

DAMIEN SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE DHANBAD

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MESSAGE

I am delighted that you are celebrating Fifty years of the services rendered by Damien Social Welfare Centre in the Diocese of Jamshedpur. It is indeed a great occasion to remember all the services you have done to the persons affected by Leprosy (Hansen's disease).

His Holiness Pope Francis speaking about the need to be at the service of the sick and the poor says to those who minister. "I ask the Lord to renew in each one of you the gift of faith, that your spirit may be for us ever the light of God, the light of love, which gives meaning to your life, illuminates it, gives us hope, and makes us good and available to our brothers" (Pope Francis, 12 June, 2013).

I am pleased that the directors kept alive the spirit of the mission as well as widened its activities towards the people suffering from leprosy. As a result Damien Welfare Centre can proudly acknowledge of having treated and cured over 50,000 cases of leprosy, rehabilitated hundreds of patients, provided formal education and vocation training, assisted them find jobs and this gave them a reason to lead a life with dignity.

I am also happy that you plan to bring out a Souvenir to commemorate the dedicated and committed ministry to humanity in the Diocese through the members of the Damien Social Welfare Centre.

My prayers and blessings are with you. In conveying the Apostolic Blessings of His Holiness Pope Francis, I remain.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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Archbishop Salvatore PennacchioApostolic Nuncio



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MESSAGE

I am indeed happy to know that Damian Social Welfare Centre, Dhanbad is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year and concluding it on December 11, 2014. On this occasion I extend my hearty congratulations to the Director Fr. Bipin Pani, all the former and the present staff members of this well known Leprosy Centre in Jharkhand.

It is remarkable to note that the Centre which had a humble beginning, in the last fifty years has helped in getting cured over Fifty Thousand lepers and rehabilitated many. God's mercy and compassion became a reality to these so called outcasts. I indeed admire the daring steps of Fr. Michael Kavannaugh S.J. to approach the leprosy patients, dedicate life and love for the suffering people. This reminds me of Jesus words concerning the Last Judgement day. "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mathew 25:40)

It is a challenging task to respect life from the moment of conception to its end. It is a vocation which only a few choose. It is God who provides a genuine feeling of compassion for the patients and their families as persons. Thus they are able to provide services with love, compassion and respect for human dignity, taking care of all regardless of race creed or religious affiliations.

This Jubilee celebration is a time for us to thank God for showering abundant blessings upon everyone who came to Damien Social Welfare Centre, Dhanbad all these years. It is the time for all of us to praise and thank God for making you all instruments of His live and compassion for the suffering humanity. It is fitting to recall all the invaluable services rendered by the Pioneers. The Souvenir will be a reflection of the presence and compassionate works of the dedicated management, the staff and the diocese of Jamshedpur.

I join you all in prayer, asking God for more graces to continue your selfless service to the sick, suffering and abandoned. My God bless you all.

October 25, 2014 Ranchi, Jharkhand +Telesphore P. Cardinal Toppo
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MESSAGE

I am very happy to know that Damien Social Welfare Centre (DSWC) is going to bring out a Souvenir on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebration of its existence and service. It is a charitable apostolate which is serving the persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) since 1964. DSWC humbly acknowledges of having treated and cured 50,000 cases of leprosy, rehabilitated hundreds of patients, provided formal education and vocational training, assisted them to respectable jobs and thus gave them a reason to lead a life with dignity.

The leprosy patients suffer physical, mental and emotional pain, because of the physical disfigurement, poverty and ostracism. May the Lord grant them his love and joy, consolation and hope, dignity and peace! I thank God for his inspiration and assistance to all the generous and dedicated people who were and are associated with DSWC in serving them. May God bless them abundantly!

Let the Golden Jubilee celebration become a joyful event for all!

+Felix Toppo, S.J. Bishop of Jamshedpur







MESSAGE

Started in 1964, by Rev Fr. Mike Kavanagh, S.J., as part of a Social Action Plan of St. Anthony's Church, Dhanbad, the Damien Social Service Welfare Centre has come a long way devotedly working with its mandate of serving scores of people men, women and children affected by stigmatic communicable diseases BY providing them quality treatment, nursing, and rehabilitation services. It also runs a school to give free education to the children of those affected by leprosy envisaging a better future for them.

I congratulate Damien Social Welfare Centre on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee celebrations. I am also delighted to learn that a souvenir is being brought out to mark the occasion.

I compliment Rev Fr Bipin Pani, the Director, and his committed team for the exemplary work being done to heal as well as rehabilitate thousands of people affected by the disease as well as aged and disabled people through compassionate care.

May the Lord Almighty bless the Centre enabling it to reach out to many more people with succour and support, integrating people affected by leprosy into the community, restoring human dignity to them and helping them to sustain the smile on their faces.

Rev Dr Tomi Thomas, IMSDirector-General



"You also go and do likewise" (Lk.10:37)

CONGREGATION OF SAMARITAN SISTERS

Holy Spirit Generalate

CSSN: 208/14 30.09.2014

Dear Rev. Fr. Bipin Pani,

I am very happy to know that DSWC is bringing out a souvenir commemorating the golden jubilee of its foundation. The welfare programme for the poor, abandoned leprosy patients initiated by the great visionary Fr. Michael Kavanagh SJ has grown out extending its services to thousands of leprosy patients as well as to their families providing treatment, rehabilitation, educational facilities and job opportunities to the children.

The congregation of Samaritan sisters joyfully remembers that a team of three sisters including the first member of the congregation was sent to DSWC by our founder (Late) Msgr. Paul Chittilapilly, the "Kerala Damien" on July 3rd 1967, the feast day of St. Thomas , the apostle, at the request of Bishop Lawrence Picachy. This is the first mission centre of the congregation in north India. From then onwards Samaritan sisters were in the forefront of DSWC with their charismatic presence, extending the love and compassion of Jesus to the suffering bretheren in the manner of the Good Samaritan.

The jubilee year is a momentous occasion to praise god for the blessings he has showered upon us. Jubilee year provides an opportunity to remember the past with gratitude, to live the present with enthusiasm and look forward to the future with hope and confidence. 50 years are relatively a short span of time in the history of an organization. But within that period of time DSWC has done a lot of wonderful works according to the heart of Jesus.

With great admiration, we, the Samaritan sisters pay homage to the pioneers and all those who sacrificed their life to realize the goal of DSWC. My cordial greetings, hearty congratulations and prayerful good wishes to the Director, Board members, Staff, Students and Beneficiaries of DSWC. Wishing all success to the jubilee celebrations, I remain

Yours lovingly in Jesus,

Sr. Rose Cornelia CSS
Superior General, Samaritan Sisters.

Sr. Cornelia CH









I am happy to know that Damien Social Welfare Centre Dhanbad is celebrating its Golden Jubilee on 11th December 2014 at Dhanbad. This institution is an old one & is dedicated to rendering treatment of Leprosy & towards rehabilitation of persons affected with Leprosy.

I hope persons affected with leprosy would be benefitted from the services rendered by this institution in the coming days. I extend my good wishes to the institution on the eve of Golden Jubilee.

DR. Navin Kumar SinhaState Leprosy Officer







NLRA/JHAR/103/14 October 20, 2014

To,
Fr. Bipin Pani
(Director)
Damien Social Welfare Centre,
Gandhi Bhawan, Polytechnic Road
Distt. - Dhanbad

Dear Sir,

It gives me immense pleasure to know that DSWC, Dhanbad, is going to celebrate Golden Jubilee of the Institution. This Institution has provided Services to many persons affected by Leprosy. The members & staff of this Institution are serving the needy persons with dedication.

I congratulate to you all.

I pray to God to give more strength to the members & staff of this Institution, for the service of Needy.

With regards

Dr. S. P. Sood State Consultant NLEP Jharkhand







MESSAGE

On behalf of Health Department, Dhanbad Government of Jharkhand, I would like to express our sincere appreciation and Thanks on the Golden Jubilee of your welfare centre to share contentment towards selfless services for humanity and mankind.

It is said without any reluctance that your centre is devoted to help the poor people, especially those who are suffering from leprosy and being abandoned from society.

I, especially pay my sense of gratitude over your team's spirit and devotion to help those unfortunate people.

It is our hope that this centre will continue to help and protect those needy people and will achieve the goal of organisation as well as services towards mankind. We wish good luck for your efforts.

Civil Surgeon cum Chief Medical Officer Dhanbad, Jharkhand



Deepthi Jayaraj (IRS)

Joint Commissioner Central Excise and Service Tax, Dhanbad





To, The Director Damien Social Welfare Centre Dhanbad

I would like to congratulate Damien Social Welfare Centre on the occasion of their Golden Jubilee for the excellent work they are doing in the field of Rehabilitation of Leprosy patients.

I wish them luck in their endeavor and pray to God Almighty to bless everyone associated with this.

Deepthi Jayaraj (IRS)

Joint Commissioner
Central Excise and Service Tax
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MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartiest contentment on the Golden Jubilee of your Welfare centre to share my feelings of selfless service towards humanity and mankind. I am glad to know that centre is devoted to help the poor people, especially, who are suffering from Leprosy and abandoned from society. Battling out against monetary constraints, it is really commendable that your team is still confident to extend your help to those unfortunate people. By the grace of God, I am sure that this Centre will succeed to achieve its goal in future.

We have walked some distance and a long distance is yet to travel. Before we sleep, let us promise to surrender our life to all those destitute people who are waiting for us still now.

Arup Chatterjee

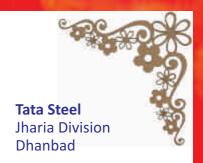
Member

Jharkhand Legislative Assembly Nirsha (Dhanbad)











MESSAGE

I am delighted to learn that Damien Social Welfare Centre (DSWC), Dhanbad is going to celebrate its Golden Jubilee on December 11, 2014. Whenever we talk about the service to the people affected by Leprosy in Dhanbad we cannot but talk about the commendable work done by DSWC, Dhanbad, and so celebrating such occasions like Golden Jubilee of the organization is necessary so as to THANK God and all the well wishers of DSWC.

You have done a marvelous work for this deprived section of the society. We wish you to continue this service with conviction and dedication. I extend my warmest wishes to all members of DSWC, Dhanbad. May God Bless your work.

Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh General Manager Tata Steel Jharia Division, Dhanbad









MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to know that Damien Social Welfare Centre (DSWC), Dhanbad is completing half century of its meaningful journey. It is indeed a moment of pride for the society whose selfless service to the leprosy patient and their dependent.

I am told that it has grown into multifaceted organization catering to health, education, rehabilitation and welfare of leprosy patients since it was founded.

I extend my warm wishes to the Damien Social Welfare Centre on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee. I am sure that the center would take every effort to strive towards greater heights with teamwork and concrete efforts and live up to its reputation by silently and continuously serving the society.

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FROM DIRECTOR'S DESK

Much has changed from the time Damien Social Welfare Centre (DSWC), Dhanbad was started as a social wing of the diocese to serve the persons suffering from leprosy. We do not see as many leprosy affected people as we used to see say 30–45 years back. We see the use of new medicines for the people suffering from leprosy. There is much less stigma attached to this Hansen decease. Cured leprosy patients are able to do something other than begging, though not easy. The children of people affected leprosy find openings in different sectors and able to earn their livelihood, so also DSWC, while completing 50 years of service to this neglected and unwanted community, is standing at the cross road. DSWC has done soul searching about how to go ahead, while still keeping the identity as the one, who is dedicated to the service of all suffering from dreaded decease such as this.

Things have progressed at DSWC. It is not only taking care of people suffering from leprosy, but also it is welcoming general patients. In the education sector, DSWC is educating all the children from weaker section of the society along with children of leprosy patients, under inclusive education so as to inculcate healthy competition and confidence among the children, reduce the stigma of the parents and provide a quality education to all. At the same time DSWC continues to give much importance to all the people suffering from leprosy within the district of Dhanbad leading them to socio-economic rehabilitation.

On completing 50 golden years of service, I, on behalf of all the people suffering from leprosy, all the dedicated staff and management, take this opportunity to extend my sincere THANKS to all of you for understanding, cooperation and support you have given all these years. I am sure with your help and cooperation DSWC will continue to bring hope and purpose in the life of people affected by leprosy.

You will witness some of the job oriented opening at DSWC family in coming future. Pray to Almighty that He continues to shower His blessings and Keeps DSWC under His protecting wings.

Hold hands tight to help this community to live with dignity. Thanking you Much. God Bless you all.

Fr. Bipin Pani
Director

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September 1, 2014

Rev. Bipin Pani Director Damian Social Welfare Centre P.B. 47 Dhanbad 826 001

Dear Father Pani,

Congratulations and best wishes on the jubilee of Damian Social Welfare Centre. I remember visiting Father Mike Kavanagh, S.J. right after my arrival in India back in 1966 and going around the colonies with him and Father Ed Nash, S.J. Later I enjoyed my working for DSWC from 1973 until 1985. Everyone can be very proud of the many accomplishments of the organization and I will always treasure my memories of the wonderful people I met there.

With prayers and every good wish,

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Message of President of RokkoGakuin to Damien Social Welfare Center On its 50th Anniversary

On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Damien Social Welfare Center, it is a pleasure for me to send you my warmest greetings and congratulations. I send these greeting in the name of Rokko Gakuin High School, and in my own name. DSWC has achieved much for the people in the society of India.

In 1977 our school had relationship with DSWC for the first time. Since then we have been got in touch with DSWC for thirty seven years. The photos of the boys and girls of DSWC have been hung up in the wall of every class room and kept them in our mind as our classmates. We really appreciate the abundant grace which we have received though DSWC from God our Father.

As Damien Social Welfare Center celebrate its fiftieth anniversary, it is my hope and prayer that the unity and spirit of collaboration among its committed staff may enable DSWC to continue to serve the children and the people in India as an authentic Catholic Welfare Center.

With best wishes for your journey into the future, and my blessing to you all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mike HiromasaAkamatsu,S.J. President of Rokko High School



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Nettetal, 03.11.2014

Dear Father Bipin,

We, Somedi Nettetal e.V. want to congratulate Damien Social Welfare Centre to its Golden Jubilee.

In the year of 2007 we visited Dhanbad the first time. While this stay, we had the pleasure, to see your work for the poor, sick and helpless people. It impressed us so much, that we decided to tell the people in our area about your work. Especially for the School, we got a lot of feedback and donations from our people. Even a lot of children in Nettetal know where in India is Dhanbad and Govindpur, because we were asked to tell about DSWC in our schools in Nettetal.

When we come to Dhanbad, to visit you, it's amazing to see how the things are going on and getting bigger every time. The numbers of students is raising and you all ways show us a new project.

Thank you for the engaged and lovingly work for the people!

May it go on another 50 years. We hope, that we're able, to support you in that time.



Dr. Ramesh Modi *President and Founder*



Stefan Voormans *General Secretary*



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Nirmala the Serene Home for the Sick and The Needy

About 30 years ago when we lived in England, an Indian priest, Fr Cyril Fernades, arrived at St Anthony of Padua church, Edgware, London, which was our parish church. Our parish priest was away in Ireland visiting his mother who was very ill. And this is how we met this charming priest Fr Cyril.

Within a month the silver tongue of Fr Cyril managed to soften the hard hearts of every one of the parishoners, and by the time he left for Dhanabad, everyone in Edgware knew about the suffering and the plight of the lepers of that area. Donations came in plentiful, and also invitations to Fr Cyril to visit homes, bless the sick, in short he was a very popular priest. He came to us for a meal of rice and curry which he greatly appreciated, as I think the English food was too bland for him.

We continued to send him donations till we received a letter from Fr John Florence Guidera about a year after Fr Cyril's departure for India. Fr Guidera asked if we would like to continue our donations. From this moment on we became very close to Nirmala. We spoke to friends and relations and sent in more donations, and after about 7 years Fr Guidera sent us an invitation to see for ourselves what our donations had done.

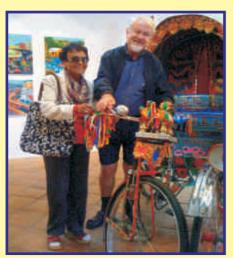
We arrived at Calcutta, which was a cultural shock, but when we saw the smiling face of Fr Guidera all this banished. This wonderful priest looked after us and brought us to Nirmala after a long journey by train.

We were given such a warm welcome by the little ones, who sang beautiful song, no doubt trained by one of the nuns. It was an emotional moment, and I was in tears, and my husband, Gabriel was also greatly moved.

We stayed in the little guest house, which became our home for about 3 weeks. In the meantime we made friends with some of the sick, especially one of the men who sang and danced for us. It was a wonderfully happy time, and Fr Guidera took us to other areas, to see different schools, a hospital, and home for the very old, and a work shop.

I think we became quite popular with the little ones as my husband used to fill his pockets with toffees and each morning as we went round Nirmala the children would flock round him and he would give them these sweets. They always looked so clean, and nicely turned out, thanks to the nuns who looked after them. What struck us was the fact that these children seemed so happy and at peace, always smiling and cheerful. There was never a tear or a grumpy face in Nirmala.

This was one of the best and most satisfying holidays we ever had, and our memories of Nirmala are always fresh in our minds. It was time to move on. We were leaving for Sri Lanka, (my birth country). We were very sad to leave.



Years later when we moved to Spain, Father Guidera came here to visit us. It was a wonderful time of our lives, he blessed our home and said Mass for us each day. After he left there was a feeling of peace and tranquility around the house. May his soul rest in peace.

We wish all of you priests, nuns, and people who work in Nirmala, a wonderful day of Happiness, Joy and Peace on Completing 50 years of service. A Hallmark in the History of Nirmala

God bless all those who live and work for Nirmala. I am sure there is a special place for each of them in God's Home.

Gabriel and Pamela Friends of DSWC, Dhanbad

My Experience at Nirmala General & Leprosy Hospital, Govindpur

When I was employed with BCCL and rendering serving at Loyabad Regional Hospital and Central Hospital, Dhanbad, heard about the good work being done by Damien Social Welfare Centre in and around Dhanbad District. Specially for the treatment and rehabilitation of the persons affected by leprosy.

After my retirement from BCCL in 1997, in consultation with my husband Dr. ERK Titus, I decided to join the dedicated band of works under the leadership of Fr. Gerry Martin D' Souza, then Director of DSWC, to offer my servie to the people DSWC was serving.

I was moved to see the way the service was rendered by the doctors, sisters, nurses, dressers, Para Medical Workers and other support staff to the patients. It is quite a learning. It is not only the medical knowledge, which alone matters for true service of patients, but also the selfless service with dedication, which matters most.

I tried to pick up the work related to leprosy, through doctors, sisters, nurses and other hospital staff, which gave satisfaction for doing something worthwhile for these persons affected leprosy.

When I joined the hospital, there were plenty of patients. There was no place to keep them in the hospital. In those days we also had to attend the different clinics in the field. Eventually things have changed. Now there is less number of patients. It is not because leprosy is eradicated, but because of various reasons thre are less number of leprosy patients. As patients suffering with leprosy are less, the management has opened the hospital for general patients. I am glad to see the stigma with regard to leprosy has come down. I am sure, as the time will pass on, and number of general patients will increase, the stigma with regard to leprosy will further go down.

I am grateful to God that even after retirement, He gave me enough strength and motivation to serve these downtrodden people for another 17 years. I am also glad that I have this opportunity to be the part of Golden Jubilee Celebration of DSWC. I wish all the Best to Fr. Bipin Pani, the present Director and his team to continue their services to the society for the noble cause.

Dr. (Mrs) C E Titus

Joy of Sharing

About six years ago, I was visiting Dhanbad and while reading the newspaper in the morning I came across a story where it was mentioned that in the absence of medicines, DSWC was not able to serve the patients at the centre. The same day, I contacted Late Fr. Walter Crasta, who was the Director of the institution then. After a short discussion, he explained that the medicine he could manage through State Health Agency but food items were short and it would be of great help if I could provide him with pulses, wheat and rice. So, this is how I was given an opportunity to be associated with the NIRMALA ASHRAM. Though, I am a resident of Delhi but my contact with the Ashram has been quite frequent.



"Here, I remembered the words of the Bible "when we hear the word CHARITY, we think of love". The nature of love is always to reach beyond self. It is not satisfied with loving self, but it strives to love others and be united with others. Love acknowledges the differences between people, but is also the integrating force that overcomes separation. You feel another person's joy as joy in yourself."

"It is pure joy of giving, which includes much more than material things. This givingness can have many faces, like in a warm smile to strangers, a personal thank-you-letter, an encouraging hug, a thoughtful word of appreciation, a bonding with a person in grief, a prayer for the healing of others, a heartfelt forgiving when you are wronged. All this is done not out of duty or responsibility but out of the abundance of warmth and love you feel welling up inside you. And the more you give out, the more flows back in; that is the joy of love in action, the manifestation of charity. As long as you feel compelled to do something because it is your duty or because you want something in return, there is no love.

Such a moment happened to me when I heard someone saying that "maybe the meaning of our cycling from birth to birth is nothing else but learning the lessons of love". During this cycle, the dormant seed of human nature gradually transforms into higher and higher levels of perfection until finally a spiritual impulse awakens, desire turns into the will to love, selfish thoughts are transformed into greater understanding of what love means, and the fruit of this love is expressed in the manifestation of charity.

Mother Teresa said: "I do not think I have any special qualities. I don't claim anything for the work. It is His work. I am like a little pencil in His hand that is all. He does the thinking. He does the writing. The pencil has nothing to do with it. The pencil has only to allow itself to be used."

Autumn is the time of harvesting the fruits of our endeavors. Have we been good gardeners? Let us celebrate together as we harvest the golden fruit, which is the manifestation of love in action. And let us not hoard the fruits for ourselves but be ready to share with others not only the fruits of our labor but also what we have learnt of the secrets of good gardening.

The Bible has much to say about this charity and how we are to care for the poor and needy among us. Perhaps one of the most famous passages on caring for those in need is in Jesus' parable of the sheep and the goats. He says, "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my

Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me'" Clearly, when we care for someone in need, we do the will of Christ.

After couple of years, I felt that my active participation in the Ashram activities was very essential and then I started sharing my thoughts with Late Fr. Walter Crasta, who always supported me in my efforts to improve the condition of Leprosy patients and their children.

Here, I remembered a quote from Swami Vivekanad "Feel, my children, feel, feel for the poor, the ignorant, the down trodden; feel till the heart stops and the brain reads and you think you will go mad; then pour the soul out at the feet of the Lord and then will come power, help and indomitable energy"

Swami Vivekanand always mentioned that if you want to help someone, please try to make him stand on his own. This inspired us and we started a High School for the children of the Ashram, which is now extended for teaching to the children of neighbouring villages also. With the inspiration and untiring efforts of Fr. Bipin Pani, we started a nursing school for girls.

For Gandhiji, education did not mean only literacy for the students. Literacy was only an aid to education. He held that true education was that which was capable of achieving objectives of the all round development of men and women. Overall development constitutes the body, mind and spirit. Education was aimed at bringing a balanced and harmonious development of society.

We talk of वसुधेव कुतुम्बकम् (Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam). But do we really believe in this principle. In everyone's life these moments may have come. For example, when you see a blind person unable to cross the busy road and you hold his hands and help him cross it. When someone is in distress and you help him to come out of this situation. Even when you find someone crying badly and you give him your shoulder to wipe his tears, feeling of contentment which we derive at this moment is not less than having a darshan of the Almighty. Majority of us don't know that by helping others we are helping ourselves.

When we see our resources not only as God's provision for us but as tools He desires us to use to care for others, we begin to understand the vastness of His love and sovereignty. As spiritual children of Abraham, we, too, are "blessed to be a blessing". We are invited into relationship with God and with His people. When we care for those He loves, we care for Him. "Give, and it will be given to you." A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you".

CONGRATULATION Fr. Bipin and DSWC family. May God Bless you all

A Friend of DSWC family
BD Laroia

Fr. Damien of Malokai

He was born on 3rd January 1840 in Tremelo, Belgium. His baptismal name was Joseph de Veuster. His parents were farmers. In 1858 he decided to become a priest and joined the Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary. On his first vows as religious he took the name of Damien. On March 19, 1864, Damien arrived in Honolulu in the Kingdom of Hawaii as a missionary. There, Damien was ordained to the priesthood on May 24, 1864 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace. He served at several parishes on the island of Oahu before becoming aware that the Kingdom was facing a public health crisis and his help would be needed. Many of his parishoners were among the Hawaiians who became afflicted by diseases brought to the islands by Europeans, American and other foreign sailors. Thousands would die of influenza, syphilis and other ailments that never before affected Hawaiians. This included the plight of leprosy.

Hawaiian King Kamehameha IV was afraid leprosy would spread so he segregated the lepers by creating a colony, moving them to an isolated settlement on the island of Molokai. The Board of Health provided them with supplies and food but did not yet have the manpower nor resources to provide proper healthcare to the lepers.

On May 10, 1873, Fr. Damien arrived at the isolated settlement at Kalaupapa. Bishop Louis Maigret, ss.cc. presented Fr. Damien to the 600 people affected by leprosy as "one who will be a father to you, and who loves you so much that he does not hesitate to become one of you; to live and die with you." Fr. Damien was sent to a morally deprived, lawless colony of death where people fought each other to survive. Fr. Damien worked providing comfort for the people of Kalaupapa for sixteen years. He was not only their priest, but had to be their doctor, too. He dressed their ulcers, helped build their homes and beds. He even built their coffins and dug their graves. He liked praying at the cemetary, "My greatest pleasure is to go there [the cemetery] to say my beads, and meditate on that unending happiness which so many of them are already enjoying."

For years he would do this and grew to love his parishioners. He taught that "the Eucharist is the bread that gives strength. He showed them that despite what the outside world told them, they were precious in the eyes of God. He taught them to believe in God and showed them that by his genuine acts of charity that what there purpose in their lives was. He showed them that what was left of their lives was precious. He restored personal pride and dignity among so many who had given up hope. He organized a band, horse riding and choir.

On a cold December evening in 1884, Damien soaked his feet in boiling water. Damien noticed he could not feel any sensation of the hot water. He tried pinching himself but could not feel pain. Then he announced, "I am one of you;" though he was affected by leprosy yet he continued to build hospitals, clinics, and churches, and some six hundred coffins. Knowing death was coming, Damien worked more vigorously to build as many homes he could and organize the programs he created.

Fr. Damien had a chance to leave the island if he wanted to. Nevertheless, because of his continuous request to his superior his superiors sent a letter giving him permission to stay in the spring of 1873.

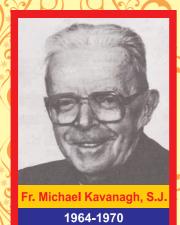
Fr. Damien died on April 15, 1889 on his beloved Molokai the age of forty-nine. Fr Damien was initially buried in Kalaupapa, but his body was later moved to Tremolo, Belgium. But in 1995, his right hand was returned to Kalaupapa.

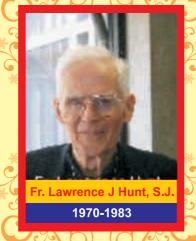
On June 4, 1995, Pope John Paul II beatified Joseph de Veuster, ss.cc. and was given the title, Blessed Damien of Molokai. On December 20, 1999, Cardinal Jorge Medina Estevez, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, confirmed the November 1999 decision of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to place Blessed Damien of Molokai on the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar with the rank of optional memorial. His official Feast Day is on May 10 of each year.

On February 21, 2009, the Vatican announced that Fr Damien would be canonized. On October 11, 2009, Fr Damien was declared Saint by Pope Bendict XVI in Rome, in the presence of King Albert II of the Belgians and Queen Pabla's well as the Belgian Prime Minister and several cabinet ministers, completing the process of canonization, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Fr Damian teaches us to choose the good fight not those that lead to division, but those that gather us together in unity."

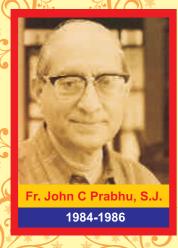
Saint Damien is the patron of those with leprosy, outcasts, HIV, AIDS and the State of Hawaii. Do not he state to call him to help you in your time of need.

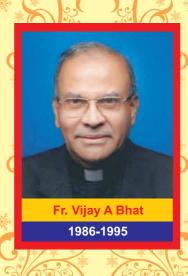




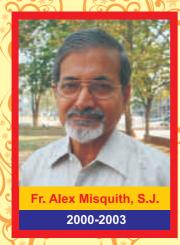


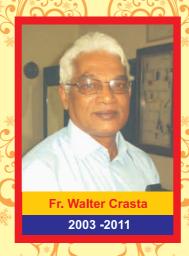














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शालीग्राम टन्डन की कहानी अपनी जुबानी

मेरा जन्म और मेरी आरम्भिक पढ़ाई लिखाई मालखरोदा प्रखण्ड के एक छोटे से गाँव चारपाड़ा में हुआ था। मेरे बड़े – बुजुर्ग एवं गुरूजन मुझे एक होनहार छात्र समझते थे, लेकिन मेरे किस्मत में क्या था किसे मालूम!

सन् 1973 – 74 में मैट्रीक परीक्षा के ठीक तीन महीने पहले मैं बीमार पड़ गया और मुझे परीक्षा लिखने से वंचित होना पढ़ा। मैं परिवार में एक ही लड़का था बाकी तीन बहनें थी। इसलिए जिसने जैसा कहा मेरा इलाज करवाया गया। इस दौरान मुझे रायपुर मेडिकल कॉलेज एवं सम्बलपुर मेडिकल कॉलेज उड़ीसा में भी इलाज करवाया गया। परन्तु किसी ने भी नहीं पहचाना कि मुझे कुष्ट रोग हो गया। इलाज कराते—कराते मेरे माता पिता एवं सारे रिश्तेदार थक चुके थे। घर की हालत भी खराब होती जा रही थी। घर में बस मैं भगवान भरोसे यूँ ही पड़ा रहता था। गाँव में लोग मुझे एक बीमार लड़के के रूप में ही जानते थे। लोग मुझे विचित्र निगाहों से देखा करते थे। न कोई मेरा मित्र था और न ही कोई मेरे भावनाओं को समझनेवाला था। जिन्दगी बस एक गम की बाँसुरी बनकर रह गई थी। मैं यदि कुछ था तो सिर्फ एक बोझ जो मेरे माता पिता उठा रहे थे।

परन्तु 1977 के मई महीने में एक दिन अखिरकार ईश्वर ने मेरी व्यथा सुन ली। उसने सिस्टर एल लियोनी सी एस.एस का रूप धारण कर मेरे पास आए और मेरे पिता और मेरे पल्ली पुरोहित को बताकर मुझे अपने साथ निर्मला कुष्ट अस्पताल गोविन्दपुर ले आई। मैं जून महीना 1977 में निर्मला कुष्ट अस्पताल गोविन्दपुर आया। आरम्भ में मुझे बहुत ही अजीब एवं अटपटा सा लगा। जब मुझे ज्ञात हुआ कि मुझे कुष्ट रोग होगया है तो मुझे काफी दुःख हुआ। मैं बार—बार अपने किस्मत को कोसने लगा। आखिर बद किस्मत की आधी ने मुझे छत्तीसगढ़ के सपाट एवं मैदानी भाग से उठाकर धनबाद के इस घूल—घूसरित शहर में पटक ही दिया। मैं वापस जाना चाहता था, लेकिन तत्कालिन सुपरियर सिस्टर ग्रेस सोलोम सी.एस.एस. के समझाने पर मैं रहने के लिए राजी हो गया।

मुझे ठीक होने में लगभग दो साल लग गए। इलाज के दौरान मुझे बहुत मानसिक और शरीरिक कष्ट होता था। भगवान का लाख लाख शुक्र कि उसने मरीजों के लिए अस्पताल का वातावरण प्यार भरा बनाया था। धर्मबहनें मरीजों की सेवा ऐसा करती थीं मानों उनके घर के ही किसी व्यक्ति की सेवा कर रही हों। डी एस डब्ल्यू सी के इस ईकाई ने मुझें एक नई जिन्दगी दी। परन्तु मैं स्वस्थ होकर अपना पैतृक निवास वापस नही जाना चाहता क्योंकि वहाँ जो तिरस्कार मुझे वहाँ मिला था उसे मैं भूल नही पाया था।

मैं सिस्टर ग्रेस सोलोम सी एस एस से हाथ जोड़ कर काम माँगा। तब डॉ डेरिक लोबो जो चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी थे, के सलाह पर 1979 में मुझे अस्पताल परिसर से हटाकर बी आर टी सी लाया गया। बी आर टी सी में लगभग एक साल अन्य स्वस्थ्य कुष्ट रोगियों के साथ रह कर काम सिखता रहा। तब श्री फ्रेंक ओ क्लैन बी आर टी सी के निर्देशक के रूप में आए उन्होंने मुझे यहाँ केशियर/आपरेशन्स इंचार्ज का काम दिया।

इसके पश्चात् जब मैंने महसूस किया कि अब मैं पुर्णरूपेण स्वस्थ्य हो गया हूँ देख कि मेरा स्वास्थ्य पूर्ण रूप से ठिक हो गया तब मैनें फिर से पढ़ने ठानी क्योंकि मै जानता था पढ़ने—लिखने की कोई उम्र नहीं होती। अब मै नौकरी के साथ साथ पढ़ाई भी शुरू कर दी। 1984 मैं मैंने बिहार बोर्ड से मैट्रिक अच्छे अंकों से पास किया। उसके बाद तो 1989 में मैंने ग्रेजुएशन भी कम्पलीट की। इस बीच मेरी शादी भी हो गई। मैं लगभग सात साल तक संस्था के केन्द्रीय कार्यलय में एकाउण्टस विभाग में काम किया। मैं सन् 1998 के फरवरी से लगातार अभी बी आर टी सी में यहाँ के एडिमिनिस्ट्रेटर (प्रशासक) के पद पर कार्यरत हूँ जो संस्था का पूर्नवास एवं प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र में यहाँ 90 की संख्या में कृष्ट रोगी कार्यरत हैं।

पहले मैं भी बी.आर.टी.सी में ही रहता था। पिछले 12 वर्षों से मैं अपना मकान बनाकर सभ्य समाज में रह रहा हूँ। मेरे दो लड़के हैं बड़ा लड़का नागपुर यूनिवर्सिटी में ग्रेजुएशन कर नौकरी की तैयारी कर रहा है तथा छोटा लड़का नागपुर में ही इंजीनियरिंग कालेज में प्रथम वर्ष में अध्ययन कर रहा है। आज मैं अपने परिवार के साथ समाज में रहकर एक साधारण नागरिक की तरह जीवन—यापन कर रहा हूँ। इन सबके लिए मैं ईश्वर और डेमियन सामाजिक कल्याण केन्द्र का शुक्रगुजार हूँ। ईश्वर डेमियन सामाजिक कल्याण केन्द्र को बरमत दे तािक और भी बेसहारों और परित्यक्तों परिवार कहलाने लायक घर मिल सके।

– शालीग्राम टंडन

मेरी जिन्दगी के अनछुए पल



गम न करना जिन्दगी बहुत बड़ी है चाहत की महफिल तेरे लिए सजी है बस एक बार मुस्कराकर तो देख तकदीर खुद तुझसे मिलने बाहर खड़ी है।



मुझे लगता है मेरी जीवन कहानी भी कुछ इसी तरह से प्रारम्भ हुई। मेरी माँ मुक्ता निर्मला अस्पताल में ईलाज कराने आई थी। कहते हैं उस समय उसके पैर का घाव इतना खराब हो गया था कि पैर की हड्डी तक नजर आने लगी थी। और ये घाव ठीक होने का नाम ही नहीं ले रहा था। दुर्भाग्यवश कहें या सौभाग्यवश उस समय मैं सिर्फ दो महीने की थी और मैं भी अपने माँ के साथ निर्मला अस्पताल आ गई थी। माँ कुछ दिन अस्पताल में रहने के बाद मृत्यु के आगोश में समा गई। ऐसे में जब मेरे पिता को इसकी जानकारी दी गई तो उसने कहा माँ के साथ बेटी को भी वहीं दफना दो। इस तरह मेरे सिर से एक बीमार माँ और एक गैरिजम्मदार पिता का साया उठ गया। मेरा अपना कहने वाला कोई न था। परन्तु मेरे लिए सारी जिन्दगी पड़ी थी। ऐसे में दासी नामक वार्ड गर्ल जो उन दिनों निर्मला अस्पताल में ही रह कर वार्ड गर्ल का काम कर रही थी ने मुझे अपना लिया। उसने मृझे सिर्फ दूध और चाय पिला कर बड़ा किया। उसने ही मुझे फादर हन्ट की सहायता से एक पहचान दी और मेरा नामकरण एक ईसाई धर्म की रीति रिवाज से किया। 1983 को फादर वॉल्टर कोन्गाड़ी ने मुझे पढ़ने के लिए निर्मला गर्ल्स होस्टेल और स्कूल में रखा। 1986 में जब मैं करीब 8 साल की थी तो मेरी पालक माँ दासी का देहान्त हो गया। जो कि मेरे लिए सबसे दु:खदायी पल रहा क्योंकि मुझे लगा मैं फिर से अनाथ हो गई।



खोकर पाने का मजा ही कुछ और है रोकर मुस्करने का मजा ही कुछ और है हार तो जिन्दगी का हिस्सा है मेरे दोस्त हारने के बाद जीतने का मजा ही कुछ और है



लगता है तकदीर तो खुद मुझसे मिलने के लिए बेताब थी। इसलिए मुझे मम्मी पापा के रूप में फादर सिस्टर मिल गए। मैं निर्मला में रह कर पढ़ने लगी और फादर सिस्टरों के सानिध्य में बढ़ने लगी। मैंने मैट्रिक की परीक्षा 2000 ई0 में डी ब्रीटो स्कूल, गोमो से पास की। उसके बाद एक वर्ष निर्मला अस्पताल में सिस्टरों के साये मे रहकर सेवा का कार्य करती रही। 2001 में फादर आलेक्स मिस्किथ ने मुझे होली क्रॉस द्वारा संचालित वी टी आई, हजारीबाघ में मुझे एकाउन्टेन्ट की ट्रेनिंग कराई। 2002 में एकाउन्टेन्ट की ट्रेनिंग समाप्त कर मैंने होली क्रॉस अस्पताल अम्बिकापुर में एकाउन्टेन्ट की हैसियत से नौकरी की शुरूआत की। होली क्रॉस अस्पताल अम्बिकापुर में 7 वर्षों तक नौकरी करने के पश्चात् मैं धनबाद लौट आई। इस बीच 29 दिसम्बर 2005 को फादर वॉल्टर क्रास्ता ने मेरे लिए उपयुक्त लड़का देख मेरी शादी धुमधाम से करा दी। और हमें अनाथ होने का अहसास भी नहीं होने दिया। इसी तरह मेरे ही समान न जाने कितने अनाथ बच्चे और बच्चियाँ का जीवन डेमियन सोसल वेलफेर सेन्टर ने इन पचास वर्षों में सवाँरें है। इन पचास वर्षों में डेमियन सोसल वेलफेर सेन्टर में काम किए हुए सभी फादर सिस्टरों को हम सभी अनाथ बच्चों की ओर से शतु शतु प्रणाम और कोटि कोटि धन्यबाद।

जब मेरी शादी हुई थी उन दिनों मेरा पित अलोक दुबई में कार्यरत्त था। अपना कॉन्ट्रट पुरा कर 2009 में वह धनबाद आया तब मैं भी अम्बिकापुर से धनबाद आकर असर्फी अस्पताल में अपना योगदान देने लगी। लेकिन वहाँ मेरा मन नहीं लगता था। इसलिए जैसे ही 2011 में मुझे कारमेल धनबाद में काम करने का मौका मिला मैंने तुरन्त कारमेल में काम करने की हामी भर दी। तब से आज तक मैं कारमेल स्कूल में अपनी सेवा दे रही हूँ। आज मैं जब अपने जीवन का जायजा लेती हूँ तो मुझे अपने जीवन की कहानी एक परी की कहानी सी लगती है। मैं कल्पना भी नहीं कर सकती कि कैसे कोई दो दो बार अनाथ होने के बाद भी इतनी अच्छी जिन्दगी का भागीदार हो सकता है। कैसे कोई कुष्ठ रोग जैसे छुआछुत की बीमारी के साए में रहते हुए भी इतनी सुन्दर जिन्दगी का मालिक हो सकता है। ये तो तभी संभव है जब डेमियन सोसल वेलफेर सेन्टर जैसी संस्था आपके जिन्दगी के हर मोड़ पर सहयोग दे।ये तो तभी संभव है जब ईश्वर की कृपा आपके साथ हर पल है। आज मैं जो कुछ भी हूँ सभी ईश्वर की कृपा और डेमियन सोसल वेलफेर सेन्टर के सहयोग से हूँ।मैं अपने पित अलोक और अपने बेटा एरिक जोन सोरेन के साथ अत्यन्त खुश हूँ। अंत में फिर से डेमियन सोसल वेलफेर सेन्टर के सहयोग से हूँ।मैं अपने पित अलोक वेलफेर सेन्टर के सभी सदस्यों को तहे दिल से शुक्रिया अदा करती हूँ जिन्होने मेरी जिन्दगी को संवारने में अहम् भूमिका निभाई है।



कुष्ठ रोग साध्य है, अभिशाप नहीं

में धनबाद जिले के बिलयापुर थाना अन्तर्गत बाघमारा गाँव के एक गरीब किसान का बेटा हूँ। मैं सबसे बड़ा बेटा और मेरे बाद मेरे दो भाई और एक बहन है। बात 1973 की है जब मैं केवल 7 बर्ष का था। खेती के काम के बाद मेरे पिता को दैनिक मजदुरी भी करनी पड़ती थी तािक परिवार को दो वक्त की रोटी मिल सके। उस वर्श बहुत दिनों के बाद मेरे पिता ने मेरे लिए एक स्वेटर खरीदा था। जाड़ा होने के कारण मैं स्वेटर पहनकर आग के नजदीक बैठकर नास्ता करने लगा। तभी न जाने कैसे मेरे स्वेटर में आग लग गई। ताज्जुब की बात तो यह थी कि मुझे इसका अहसास ही नहीं हुआ। मेरी माँ ने आकर आग तो बुझा दी। लेकिन आग के कारण हुए फाफोले से मुझे कोई दर्द का अनुभव नहीं हुआ। मेरे पिता ने तुरन्त मेरा ईलाज एक डॉक्टर से कराया। परन्तु उससे कोई लाभ नहीं हुआ। फिर तो कई डॉक्टरों के चक्कर लगाने पड़े लेकिन अफसोस इससे कोई लाभ नहीं हुआ। उलटे मेरे पिता को हमारे कुछ खेत भी बेचने पड़े। किन्तु घाव ठीक होने का नाम ही नहीं ले रहा था। पुरा परिवार हताश होता जा रहा था और खेत बेचने के कारण गरीबी की पकड़ हमारे परिवार में और भी मजबुत होती जा रही थी। किसी को कुछ समझ नहीं आ रहा था कि क्या किया जाए। ऐसे में एक दिन डेमियन सोसल वेलफेर सेन्टर से सिस्टर मारसेलिन अपने टीम के साथ कुश्ठ रोग के सर्वे के लिए हमारे गाँव आई। मेरे घाव को देखकर पुरी की पुरी कुश्ठ रोग के सर्वे टीम को दुःख हुआ। सिस्टर मारसेलिन मेरे माता पिता से बात कर मुझे तुरन्त निर्मला कुष्ठ अस्पताल में जाँच के लिए ले आई। जाँच के दौरान यह स्पष्ट हो गया कि मुझे कुश्ठ रोग जैसे छुआछुत की बिमारी ने जकड़ लिया है। इस बात की जानकारी मिलते ही मेरे माता पिता पर तो मानो दुःख का पहाड़ ही टूट पड़ा। सबसे पहले चिन्ता तो ये कि क्या मेरा बेटा कभी ठीक होगा? दूसरी बात क्या वयह सामान्य जिन्दगी जी पाएगा? उससे कीन शादी करेगा? क्या मेरा बेटा भी घूम घूम कर भीख माँगेगा? माता पिता के उदास चेहरे आज भी मुझे उदास कर देते है।

परन्तु ईश्वर का लाख लाख धन्यबाद क्योंकि उसने कुष्ठ रोगियों के ईलाज के लिए निर्मला अस्पताल खोला जहाँ फादर सिस्टर और उनके साथ काम करनेवाली टीम कुष्ठ रोगियों की निस्वार्थ सेवा दिन रात कर रही है। मुझे इस अस्पताल में दो वर्श बिताना पड़ा। अस्पताल में बिताए दो वर्शों की कहानी मैं शब्दों में बयाँ नहीं कर सकता। क्योंकि ये काफी हताश करनेवाले थे। गाँव से कोई भी मुझे देखने नहीं आते थे। माता पिता कभी कभार छुपते छिपाते मुझे देखने अवश्य आते थे। जब मैं ठीक हो गया मुझे लगा सबकुझ ठीक हो गया है। परन्तु अब कुश्ठ रोग से छुटकारा तो मिल गया परन्तु उसके अभिशाप से छुटकारा मिलना बाकी था। समाज अब भी मुझे छुआछुत की नजर से ही देखती थी। ऐसे में क्या किया जाए कहाँ जाया जाए। मैंने फिर एक बार डेमियन सोसल वेलफेर सेन्टर के उस समय के निदेशक फादर हन्ट और निर्मला अस्पताल में कार्यरत सिस्टर मारसेलिन का दामन थामा। उन्होंने मुझे डी ब्रिटी गोमो पढ़ने के लिए भेजा। वहीं रहकर मैं जब 10वीं क्लास में पढ़ रहा था तभी मेरे पिता का इन्तकाल हो गया। अब पुनः मेरे लिए मुश्किल आन पड़ा मुझे तो दो भाई बहन की विन्ता ही सताए जा रही थी क्यों कि जो भी कि हमारा गुजारा मुश्किल से होता था परन्तु उसके बावजुद पिता का साया तो हमारे साथ था। अब वे ही ईश्वर के प्यारे हो गए तो कौन परिवार को देखेगा? ऐसे में फादर हन्ट ने मुझे डूईविंग के प्रशिक्षण के लिए गोविन्दपुर भेजा। डूईविंग के प्रशिक्षण के पश्चात् फादर ने मुझे डेमियन सोसल वेलफेर सेन्टर में डूईवर की नौकरी दे दी। यहीं डूईवर की नौकरी करते करते करते करते के प्रशिक्षण के पश्चात् फादर ने मुझे डेमियन सोसल वेलफेर सेन्टर में डूईवर की नौकरी दे दी। यहीं डूईवर की नौकरी करते करते करते के प्रशिक्षण के करणा अपनी पढ़ाई पुरी नहीं की इसलिए मैं अपनी पत्नी को आगे पढ़ाऊँगा। इसलिए मैंने अपनी पत्नी को बी ए पढ़ाया और टी टी सी कराया।

आज बेलु निर्मला स्कूल में एक सहायक शिक्षिका की हैसियत से कार्यरत है। हम दोनों बड़े गर्व से तीन बेटियों और एक पुत्र का भरण पोशण कर रहें है। बड़ी बेटी बी एस सी निर्संग पुरी करने जा रही है। दूसरी बेटी आई एस सी पुरी कर रही है। तीसरी बेटी औश छोटा बेटा निर्मला स्कूल में ही पढ़ाई कर रहे है। जिस कुष्ठ रोग को लेकर हम सब इतने चिन्तित थे। हमें लगता था इसके प्रकोप और अभिशाप से हम कभी नहीं निकल पाएँगें। परन्तु डेमियन सोसल वेलफेर सेन्टर ने इन सभी बातों को पुरी तरह से झुठला दिया आज मैं और मेरा पुरा परिवार खुशहाल जीवन बीता रहा है। डेमियन सोसल वेलफेर सेन्टर में कार्यरत सभी फादर सिस्टर को अनेक अनेक धन्यवाद।

– बानेश्वर महतो

श्रीनाथ की कहानी अपनी जुबानी

में पश्चिम बंगाल के पुरुलिया जिले के गोलबेड़ा गाँव के एक गरीब परिवार से हूँ। गरीबी के कारण में केवल आठवीं तक ही पढ़ सका। 1972 में मैं जब आठवीं में पढ़ रहा था। तभी मेरे पिता और मेरे चाचा लोगों में बँटवारा हो गया। बंटवारा हमेशा तकलीफ देय होता है। बंटवारे के कारण घर की गरीबी और भी बढ़ गई थी। यहाँ तक कि मेरे पिता के पास स्कूल की फीस 2 रू 6 आना तक देने की हैसियत तक नहीं रह गई थी। मैं गाय बकरी चराकर और गोबर चुनकर लाता था। मेरी माँ गोबर से गौंईठा बनाकर बेचती और घर के लिए तेल नमक का प्रबंध करती थी। स्कूल घर से पाँच किला मीटर दूर था। मैं स्कूल पैदल ही चला जाया करता था। मेरी माँ टीफिन के लिए पाँच पैसा देती थी। जिसे बचाकर मैं जरूरत के अनुसार अपने लिए कॉपी खरीदता था।



1972 में ही मेरे एक चाचा, जो BCCL में साधारण मजदूरी करता था, का दुर्घटना हो गया। उसे देखने के बहाने मेरे पिता ने उससे स्कूल की फीस माँग लाई 11973 में मेरे निवेदन करने पर उस चाचा ने जोड़पोखर में रहनेवाले एक वकील के यहाँ घरेलू काम करने के लिए लगा दिए 11976 में उसी वकील के घर काम करने के दौरान एक दिन जब में अपना दाहिना पाँव खुजला रहा था तब मुझे एहसास हुआ कि मेरे पैर में सूनापन है। मुझे डा0 एच एन मुखर्जी को दिखाया गया। फिर डा0 चक्रवर्ती ने जाँच कर बताया कि मुझे कुष्ठ रोग हो गया है। इसके बावजुद वकील और उसका परिवार मुझे अपने बेटा के रूप में ही प्यार देते थे। 1978 में मुझे घटक मैनसन लाया गया। जहाँ मैं फिर से नौकर का काम करने लगा। अप्रैल 1979 किसी बात को लेकर घटक का बेटा मुझे गुस्से में एक लात मारा और मुझे कोढ़ी है कह कर बुरा भला कहने लगा। मैंने भी गुस्से में उसे एक थप्पड़ जड़ दिया। उस दिन रात को 10 बजे वे लोग मुझे घर से निकाल दिए। मुझे समझ नहीं आ रहा था कि इतनी रात को कहाँ जाया जाए। मैं किसी तरह डा0 मुखर्जी के यहाँ पहँचा। डा0 मुखर्जी ने मुझे बी एम पी जाने का रास्त बताया। में 17 मई को 1979 को सेमिटरी अस्पताल बी एम पी में डा0 बी पी दे से जाँच कराया। इसके बाद डा0 ने मुझे गोविन्दपुर भेज दिया जहाँ मेरी मुलाकात सिस्टर ग्रेस सलोमी से हुई। सि सलोमी के कहने पर असिस्टेन्ट अडिमिनिस्ट्रेटर श्री जे सरकार ने मुझे सुबह 7 बजे से 10 बजे तक बगान में और शाम चार बजे से रात आठ बजे तक गेट में काम पर लगा दिया। फा लेरी हन्ट ने हाथ खर्च के लिए एक रूपए, जरूरत के समान और खाना भी देना प्रारम्भ किया।

7 जुलाई से सिस्टर सलोमी के कहने पर डा0 लोबो ने मुझे वार्ड बॉय के रूप में निर्मला अस्पताल में काम पर रख लिया। इसी बीच सिस्टर सलोमी ने उस समय के ड्रेसर श्री जोन रोजारियों के पास रहकर ड्रेसर के काम में सहायता करने को भी कहा। श्री जोन रोजारियों ने मुझे ड्रेसर का सारा काम सिखाया। मैं यहाँ फादर और सिस्टरों का अपनापन देखकर काफी खुश था इसलिए काफी मेहनत करता था। इस कारण मुझे ऑपरेशन थियेटर में भी जाने का मौका मिलने लगा। उन दिनों काफी ऑपरेशन होता था। अत: कभी कभी तो 14 से 16 घंटा काम करना पड़ता था। लेकिन इसमें काफी मजा आता था क्योंकि मैं काम भी सिखता जाता था और अपने गम भी भुलता जाता था। उन दिनों रात ड्यूटी नहीं होती थी। परन्तु एक रोत हमारे एक पेशेन्ट श्री मृत्युंज्य चक्रवत्ती रात को गिर कर अपना हिप बोन तुड़वा बैठे तभी से डा0 लोबो के कहने पर रात खुयूटी भी प्रारम्भ हो गई। अब तो मेरा डेमियन सोसल वेलफेर सेन्टर की इस ईकाई निर्मला जेनरल और कुष्ठ अस्पताल में काम करते हुए 35 वर्ष हो गए। पता ही नहीं चला कि इतने वर्ष कैसे गुजर गए। आज मैं जो भी हूँ इसी संस्था की वजह से हूँ। समाज में मेरी अपनी इज्जत है। मैं कुष्ठ रोगी था उसके बावजुद आज पुरी तरह स्वस्थ्य होकर अपने परिवार की देखभाल कर रहा हूँ। इस्तर को बहुत धन्यवाद और इस संस्था के हर एक फादर, सिस्टर और कर्मचारियों को तहे दिल से धन्यबाद।

Nirmala General & Leprosy Hospital

Though the organization is named and registered after great Missionary viz. Fr. Damien of Malokai offered service among the persons affected by leprosy, but the Hospital, the School and the Girls' Hostel is named as Nirmala. "Nirmala" in Hindi means "pure or clean". Damien Social Welfare Centre (DSWC), Dhanbad is dedicated to Mother Mary, who is believed to be conceived without any sin and thereafter lived a saintly life, so we believe she as pure as driven snow. And that is why all the units at Govindpur is called Nirmala.

On the request of Late Fr. Michael Kavannaugh SJ, the first Director of DSWC, Most Rev Bishop Lawrance T Pichachy SJ, the first Bishop of Jamshedpur Diocese requested many congregations to work among the persons affected by leprosy. It is only in 1967, the Congregation of Samaritan Sisters responded to the invitation of Bishop LT Pichachy SJ to work with these hapless persons affected by leprosy. The first group of sisters composed of Sr Magdalen CSS, Sr. Claudia Josephine CSS and Sr. Joan CSS and Dr (Sr.) Luka of Holy Family Congregation. They started the journey of service at Baramasia Mercy Post (BMP), which was better known as Cemetery Hospital, because the 60m beds BMP was built on a cemetery. It was just a binging of great service to the people affected by such a dreaded disease. Sisters also went about in search of these people. It was a tough task to do. Doors were shut on their face. Dogs chased them, but nothing could discourage them to work for the mission they had come for. They were attending 25 mobile clinics and serving about 3300 patients. Meanwhile Fr. Michael Kevannaugh SJ started acquiring land in small plots at GT Road Govindpur with the help of Holy Child Association through Fr. Koppleberg form West Germany. On 7th April 1969 then Nirmala Leprosy Hospital and now Nirmala General & Leprosy Hospital was inaugurated. On 22nd March 1969 Damien Social Welfare Centre (DSWC), was registered under Society Registration Act 1860. In 1970 Dr. Mukherjee, an eye specialist from Dhanbad joined Dr. Luka here team of dedicated sisters from Congregation of Samaritan Sisters.

1970 brought Fr. Larry J Hunt SJ, the second Director of DSWC. foot wear department was started on the same year and first six staff quarters were constructed. Fr Paul Chittilapilly, the Founder Father of Samaritan Sisters, named the convent as Nirmala Ashram, as these sisters were providing physical, emotional and spiritual purification to the people in dire need.

In collaboration with German Leprosy and Tuberculosis Research Association (GLRA), German DSWC conducted their first ever six months Para Medical Workers (PMW) training at Govindpur. The Nirmala Hospital started outreach program for the deprived section of the society around the hospital such as Mother and Child Health (MCH) program in collaboration with district level trained Para Medical Workers.

DSWC also started training and employing all those who were once affected by leprosy and now have cured and ready to work, but not finding work to so called civil society. Doctors and group sisters worked with these workers and created such an atmosphere, which attracted not only the persons affected by any stigmatic or communicable disease, but also people from every walk of life.

Nirmala General & Leprosy Hospital takes care of leprosy complications, deformity prevention and surgical correction of deformities. It was once the only hospital in whole of North India that focused on detection, treatment, surgical correction of deformities if any and rehabilitation. It also provides protective footwear to prevent ulcers in the feet.

In 2012 St. Francis Guild, UK helped NGLH to restart the eye unit. In 2013 Dental unit was started and towards the end of 2013 orthopedic patients also started getting the service from the hospital.

Nirmala General & Leprosy Hospital at a Glance in the year (2013-2014) went by

Admission 613
Discharged 654
Total Bed DAYS 22,966
OPD Total patients 15,797

Surgeries		
Minor		118
Major		06
PHYSIOTHERAPY	Total Physiotherapy B/K Plaster Splint Supplied MCR Shoes MCR Repair Crutches supplied	2061 NIL 19 338 328 04
PATHOLOGY	Smear tests Blood tests Urine tests Stool tests Sputum tests	838 3125 1706 300 42
OPHTHALMOLOGY	Eye Surgeries Dental Orthopedic	12 85 32
RADIOLOGY	Total -X-Ray	43
VIP HOME	Male Female	19 33
NEW		
1. Dhanbad Dist.	MB cases PB cases Total	448 32 440
2. Out of Dhanba	d Dist MB cases PB cases Total	241 14 255
Survey Baghmara Bl	ock of Dhanbad MB cases PB cases Total	88 156 244

As we complete 50 years of service DSWC is grateful to GLRA, CRS, Rokko Gakuin High School, Japan, Missiondprokur, St. Francis Guild, UK, The Leprosy Mission, Canada, Somedi Nettetal, Association for the Advance and many more individuals, who supported DSWC to bring up and sustain NGLH.

Way Ahead: With the Support of Damien Foundation India Trust, DSWC is again planning to revive the Re Constructive Surgeries (RCS). As DSWC has been working for persons suffering from leprosy, NGLH will have a separate unit for leprosy, however it would also focus on general patients.



Nirmala Girls School & Hostel

Rev. Fr. Lawrance J Hunt SJ, knew it well that providing only the medical assistance to the persons affected by leprosy is the piece meal approach. If at all this community has to be facilitated with social and economic rehabilitation, then it is necessary that they and their offspring need to be given education. In view of this Most Rev Lawrence T Picachy SJ, the First Bishop of Jamshedpur sent out invitation to several religious Congregations to serve the persons affected by leprosy in all its aspect. Bishop Picachy sought the help of Msgr. Paul Chittilapilly, the Founder Father of Congregation of Samaritan Sisters, to offer the services of his sisters at DSWC.

On 3rd July 1967 Sr. Magdalene CSS, Sr. Josphine CSS, Sr. Claudia CSS and Sr CV Mary started their first convent in then Bihar and Jharkhand. On 6th July 1967 they started their mission.

On visiting different leprosy colonies these sisters realized that it is urgently needed to bring the children of these people affected by leprosy out of leprosy colony to protect them as well as to educate them. On the feast of All Saints day on 1st November 1968 Nirmala Girls' Hostel was started with 38 girls. Regular classes started taking place at Nirmala campus itself. In 1991 the girls started going to St. Anthony School, Dhanbad. These girls were kept in the hostel with five specific purposes viz. a) To keep them away from the atmosphere, which favors leprosy, b) To protect them from sexual abuse, which is very common in the leprosy colonies, c) To prevent them from child/early marriage, d) To protect these children from malnutrition and e) To educate them and help them to come out of vicious cycle of poverty.

In 1992 a separate Girls' Hostel was opened at Gomoh and so girls' were sent to St. John Britto School, Gomoh for high schooling. In 2009 the school was opened for the children from the other weaker section of the society. It was also done to reduce the stigma attached to leprosy and at the same time to build the self dignity of the children from the leprosy background. 2009 itself Fr. Walter Crasta, then Director of DSWC realized that in order to do well in the life, knowledge of English is necessary and so he started English Medium at Nirmala School, Govindpur. In 2010 German Leprosy & Tuberculosis Research Association (GLRA), German gave financial assistance raised by Radio Television Luxembourg (RLT) to DSWC to construct the present school building, where 111 girl children of leprosy patients were staying, whereas 55 children where coming from outside.

Year 2011 is another important year, when St. John De Britto, School remain no more the part of DSWC and so April 2011 onwards the girl children of leprosy patients stopped going to St. John De Britto, rather continued their studies in Nirmala School itself. In 2012 District Education Officer, Dhanbad permitted students of Nirmala School, Govindpur to appear for the 10th board exam from Project Girls' School, Govindpur.

At present there are 550 children studying in English Medium of Nirmala School, whereas 151 children are there in Hindi Medium. 241 girl children are staying in Nirmala Girls' Hostel. English Medium is up to class VI and DSWC is trying to affiliate the school with CBSE Board, whereas Hindi Medium is up to class X. The first batch of Nirmala School, Govindpur from Hindi section will appear for their Board exam in 2015. Besides class teaching children are learning Basketball, Karate, Dance and Music. Children from class IX & X are also learning tailoring so that if, by chance they are not able to pursue their studies further after X they can earn their livelihood by themselves.

Activities of Nirmala School

Cur India
Punjub is for fighting
bengal is for writing
kashmir is for beauty
sauth
Ladakh is for duly
Rappethen is for history
wecharastra is for motory.

Mysone is for silk staryane is for milk

buyeret is for peace .

Kerala is for brain Uttar Prodesh is for sugarcane

Himsechal is for apples Orrisa is for temples Above all India is for UNITY. Name - Nagesh Brusad San Olass - II (EM)

My Parents

My parents are the bash,
better than the rost.

In my beautiful heart
They are above the rest.
You can see and test
They are the best of the best
Name - Chandra Shakhar Saw
Alas - II (EM)





कर्म का फल

रण्ड किसान था / उनकी दो बेटियों और स्क बेटा था / वहीं बेटी का नाम गीमा और होती बेटी वा नाम सीमा / गीना यहने किसाने में बहुन रुपि स्ट्यूनी थी, यह जहां भी फटे पुराने कामाज देखाने उसे उठाकर पड़ने ब्यानी थर देखान्छर पुराने कामाज देखाने उसे उठाकर पड़ने ब्यानी के उपदान जानाम हुई। उसके पिना के मान में उसे पड़ाने की उपदान जानाम हुई। यह किसान बहुन ग्रामीक या जिस कारण वह उसे पड़ाने में यह किसान बहुन ग्रामीक की ग्राम्हा वह उसे पड़ाने में महामाज था। उपपनी बेटी की ग्राम्हा की देखान उसने उसने किसा कि वह उसे पड़ामागा / उसने कई जीजों से महाद माँगी पर किसी के उसकी महाद नहीं की। जोगा उसे डॉस्ट्रेन फ़्राम्हार हुए बहुने - " दो वकन की रोटी की जुट़नी और नावा है बेटियों की पड़ाने, वह तो समुसान जानी जासाजी वह बुम्हारे किसा कार होगा और उपपनी दोनों बेटियों की पड़ाने के किसा किसा परिवास करने लगा।

कुट दिन बार उसकी बेहियों का स्कूल में दारिएला में गाम । वे दोनों सूरव मन लगाफर घटने लगी। उसकी वरी बेटी डॉक्स् बन गर्न और होती बेटी विनासम् की जिल्ला यम नार्थ। यह देशकर अनक आई कियान की बहुत पहलेगा हुमा वह बीचने लगा काउ। में भीद्रम वक्त परा-लिखा होता तो में भी अपने माता - पिता भी इस 🔫 🖼 में आधिस हो पाता।" उसने मन में हान लिया । वह पढेंगा। और मन्त्र सक सफल इंसान करेगा। उसने का बात अपनी ठीवी को कर्ना । उसकी दीवी में उसके अस असमाव की स्वीकार कर लिया और उससे पहाने विस्थाने की जिस्सेवारी नक्ट पर उसा औ। किसमा बहुत मन लगाकर पहली करने अगा। अस वह भी अवारी वहने की लह एक अपल भीर सुनील लडका वन गणा। उनके माना - पिना काव सामे मों कर्यों के अमिया को लेकर किया मुक्त में और बहुत ही जगादा खुना ची। नाम — विभागी महत्र

Activities of Nirmala School

निर्मता के विद्याधीगा

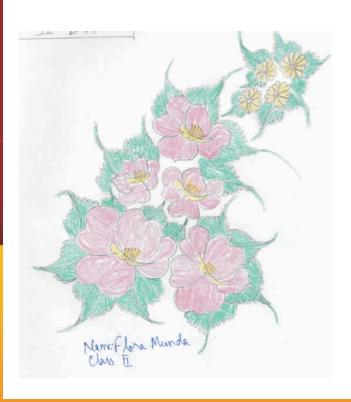
नहीं हम किसी से कम उन्नित के पर पर बहेगे हम हम मेहनत पर जायेंगे इम रग निर्मना के विद्यार्थी हैं हम

> मार्ग में जो पत्मर आरूमा हमसे जो हकरासमा बद्दत जासमी उसकी नसमीर फिर् हकरामे में क्यरासमा

यहाँ के विद्यापी राह से एक कोई नरखर, कोई नैक बड़ों का सम्मान, दोरों को वार नहीं है इनके बीच बीचार

> बारकेट बॉल, कराटे, म्यू जिक और बैंड के फर्राटे हममें है दम क्यों कि निर्माला के विद्याणीं गत है हम

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समारी भी बरते रहना

घन लगावर पहने जाना सामय सपनी की करने जाना। नोभिन्न हरदम करने रहना, समर्थ क्रेंचे न्वमे रहना।।

इस बहती दुनिया में इस कभी न खोना। जीवन में भागे बहते में पीड़े इस कभी न हम्ना।

देश हा नाम रीकम हरूमा भारते सका उपासी हो।' सम हो दुम हक्ताते रहना सुक्रिकों भीर और्था रायमी से ॥

व्हा की होत्र भगता को वेखना भारते आहे नाम है करना। हरदम हीने वहने जना पीट युउकर कमी म वेखना।।

मन में खड़ा यही है रखना हार कभी न दूग प्रमान ! मन जगावर पहले स्टना सबसे दूने बस्ते रहना !!

> वनिता कार्यो वर्ज - व

Glimpse of Nirmala School

















STD. I







STD. III

STD. IV

Glimpse of Nirmala School















STD. VII







STD. IX

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''जाको राखे साईयाँ मार सके न कोई'' यह कहावत तब चिरतार्थ होती हैं। जब कोई किसी बड़ी दुर्घटना या तूफान से बच निकलता है। ज्यादा नहीं, आज से 50–60 साल पहले हर कुष्ट रोगी के जीवन में कुष्ट रोग ठीक किसी दुर्घटना या आंधी— तूफान की तरह आता था और कुष्टग्रिसत व्यक्ति इस रोग के प्रति समाज में फैले अज्ञानतावश घिनौने अंधविश्वास के भंवर में डूबता जाता था। यू तो तब तक वैज्ञानिक पद्धित से इसका इलाज प्रारंभ हो चुका था इसके बावजुद कुष्टग्रिसत व्यक्ति समाज की दृष्टिकोण में तिरस्कृत ही था। ऐसे में कुष्ट रोग होने का अर्थ ही था भीख माँगना क्योंकि कुष्टग्रिसत व्यक्ति का किसी कुष्ट अस्पताल में इलाज तो हो जाता था, परन्तु वह अपने टूटे — फूटे विकृत हाथ पैर को लेकर इस विसंगत समाज में अपने परिवार और समुदाय निकाल फेंका जाता था। ऐसे में आखिर वह जाए तो जाए कहाँ ? लेकिन कहते हैं डूबते को तिनके का सहारा ही काफी है।

सन् 1974 में डेमियन सामाजिक कल्याण केन्द्र (डी. एस. डब्ल्यू. सी.) ने इन बेसहारों और तिरस्कृत कुष्ट रोगियों को पुन: आत्म सम्मान से जीने देने के लिए बारामिसया पुर्नवास एंव प्रशिक्षिन केन्द्र (बी. आर. टी. सी.) के रूप में अपनी एक ईकाई बारामिसया में सुचारू रूप से चलाने लगी।

बात सन् 1970 के आरम्भिक दिनों की है। उन दिनों शहर में कुष्ट रोगी दर – दर की ठोकर खाते इधर—उधर भटक रहे थे। दिन में भीक्षाटन करते और रात में जहाँ—तहाँ किसी पेड़ के नीचे तो किसी रेलवें प्लेटफार्म में आश्रय लेते थे। बहुत बार तो आसमान को ही छत समझकर रात बिता लेते थे। इनकी ये दयनीय दशा संत एंथोनी चर्च, धनबाद के पल्ली पुरोहित स्व. रेव. फादर माइकल केवनाह एस. जे. से देखी नहीं गई और उन्होनें बारामिसया रेल लाइन की दूसरी ओर एफ सी.आई. गोदाम के पास खाली पड़ी जगह जहाँ सिर्फ कटीली झाड़ियों का घना जंगल था और जिसमें साँप बिच्छूओं का बसेरा था उसे साफ कराकर एक कुआँ एवं छोटे—छोटे घर बनवाकर इन कुष्ट रोगीयों को बसाया। इसी जगह को आज हम बी.आर.टी.सी. के नाम से जानते हैं।

प्रारंभ वे भीख माँगकर या कचड़ा वगैरह चुनकर जीवन बसर करते थे। सन् 1970 से रेव फा. लेरी हन्ट एस जे ने निदेशक का कार्य भार संभाला। उन्होंने ही इन इन कुष्ट रोगीयों को बेरोजगारी एवं भीख माँगने जैसे अवैध कार्य से बचाने बेंत का काम प्रारम्भ किया क्योंकि उन दिनो धनबाद के कोयला खदानों में बेत की झूड़ी (टोकरी) काफी मात्रा में इस्तेमाल की जाती थी। इसका कच्चा माल (बेत की छड़ी) असम राज्य से आता था जो प्रायोगिक नहीं हो सका। समय पर माल तैयार कर आपूर्ति नहीं हो पाती थी जिसके कारण यह कार्य सन् 1979 तक चला उसके बाद बंद करना पड़ा। इसके कुछ दिनों के बाद हस्त करघा से कपड़ा बनाने का काम प्रारम्भ किया गया। ठीक इसी समय मि फ़्रेंक ओ कॉलिन का डी एस डब्ल्यू सी में आगमन हुआ जिसने कुश्ट कालोंनियों के सभी काम करने लायक कुश्ट रोगियों का प्रेरित कर बी.आर.टी.सी में जमा किया और उन्हें जुट, हस्त करघा, सायकिल मरमत इत्यादि के काम में लगाया।

जैसे जैसे समय गुजरता गया। निदेशक पद पर आसीन सभी फादरों ने बी.आर.टी.सी को नई दिशा देने का प्रयास किया। नए—नए उपकरण एवं काम के अन्य संसाधन लगते गए और इसका विकास होते गया। प्रारम्भ से ही डी एस डब्ल्यू सी का एक ही मकसेद रहा कि किस तरह इन कृष्ट रोगियों कों भीक्षावृती से रोका जाए और इन्हें इनका खोया हुआ आत्म सम्मान दिलाया जाए।

वर्तमान में संस्था के निर्देशक श्रेय फादर विपिन पानी है जो विगत् चार वर्षों से यहाँ कुष्ट रोगियों की सेवा में कार्यरत है। इनके कार्यकाल में काम को सुगम बनाने और गुणवत्तापुर्ण काम को अन्जाम देने के लिए छह पावर लूम लगवाया गया। राँची के मनोनित विधायक ग्लेन जोसेफ कैल्सटोन ने सभी स्वचालित लूमस को निर्वाध चलाने के लिए एक बड़ा जेनरेटर 20 K.V. का मुहैया कराया। बी एम भी, जो वर्षों से खाली एवं बेकार पड़े हुए हैण्डलूम पुनः चलाया। साथ ही तशर से धागा निकालने का प्रशिक्षण भी प्रारम्भ किया। हिजाइनर बेडशीट बनाने के लिए एक गेकाट मशीन भी लगवाए तथा साथ ही सथ पुराने कपड़ों से दरी एवं डोर मेट बनाने की भी की भी काम प्रारम्भ किया। इस तरह अभी बी.आर.टी.सी एवं बी.एम.पी. दोनों ही जगह हस्त करघा का कार्य जोर शेर से चल रहा है। मुनदूर विधिन पानी के आने से पहले 65 कुष्ट रोगी कार्यरत थे पर इतने सारे संसाधन लग जाने के बाद 90 की संख्या में कुष्ट रोगी कार्यरत है जिनमें पुरूषों की संख्या 35 एवं 55 महिलाएँ है। यहाँ वर्तमान में बेडशीट, गमछा, लुँगी, ऊँनी शाल, गज, बैण्डेज, रोल बैण्डेज स्वाब, उस्टर, ओ.टी. गाऊन टेटा तथा दरी एवं डोर मेट तैयार किए जा रहे हैं तथा अस्पताल में काम आने वाले अन्य कपड़ों का भी उत्पादन होता है।

उपर्युक्त कार्यों में व्यस्त रहकर यहाँ के सभी कुष्ट रोगी मेहनत और इज्जत की रोटी खा रहें है और एक सामान्य जीवन जी रहे है। ये अपने बच्चों को स्कूलों में पढ़ा रहें है। कुछ कुष्ट रोगी अपने बच्चों को नर्सिंग ट्रेनिंग, होटल मैनेजमेन्ट, सेकरेटिरियट प्रशिक्षण करा रहें हैं। ये बड़ी सहजता से आस—पास के चाय दूकान या सैलून जाते है। दूकानों से इन्हें उधारी सामान प्राप्त होता है। जो कुछ वर्शों पहले तक असंभव बात समझी जाती थी। लोग पूजा—पर्व में अपने पैतृक गाँव भी जाते है और वे लोग इनसे मिलने भी आते है। इस तरह कुष्ट रोगी, जो कल तक समाज में एक अभिशाप के रूप में जीवन जी रहे थे आज बी आर टी सी में आत्म सम्मान के साथ जीवन जी रहे है और सामान्य लोगों के समान अपने बच्चों को एक सफल इन्सान बनाने का स्वप्न देखने का साहस कर पा रहें हैं।

Number of cured Patients rehabilitated Male 40 Female 45

Total Production During the Year



संत जोन डी ब्रिटो हाउस, गोमो

बात उन दिनों कि है जब फादर लैरी जे हंट डेमियन सोसल वेलफेर सोसाइटी के निदेशक थे। उन्होंने सिस्टर मर्सलिन के साथ कुश्ठ कॉलोनियों का भ्रमण करते समय महसूस किया कि यदि वक्त रहते कुष्ठ रोगियों के बच्चों की देखभाल नहीं की गई तो समाज में भीख माँगने वालों और अनैतिक कार्यों में सिन्लप्त लोगों की संख्या में वृद्धि होगी। ये वो समय था जब कुश्ठ रोगियों के बच्चों को न ही सरकारी स्कूल और न ही गैर सरकारी स्कूल में प्रवेश मिलता था। समाज द्वारा उपेक्षित इन बच्चों के भविष्य को संवारने और उन्हें आत्म निर्भर बनाने के लिए यह जरूरी था कि कुछ ठोस शुरूआत की जाए अत: फादर लैरी जे हंट ने 21 अगस्त सन् 1972 ई0 को कुश्ठ कॉलोनियों के बच्चों की शिक्षा और रोजगार संबंधी प्रशिक्षण हेतू 28 बच्चों के साथ डेमियन सोसल वेलफेर सोसाइटी के एक ईकाई के रूप में संत जोन डी ब्रिटो आवासीय विद्यालय की स्थापना की। ताकि इन बच्चों को राष्ट्र के मुख्या धारा से जोड़ा जा सके।

आरम्भ में बच्चों के लिए एक ही भवन था जिसमें पाँच कमरे, दो बरामदा एंव बरामदे के दोनों छोरों में एक एक छोटा कमरा था। आरम्भ में यह भवन दिन के समय पढ़ाई के लिए और रात के समय सोनें के लिए प्रयोग की जाती थी। उनकी देख भाल के लिए दो शिक्षक नियुक्त किए गए थे। वे बच्चों के साथ ही रहते थे। सन् 1974 दिसंबर तक बच्चों की संख्या 28 से बढ़कर 200 हो गई। अब उस भवन में रहना मुश्किल होने लगा। 1975 में पाँच नए भवनों का निर्माण हुआ। 1977 ई0 तक सभी भवन बनकर तैयार हो गई। अब बच्चों की संख्या भी 400 से ऊपर हो गई थी।

जो बच्चे पाँचवें या उससे ऊपर के वर्गों में पढ़ते थे उन्हें 1973 से ही जीतपुर प्राथमिक विद्यालय में भेजा जाने लगा। जो बच्चे संत जोन डी ब्रिटो आवासीय विद्यालय आने से पहले आठवीं कक्षा में पढ़ते थे उनका नामांकन बिशप रॉकी स्कूल गोमों में किया जाने लगा। सन् 1986 ई0 तक बच्चे छटवीं से मैट्रिक के लिए प्रतिवर्ष बिशप रॉकी स्कूल गोमों ही जाते थे। सन् 1987 ई0 में संत जोन डी ब्रिटो आवासीय विद्यालय में ही आठवीं की पढ़ाई शुरू की गई। इसके पश्चात् प्रत्येक वर्ष एक एक कक्षा बढ़ाते बढ़ाते वर्ष 1992 में पहली बार संत जोन डी ब्रिटो आवासीय विद्यालय से 19 छात्रों ने मैट्रिक की परीक्षा दी। जिसमें सभी छात्र द्वितीया श्रेणी से उर्तीण हुए।

संत जोन डी ब्रिटो आवासीय विद्यालय में 1972 से ही बच्चों को आत्म निर्भर बनाने के लिए प्रशिक्षण दिया जाने लगा। आरम्भ में इन्हें बंत का ही काम सिखलाया जाता था। चूँकि बंत को गोमो लाने में काफी दिक्कत का समापना करना पड़ता था। अतः 1974 से बाँस का काम सिखलाया जाने लगा। इसके अलावा बच्चों को राजिमस्त्री, सिलाई, बढ़ाई का काम भी सिखलाया जाता था। दोपहर तक बच्चों को किताबी ज्ञान दी जाती थी। दोपहर भोजन के पश्चात् प्रशिक्षण का काम शुरू होता था। धीरे धीरे प्रशिक्षण के विभाग में भी बढ़ोतरी हुई। जिसमें बिजली का काम, फिटर का काम, वेल्डिंग, मोटर गाड़ी मरम्मत और मोटर गाड़ी ड्राईविंग भी सिखलाया जाने लगा। इस तरह इस आवासिय विद्यालय में रहने वाले सभी छात्र अपनी अपनी रूचि के अनुसार प्रशिक्षण का कार्य सीखते थे। जिसका लाभ बच्चों को छात्रावास से निकलने के बाद मिलने लगा। संत जोन डी ब्रिटो आवासीय विद्यालय पढ़ाई के साथ साथ कॉलोनी के बच्चों के भविश्य को संवारने का काम बहुत ही अच्छी तरह से निभा रही थी। परन्तु दुर्भाग्यवश समय के साथ ये सभी प्रशिक्षणों में निरन्तर कमी आती गई। 2005 आते आते सभी प्रशिक्षण प्रायः उपप पड़ गए। 2011 मार्च के अन्त से संत जोन डी ब्रिटो आवासीय विद्यालय डेमियन सोसल वेलफेर सोसाइटी की नहीं रही है। इसके बावजुद संत जोन डी ब्रिटो आवासीय विद्यालय अपने बीते दिनों को याद कर फक्र करती है। इस विद्यालय से निकले अनेक विद्यार्थी विभिन्न संस्थाओं एवं विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में कार्यरत हैं और समाज के मुख्याधारा से जुड़कर आत्म सम्मान से अपने परिवार के भरण पोशण कर रहें हैं।

उदाहरण स्वरूप कुछ सफल विद्यार्थियों के नाम इस प्रकार हैं:

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- ख) राजु माँझी सिमनपुर पुरुलिया
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ऐसे, बहुत से लड़के हैं जो संत जोन डी ब्रिटो आवासीय विद्यालय से पास होकर आज अच्छी जिन्दगी बसर कर रहें हैं। जो भी कि संत जोन डी ब्रिटो आवासीय विद्यालय आज डेमियन सोसल वेलफेर सोसाइटी की ईकाई नहीं है इसके बावजुद कुश्ठ कॉलोनी से आनेवाले सभी बच्चे अब भी डेमियन सोसल वेलफेर सोसाइटी के अभिन्न अंग है। इसलिए आज भी डेमियन सोसल वेलफेर सोसाइटी कॉलोनी से आने वाले बच्चों की पढ़ाई के लिए संत जोन डी ब्रिटो आवासीय विद्यालय को सहायता प्रदान करती है। ताकि इन तिरश्कृत और बेसहरों की जिन्दगी भीख माँगते या कचड़ा जमा करते न गुजर जाए परन्तु समाज में अपना सर उठाकर जी सकने का मुद्दा रख सके।

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DSWC is serving the people affected by leprosy, their off spring and their dependents since 1984. This community is unfortunate that their own kith and kin have deserted them. They do not have their own house. At the work place, other people do not like to work alongside with cured patients from this community and that is why many of them find themselves out of job. In order to meet both end meet, many of them go for begging or rag picking. People from this community do not have access to many of the facilities, which people from other communities enjoy. In nutshell they are almost cut off from the main society. They live in abject poverty.

Although women play a vital role in the society, they are the most vulnerable section of the society. And when it comes to this community, there is no doubt women are the poorest and weakest in this community. Many times young girls are sexually harassed by wasted interest boys from outside. Women feel insecure in the absence of men at home, more so when men of the house cannot earn bread and butter for the family.

That is why DSWC realized that it is important to focus on women especially the girl children of this community at least for economic empowerment. Eradicating women's poverty by enhancing women's Capabilities is one of the steps towards eliminating poverty. Money always plays a vital role in the life of every human being. If somebody earns, he or she simply gains the respect of the family. So, it was sometime in mid nineties Fr. John F Guidera SJ started sending youth specially young girls for various training like Nursing, B. Ed, Secretariat training so that they could be earning members of their family. Since then DSWC has been sending girls colonies for various training like nursing, BEd, Secretariat course so on.

In 2013 DSWC felt the need to start a nursing school of their own so that girls from colonies could be trained as nurse at Dhanbad itself, therefore, in 2014 Nirmala Nursing School is started as a Golden Jubilee gift to the colony girls.



Leprosy Colonies of DSWC

By the time Rev Fr. Michael Kavanagh SJ, a Jesuit from Maryland Province, then the Parish Priest of St Anthony's Church, Dhanbad opened the door with compassion and care for the persons affected by leprosy, their offspring and their dependents in Dhanbad in way back in 1964, there were already many persons affected by leprosy were living in Dhanbad, wherever they found place. When Fr. Michael Kavanah SJ and few kind hearted citizens of Dhanbad started the work for the persons affected by leprosy, hundreds of leprosy patients from West Bengal and close by district, hoping against the hope for the better future, came and join those leprosy patients already living in small colonies at different outskirts of Dhanbad.

Fr. Kavanagh, Fr. Hunt, Fr. Vijay Bhatt, Fr. Gerry Martin, Fr. Walter Crasta and all the sisters working with DSWC started visiting these colonies, sometime for the clinical assistance, sometime for socio-economic assistance and sometime to bring their children to the hostel for the education. Fr. Vijay with the help of then Government of Bihar, constructed Indira Aawas for this community. BCCL, Dhanbad also helped these colony people to construct few houses. The main objective was to make these persons affected by leprosy believe in themselves and join the main stream of the society.

DSWC was successful in winning the confidence of these persons affected by leprosy. DSWC is instrumental in bringing down the incidents of leprosy in Dhanbad. DSWC was working so vigorously in all its aspect that then District Leprosy officer of Dhanbad received the best District worked among the persons affected by leprosy that year. However, all these good works also had the side effect i.e., unconsciously DSWC made these persons affected by leprosy and their off spring dependent on DSWC for almost all their needs.

There was deep soul searching at DSWC and only in 2005 under the leadership of Fr. Walter Crasta, then Director of DSWC, DSWC started working for the empowerment of this community. A step forward had to be taken from charity approach to development approach, from only social rehabilitation to economic rehabilitation as well. In order to empower and make them self dependent, effort towards forming Self Help Groups were made in 21 leprosy colonies of Dhanbad district. It was the time when they learnt to save from whatever income they had. It was a drastic change because they never thought of the future. They finished all the income; they had, in eating and drinking. In spite of this effort still the controlling power was in the hands of men. More and different efforts had to be taken. There came 2011 and DSWC learnt from its mistake. Now DSWC started concentrating on women folk of this community, because DSWC realized women are the most suffering and vulnerable group in any given community. The other important thing DSWC learnt that unless women are empowered no community will survive. Therefore, since 2011 DSWC started putting the effort in forming women SHGs in all these colonies. Secondly, DSWC also started giving emphasis on women themselves taking control over their live by regularly having meeting, discussing their concerns in the meeting and handling their savings. DSWC started playing the role of facilitator.

At present there are 21 colonies under the care of DSWC

- 1. ADARSH LEPROSY COLONY LAKARKA: Adarsh leprosy colony was established in 1956. Mr. Birju Bhuia felt pity on the vagi Leprosy and provided a shelter in the portion of their land at Lakara Later DSWC. Constructed a few houses for them and provided them with medicines and food with the help from CRS. There are 14 families living in Adarsh Leprosy Colony, Lakarka.
- 2. ANGARPATRA COLONY: Angarpatra Colony was established in 1958. It was basically a bushy area. The patients found the abandoned place to be ideal place. They cleaned it up and gradually built some that the dhouses finding no opposition. Later DSWC re-constructed their houses. At present there is Prem Jyoti Mahila Samity a SHG formed by women of Angarpatra colony, having Rs 5050 in their hand as their savings. There are 22 families are living in Angarpatra colony at present.
- 3. BALUGADDA LEPROSY COLONY: In 1950 few leprosy patients found a suitable place on the riverside at Jharia to dwell in. The houses in the infant stage were made of sand. Hence, the name balu (sand) gadds. Leter many joined them. Later Mr. Ojha, the area Manager of BCCL helped them in constructing better houses. Since then the population is on the rise. At present there are only 5 families staying at Balugada Leprosy Colony, The women folk of this colony have joined hands with Durgapur Leprosy Colony and Bankati Colony and formed Chandani Mahila Samity. They have Rs 2110 in hand as their savings.
- 4. BANKATI COLONY: This colony is named after joining two different words viz. Van meaning Forest and Kati meaning to Cut. Before 1938 place near Jharia forest had lot of trees and bush. It was like a forest. This place

was abandoned and people rarely went there. Occasionally this place was also used for cremation. In 1938, around 9 people affected by leprosy went there and cleaning the place occupied it. Gradually 50 to 60 people, all affected by leprosy and forced to beg, joined them. Initially the houses were thatched houses. However ,with the help of B.C.C.L mainly through the initiative of the then area manager of collieries, Mr. Ojha and through Mr. Nikhil the Lion's Club official helped them to put up tiles presently, there are 26 families living in the colony. They have joined hands with Balugada and Durgapur to form women SHG.

- 5. BHALJORIA COLONY, NIRSA: Bhaljoria colony is situated near a Hindu cremation place at Nirsa. In 1980 sixteen houses were built for the widows of the place. However the houses were vacant due to the taboo. A leprosy patient named Kisun Mahato frequently visited the place for begging. Knowing that there is no one living in these houses, he occupied one of these in 1982. As the villagers were using some of these as store houses they opposed his living. However Kisun was a determined person. He took advantage of the domestic uprising at Missionaries of Charity from Shantinagar and sheltered three more families. Later many more joined him from Shantinagar in the same year and the colony grew. At present 32 families are there in Bhaljoria Colony, Nirsa. Women folk of this colony have formed Maa Durga Samity, Bhaljoria. They are having Rs 3250/-in hands as their saving.
- **BHOWRA COLONY:** The colony was established in 1960. In 1964 a clinic-cum-a small hospital was started for the care of leprosy of the area. A few temporary huts were built for the patients. There are 29 families living in Bhawra colony at present. There are two women SHGs in the colony viz. Pragati Sheel Swan Sahayata Samuh and Seva Sahayta Samuh, having Rs 2000 and Rs 1450 in their hand as their savings successively.
- 7. BMP COLONY: In 1967 Rev. Sidique, then the Parish Priest of St. Mary's Church, Dhanbad, the Anglican church, allowed the Anglican Cemetery to be used for the leprosy work. When the first 18 crippled patients were admitted, more and more patient began flocking to the Mercy Post and began their settlement. The cured patients were engaged in the service of the patients in the form of Rehabilitation. A few houses were soon built to make these welfare workers convenient for the service. In 1979, when the Baramasia Rehabilitation & Training Centre was reorganized the Rehab workers needed some accommodation. Hence the colony grew. At present there are 50 families having there shelter there. At present there are 55 families living at BMP. It is sad news that government has given them notice to vacate their houses, though government may construct houses elsewhere. Women folk of BMP have formed their SHG as Jharkhand Swen Sahayata Samuh, having Rs 24500 in their hand as their savings. They are also doing cloth business. The best part of their business is that they have not taken any loan from DSWC, but they themselves are using their savings.
- 8. BRTC: The Baramasia Rehabilitation and Training Centre began flourishing with the grant from Cabmen, Netherlands for the cane Industries in 1947. Though it had to be closed down in 1979 due to the unavailability of cane, J. Homer Butler Foundation of New York financed the renovation. In 1980 after the survey it was learnt that people were interested in weaving. Fr. Lawrence Hunt, then Director of DSWC constructed the colony to accommodate the welfare workers. At present there are 33 families are living at BRTC. There is negotiation going on with Nagar Nigam to construct houses for them. At present there is Maa Annapurna Samity a SHG formed by women of BRTC colony, having Rs 5450 in their hand as their savings.
- 9. JAMADOBA LEPROSY COLONY: Jamadoba colony began in 1960 with 80 to 10 people living in a group. By 1970 the number increased to 30. By 1990 they had already formed a committee. In 1995 new houses were built with the direction of Fr. Vijay Bhat. This led further to the formation of the committees and began living in harmony. The committee managed to get a tube well facility through Tata Social Welfare Center. The committee is trying to get electricity for the colony. At present there are 24 families living in Jamadoba Lepresy Colony.
- 10. <u>JEEVAN JYOTI COLONY</u>: Jeevan Jyoti Colony was established in 1999. The patients used to live in plastic tents. The management of BCCL. Built ten houses for them. On their request the management also built a small primary school for them. The teachers are appointed and paid by the company itself. However, DSWC takes care of higher education and medical care.
- 11. KERKEND COLONY: Some leprosy patients started living under the tree near the Railway station at Kerkend in 1945 the then station master felt pity on them and allowed them to make small huts in the railway land. Gradually the number increased BCCL then offered a piece of land. In 1964 DSWC extended medical care and food Later 41 roofed houses were built. BCCL is presently supporting the colony with possible help. There are 41 families at Gandhi Colony, Kerkend. Women folk of this colony have formed Kamal Fool Mahila Samity and they have Rs 320 in their hand as their saving.

- 12. KUSUNDA COLONY: Kusunda colony was established in 1958, initially 10 families were living. Eventually nine more families joined them DSWC constructed small tile-roofed houses for the inmates and looked after the medical care and education. The colony is presently re-established. The land is procured from the Govt. and houses are built under the govt. scheme: Indira Awas Yojna and the inmates mostly are Nirmala Hospital Staff. At present only three families affected by leprosy are staying. Other than leprosy families there are more than 20 families living at Kusunda.
- 13. MOTHER TERESA COLONY, CHANDMARI: In 1942 about ten people affected by leprosy began to live near Joraphatak, Dhanbad. Being a hilly and jungle area they name it Jungle Pahar. They lived on begging. In 1952 they were asked to vacate the area. So they found the Electricity Board area quite convenient. Bishwalarma tried to negotiate with The mukiya of the area. The then director, Fr. Hunt on the other hand requested the management of BCCL to construct 20 new quarters in return. Few years later they were again shifted to the present place and the dwellers named the colony after Mother Theresa in 2002. At present there is Shoshit Mahila Samity a SHG formed by women of Chandmari colony, having Rs 5110 in their hand as their savings. They are doing gottery through their SHG. There are 21 families living in Mother Teresa Colony, Chanmari.
- 14. NAI DUNIA-cum ASHA VIHAR COLONY: Nai Dunia (New World) is situated in Jharia near the taxi stand. They named so because it was a new world altogether for them as they were outcaste from the village. Mr. Arjun and Mr. Dashrath, help from Mr. Ojha, the manager of BCCL. In 1975 DSWC helped in the constructing more houses. In 2010 they adopted a new name for this colony and coined as Asha Vihar. At present there are 64 families living in Asha Vihar Colony, Jharia. Asha Swen Sahayata Samuh is the name of their SHG formed by women of Nai Dunia colony, having Rs 11250 in their hand as their savings.
- 15. PALATAND COLONY: The World Pala means to run away. Around 1965 some seven lepers ran away from their villages and began living in the present plot, which was meant for Polo. Rotary club of Dhanbad constructed 10 houses for these patients. In 1985 then Government of Bihar constructed 30 houses under the scheme of Indira Awas Yojan and later New Jharkhand Govt. added 40 more under the same scheme. At present there are 57 families living in Palatand Colony. There are three SHGs formed by the women of this colony viz. Vikashseel Mahila Samity, Unnati Mahila Samity and Vanchit Mahila Samity, Baniaheer having Rs 15800, Rs 4300 and Rs 1650 successively in their hand as their savings. They are about to start an Income Generation Activities i.e., turmeric business.
- 16. PREM NAGAR COLONY SINDRI: In1972 some 10 to 12 family began living together in front of a temple at Sindri Within a few days they were asked to vacate the place as the company quarters were to be built in the area. They approached the then parish priest of Sindri for help, who approached Fr. Larry Hunt, the director of DSWC for help. Fr. Hunt approached the General Manager of Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI), Sindri and managed to get the present plot of land for these families. Mud houses were built with the help of DSWC. It was only in 1976 the colony went through its first stage of development. 41 displaced families were given shelter of which 25 houses were rebuilt and given the present shape. F.C.I. also gave them the electric connections, which even today are provided with same facilities. It was till 2004 people from this colony depended on DSWC for extra help. With the new thinking of making them self-sufficient and the constraints of monetary help, that the colonies were made to think themselves and work together for their progress. A committee was formed to assess their needs and help themselves in the times of cries. Each family was to be registered, would build their own funds, and be independent. They were made aware of their rights as citizens. At present there is Jyoti Mahila Samity, Prem Nagar, Sindri a SHG formed by women of this colony, having Rs 5850 in their hand as their savings. Two members of this SHG are making incense and doing Income Generation Activities. There are 28 families living at present in Prem Nagar, Sindri.
- 17. JHOPARI COLONY, Sindri: When rag pickers of Premnagar Colony felt that it is necessary for them to stay close to the town in order to collect rags, then 40 families moved out of Premnagar some 30 years back and made a new colony. It is closer to Sindri town. All of them are rag pickers.
- 18. <u>DOMGARH COLONY SINDRI</u>: In 1945, around nine lepers began to live at Domgarh. They continued living there for many years. During Fr. Gerry Martin D' Souza's directorship, a plot was negotiated with the FCI and 20 houses were built with help from Block Development Officer of Baliapur through Indira Aawas Yojna. At present there are 24 families living at Domgarh Colony, Sindri.
- 19. <u>FULARITAND COLONY</u>: It is situated at Managar Hatia and established in 1955. The land was Provided by the king of Dumra. The colony houses 35 families and the houses are built under the scheme of Indira Aawas Yojna. A new committee was formed on 2nd July 2005. The committee solved the acute drinking water problem by setting

up a boring well. They also constructed a Samudayik Bhavan (A community Hall). At present there are 33 families at Fulwaritand colony. Saheli Swen Sahayata Samuh a SHG formed by women of Fularitand colony is there, having Rs 2400 in their hand as their savings.

- 20. BHOJUDIH LEPROSY COLONY: Around 1970 two beggar-lepers began living under the Pepal tree in the vacant land at Bhojudih. Gradually the number increased. Fr. Hunt together with the sisters began visiting the families. Soon medicines and food were supplied to them Fr. Hunt built 20 huts for them. Under the directorship of Vijay Bhat these huts were converted in houses adding 10 more houses. With the help of Block Development Officer of Chandankeyari, 14 houses were being built under the program of Indira Aawas Yojna. All these 14 families are still living in the colony.
- **21. GANDHI COLONY, Jealgora, Govindpur:** This colony was started by those, who are working as staff either at Nirmala Hospital or at Nirmala School. There are 32 families living in this colony. Women folk of this colony have formed Gandhi Mahila Samity as their SHG and have Rs 11500 in their hand as their saving. They are doing cloth business at present.

All these colonies still look up to DSWC. Though DSWC is not able to conduct health clinics in these colonies due to lack of fund, but DSWC is trying to help them to stand them of their own and lead a life with dignity. Whenever they approach DSWC for any help DSWC is ready to offer whatever help is possible. DSWC still continues to support the school education of the children coming from these colonies. DSWC also continues to send the girl children of these colonies for different job oriented training. DSWC does all these hoping, one day people from these colonies will be part of main stream society.





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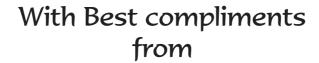


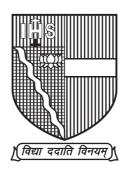
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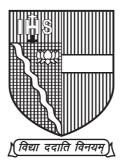
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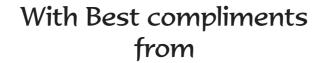


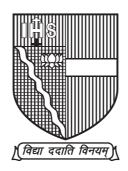
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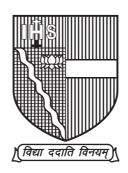


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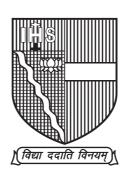
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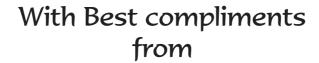


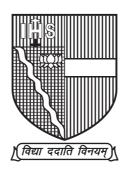
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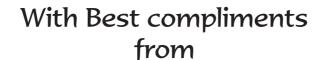


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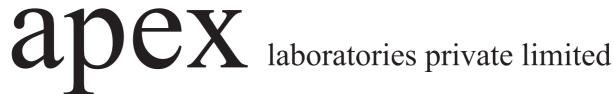
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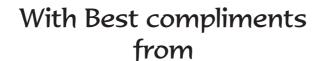
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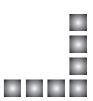








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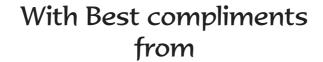






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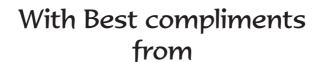




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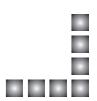
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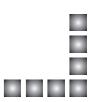


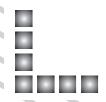


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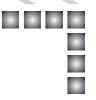
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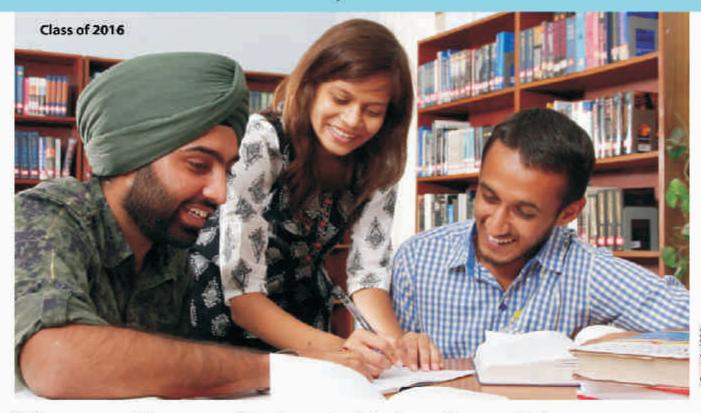


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