani & Erick Vaz Memorial Education Fund | 2003 - Rita Nazareth Memorial Fund (memorial & charity) |
| 2009 - Ivy & Rudy D'Silva Marian Charity Fund (memorial & charity) | 2003 - Karen Maryann Pereira Memorial Fund (memorial & cancer) |
| 2009 - Francis Xavier & Lilian Catherine Sequeira Memorial Edu. Fund | 2003 - John & Edith Countinho Memorial Fund (memorial & charity) |
| 2008 - Alma Philip Memorial Fund (memorial & charity) | 2003 - Dr Jeanette Pinto Fund (memorial & widows) |
| 2008 - A Lazarus Memorial Fund (memorial & aged) | 2003 - D Y N Murthy Fund (memorial & charity) |
| 2007 - Valerie Peters Memorial Fund (memorial & charity) | 2002 - Velthoria & George Sequeira Fund (memorial & education) |
| 2007 - Prem Ankur Fund (for newly born children) | 2002 - Shirley & Maurice D'Mello Fund (memorial & charity) |
| 2007 - Lily & Bonaventure Memorial Fund (memorial & charity) | 2002 - Annam Manikkathan Fund (memorial & charity) |
| 2007 - Hands of Hope Fund (charity) | 2001 - Vida & Douglas Lobo Health Care Fund (memorial) |
| 2007 - Amanda & Ambur Fund (memorial & charity) | 2000 - Women's welfare Fund |
| 2007 - Alwyn & Bernadette Nazareth Fund (memorial & charity) | 2000 - SNS Education Programme Fund (education) |
| 2006 - We Care 4 Children Fund (by Caroline D'Souza for children) | 2000 - Maureen & Kevin Colaco Fund (memorial & charity) |
| 2006 - Cecilia Thomas Memorial Fund (memorial & education) | 2000 - Leprosy Patients and Families Fund |
| 2005 - We Care Education Fund | 1999 - John & Theresa D'Souza Fund (memorial & education) |
| 2005 - Prudente & Fatima Menezes Fund (memorial & charity) | 1999 - Initial Trust Fund |
| 2005 - Beatrice & Charles Noronha Fund (memorial & charity) | |

The interest received from these funds is used to carry on various charitable activities.

WE CARE 4 CHILDREN FUND

Caroline D'Souza, Canada, along with her family members and friends is actively involved in fund raising for the welfare of children in India. Last year she was awarded the Junior Citizen of the Year award for her outstanding achievements. Barely 12 years old, she is charged with a passion to reach out to the children in India and ensure that the *We Care 4 Children* fund which she created will go a long way in supporting the needs of children. **This year, she donated her long flowing hair to a society that makes wigs for cancer patients.**

We highly appreciate the efforts of Caroline and are proud to have such a young and dynamic volunteer as a person who cares!

ALVIN TOFFLER:

The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.

GEORGE PEABODY:

Education: a debt due from present to future generations.

NOTE: No person has been authorized by us to collect donations on our behalf. Our donors and benefactors are requested to send your contributions directly to us. You can make your contributions and donations preferably by cheque in favour of *We Care* or through bank transfer. Every donation and contribution is acknowledged by us with a proper receipt. In case you have not received a receipt kindly inform us. Thank you.

NEW FUNDS CREATED DURING THE YEAR

PETER & FLORINE JANTZ, MYSORE - a tribute from your loving daughter.



Peter and Florine are my beloved parents who passed away about 10 years ago. I remember with gratitude the love and affection they gave us, as children, and even though they had to face tough times in their lives, they sacrificed much for our well-being and growth. As a tribute of my love and affection for them, I have set up this memorial fund in *We Care*. I dedicate this fund to all aged people, for whose welfare I wish this fund to be utilized. Your loving daughter,
Louisa D'Souza, Teacher (Retd), Bangalore.

STELLA SEQUEIRA MEMORIAL FUND - A tribute of love.

Although taken from us in her 76th year by the ravages of pancreatic cancer, Stella lives on in the memory of all who were touched by her love, friendship, humility and faith. Her life was devoted to others, asking little for herself and never wanting to trouble anyone. Even as the end came she carefully planned so that none of us would be inconvenienced. She approached the time, as she had approached her entire life, with knowledge certain that she was in God's hands and that He would provide her comfort and strength. She resisted pain killers, so often associated with her cancer, in order to remain alert to the end. Stella's faith and courage serve as a model for those of us who knew and loved her. She was a wonderful cook and was happiest when sharing with family and friends the amazing creations from her kitchen. It is our sincere hope that this memorial fund will provide orphaned children the opportunity to experience the wonders and joys of life. Note: Stella Sequeira lived in Mangalore with **her husband Francis**. Her only **daughter Florence**, now married to Tom Graves, lives in the USA.



AUSTIN AND YVETTE DA GAMA – A small way of saying “thank you”!

A picture says more than thousand words can. Looking at the smiles on the faces of my brother Austin and his wife Yvette tells you all about them. A very loving and caring couple who have done so much for me and my family. In establishing this fund in their names, is a small way of saying 'thank you'. Education played an important part in their lives and so this memorial fund is for educating needy and deserving children. In this way many more will remember and pray for them. This fund was established by **Agnes de Sa, Lecturer, Mumbai.**

MERCY JACOB EDUCATION FUND - A gesture of gratitude and thanksgiving

I came to know about *We Care* through the internet and was pleasantly surprised to know that their programme centre, Pratiksha Nivas, is situated not very far away from my house. I was quite impressed by the work being done by Fr. Trevor D'Souza and his team.

I am an Engineering graduate in Electronics and am presently working as Senior Manager in BHEL, Bangalore. I stay at BTM layout in Bangalore with my husband and two daughters, both of whom are studying in school. I am privileged by the grace of God Almighty to have been well provided for and this is a small gesture of gratitude.

I have set up this a charity fund, in thanksgiving for the numerous miracles that have happened in my life. I would like this fund to be used for education of needy children. I realize that the good education

I have received has been responsible for achieving much in my life. I firmly believe that education is a gift that we can give to the future generations. It is the most powerful tool that can change the world for the better of humankind. This fund is just a small beginning of another journey in my life and there are still miles to go ahead. In the future I would like to get involved with the programmes and activities of *We Care*



IVY & RUDY D'SILVA MARIAN CHARITY FUND - Reaching out to the poor



Both of us are very happy to have set up this fund in *We Care* for the benefit of the needy. Rudy was born in Hyderabad and Ivy in Mumbai. We lived for many years in the gulf (UAE). Ivy worked as a teacher and Head-Mistress and Rudy a Mechanical Engineer. We also involved ourselves in many activities, mainly associated with the church. After our retirement we settled down in Belgaum for sometime, then in Kallianpur and now in Mangalore. We have been blessed by God in many ways and are grateful for all these blessings. We have always reached out to the poor and underprivileged and had in mind to do something like this for a long time. Now we got an opportunity to fulfill that dream. We wish *We Care* many fruitful years in serving the poor.

TRUSTEES, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS OF We Care

We are not alone in our efforts to build a better world. Many people, such as, our trustees, staff, volunteers, friends and well-wishers have supported and encouraged us with their time, energy and donations. We gratefully acknowledge the services and support we have received.

TRUSEES: Ordinary people for ordinary people!

Fr. Trevor D'Souza, **Managing Trustee**, Jose M V, **Jt. Managing Trustee**, Member **Trustees**: Fr. Daniel S, Angeline Sunderraj Pradhan, Celine Soans, Rochelle Lobo, Gerard D'Silva and Joseph Sequeira. Our sincere thanks to all the trustees for the valuable support, cooperation and guidance. Every year our list of **friends, volunteers and well-wishers** is growing. This is a very good sign and trend. Through this space we express our heart-felt thanks, gratitude and appreciation to all of you, people of goodwill, who support, encourage and participate in our programmes and activities. We mention a few: **Conrad Colaco, Joseph Paul of Mangal Computers**, and **David James and Vanishree of Cybertec Systems**. **THANK YOU !**

For it is in giving that you will receive

ACCOUNTS

DETAILS OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE (Figures in Indian Rupees)

PARTICULARS	2008-09	2007-08
Voluntary Contributions	21,48,730	34,07,273
Voluntary Donations	13,500	64,401
Education Programmes	52,500	2,85,750
Interest on Investments	9,64,384	10,13,026
Memorial & Corpus Funds	5,86,486	13,32,413
Other Income	0	12,566
TOTAL INCOME	37,65,600	61,12,429
Education Assistance	4,28,253	11,60,113
CBR for Disabled	6,61,538	5,95,839
Children & Women	14,025	0
Medical Assistance	63,482	30,700
Other charitable activities:		
Housing, help for the poor, senior citizens etc.	13,06,011	8,69,975
Pratiksha Nivas Maintenance	56,564	3,63,955
Administration & other expenses	1,06,135	1,41,141
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	26,92,572	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 and his staff for their valuable guidance and services.

TAX BENEFITS FOR DONATIONS

All donations to We Care are eligible for tax benefits under section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

We remember all our donors, well-wishers, benefactors, staff, volunteers and supporters, in our daily prayers. We hope and pray that God Almighty may bless each one of you and your family members in a special way. We also pray that God Almighty may reward your generosity in ways that He knows best.

Dear Friends, donors, benefactors and well-wishers, we are confident that you will continue to encourage our work with your generous donations and support us with your prayers. We rely on your generosity and goodwill to carry out programmes that benefit the poor and needy.

MANIKANTHA An Example of Determination



Manikantha is now a young boy, aged about 19 years, and orthopedically challenged. He is an example of grit and determination. Cheerful by nature and never for a moment gives a thought about his disability. He

narrated his story to us.

He is the 2nd child of his parents in a family of five children and lives in New Gurappana Palya, Bangalore, India. When he was a small boy, he placed his hand in a pot of hot rice water. He suffered severe burns and was admitted to hospital. He suffered from an attack of the polio virus, which left him totally disabled from his waist downwards.

With the support of his family and friends, he began to study on his own. Presently he is studying for the 10th std through private tuitions in Lilly Rose English High School. He takes his studies seriously, everyday getting up at 5am and retiring only after 10pm. He travels about in a tricycle and has to drag himself to move from one room to another.

From his young days, he used to mend pencils for his siblings, and his eldest sister encouraged him to draw. He began to go for competitions and win prizes for his drawings. Later he learned computers and began to draw using the computer software. His drawings are mostly on nature, freedom, and situations of the poor.

He finds it difficult to travel and feels sad that he will be never be able to walk. Fortunately he has a good company of friends who assist him to move about and also take him along for various activities. *We Care* discovered him through our programme in 2003 and have provided him with a tricycle, wheel chair and also assisted him to secure the government pension and scholarship.

We Care has helped him to promote his drawings, particularly to the employees of software companies. He holds small exhibitions where he sells his drawings and earns his living. His ambition to become a software engineer and to complete his training in software animation. He aspires to get a good job and then to devote his time for the welfare of other physically challenged persons. Presently he is also an active member of the Disabled People's Organisation.



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***Wishing you a blessed Christmas
and a New Year 2010
filled with the blessings from the
Almighty.***

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

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