

# Reaching The Unreached

G. Kallupatti, Near Batlagundu, Theni Dt. 625203

## Activities of November 2020

Dear Well-wishers,

Greetings from RTU.

### Dry ration distribution continues

During this month, again our staff went to visit the children who have been sent back to their relatives in their native villages. We distributed dry ration packs to 139 families with Rs.1000 and transferred Rs. 2000 to another 151 families in Theni and Dindigul Districts. The staff assessed the children's living status, health issues, mental health, COVID 19 awareness and filled a form for each child.



On 29th October, we distributed dry ration packs to 460 days scholars who live nearby. The class teachers received them and met with them individually, enquiring about their mental and physical wellbeing. The students submitted their worksheets, which their teachers were able to go through with them and gave them new worksheets and learning material to take home. Our counsellors were also on hand for them to talk to.

To date, we have supported 5,110 families with emergency dry ration supplies.

### HIV+ awareness training to our children

On 24th October, online Awareness training on HIV+ was organized by YRG-Care Chennai in our Sirumalar Children's Village. 10 of our students attended this training and received awareness how to use tablets and to take care them during this COVID-19 pandemic.



### Women Safety Today programme

The local Police Chief organised a Women Safety Today programme and our children performed some dances, enacted a play and presented other cultural programmes.



### **Children' Day celebration**

On 13<sup>th</sup> November, District Child Protection officer and World Vision director, Theni jointly organized Children Day 2020 celebration in Our Sirumalar Children's Village. They talked about Child Rights, prevention of child abuse and how to care each individual child during this pandemic. 10 children from Nehru Home, Theni and 36 children from our hostels participated in this celebration.



### **Support to elderly people**

On 13<sup>th</sup> November, Father Antony distributed sarees to 42 destitute elderly women and dhotis and towels to 22 destitute elderly men from local villages as Diwali gifts.

### **Diwali Celebration in RTU**



On 14<sup>th</sup> October, all the children in the Children's Villages and hostels celebrated a joyous Diwali, when the whole campus had a festive look and the children wore colorful dresses. Local donors and staff members contributed money to buy dresses for our children. Children enjoyed sweets and nutritious meals on that day.

### **New counselor to our Children's Village**

This month, we appointed Miss. Nancy, M.Sc Psychology as a new counselor for our Sirumalar Children's Village.

### **Success in getting into a Government Engineering College**

This month one of our professional students, Inipriya, successfully got a place in a much sought-after Government Engineering College in Tanjore. She secured 487 marks in her 12<sup>th</sup> standard exam and applied for a BE in Computer Science. Inipriya came to RTU in 2013 with her younger brother as her father has physically and learning disabilities and the poor mother struggled to care for the family. Inipriya is a very calm type and very good with her studies. She worked hard and achieved her level best to get this seat. We wish her all the best for her studies.



### **Wedding bells**

One of our alumni students, Pandiammal, got married to Mr Annamalayan on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 near Theni in a temple. Pandiammal came to RTU in 2008 as her mother died due to HIV + and the poor father was also HIV+. Her father struggled to raise her and her elder brother Pandi. Pandi received our care and support for 3 years and then returned home to support his ailing father.



Pandiammal completed her 12<sup>th</sup> standard in our school and then completed a 3-year General Nursing and Midwifery course in 2018, gaining employment in a private hospital in Coimbatore. Her father and the relatives arranged her marriage. Some of our staff members and former RTU children attended this nice wedding in a beautiful rock temple and presented them a gift. We wish them a happy married life.

### **Developing the teaching skills of teachers**

This month the teachers split into five groups to prepare for the next batch of lessons to cover the curriculum. The teachers were trained to look for extra information related to their respective topics on the Internet, library book and encyclopedias. Thus, their search was widened and now they themselves found their search very rewarding. Their learning on each that particular topic has improved a lot. Now, students will have more information on each of the topic presented in their textbooks.

On 3rd November 2020, Mrs. Akila Narasimman, secretary to UNICEF in Tamilnadu conducted awareness training on 4 dimension of children’s life’s skill (Empowerment, Employability, Citizenship and learning) through online. Mr. Kannappan, Tamilnadu Educational Director addressed group on this topics. All our teachers participated in this training.



On 5<sup>th</sup> November, “Kala Kala Vakuppu” programme was organized by Mr. Siva, Madurai. All the teachers participated with zeal and received awareness on how to keep the children more attentive in their classes.

### **Pooja Celebration**

As usual, we celebrated Saraswati Pooja, the Goddess of Knowledge, on 24th October in St Peter’s Primary School campus. Our teachers made all the arrangements for the Pooja. The writing materials, computers and notebooks were placed before the Goddess and blessed. In the afternoon, our mobile science teachers organized science exhibition for our teachers. All our school teachers saw the exhibition and received the science knowledge in a practical way.

