

# Reaching The Unreached

G. Kallupatti, Near Batlagundu, Theni Dt. 625 203

## Activities of May 2021

Dear Brothers,

Greetings from RTU.

### Continuing our financial support

As before we have had to send all the children in our Children's Villages home to any relatives they may have, and we are only allowed to keep those who have no relatives or in special circumstances. We are keeping in touch regularly and sending financial support Rs.2000 to the relatives so that nutritious food and medicines are guaranteed to our 252 children during this second wave.

### New arrival of poor boys to RTU



Two siblings, Manikandan and Anbarasan, aged 13 and 10, have recently come to RTU. Their father is a differently-abled person and their mother is a drug addict begging in Trichy Railway station. Both boys were found roaming around the railway station by the railway police and handed them over to an Open Shelter home in Trichy. Staff members in this shelter came to know that these two boys were from the Dindigul District, so they referred them to the Child Welfare

Commission in Dindigul who then referred them to us. We admitted them to our Miriam Children's Village and they are settling in well. They will continue their studies with our teachers through online lessons in 8th standard and 5th standard in our schools.

### Happier news!

### Great achievement by our professional students



TVS Motor Company in Chennai selected two of our professional students, Prasanth and Vijay, in a campus interview at Kammavar Polytechnic College, when they completed their Diploma course in Mechanical Engineering. Now they are placed in Chennai and have started to earn. Kudos to our students - their hard work will definitely bring them a good future. We wish them all the best for their career ahead!

### Bridal celebration!

On 17th May 2021, one of our alumni Mr. K.Vignesh married Yogapriya in their own village Kannapatti in a very simple way without their relatives. Vignesh came to RTU in 1997 at the age of 4 with his elder sister Shobana (7 years) as their father died and their mother Mrs.Saroja joined as a Foster Mother in Nirmala Children's Village. Later, Shobana



did her Lab Technician course. After her studies, she got married and she is having 2 beautiful daughters now. Vignesh completed his B.E. Chemical Engineering at St.Michael's Engineering College, Sivagangai from 2009 to 2013, and now he is running his own business in a sports shop in Batlagundu. Still, Mrs.Saroja is working in our Michel's Boys Hostel. Due to COVID situations, we could not attend his marriage and we wished over the phone to the couple for their new married life.

### **New paramedical staff to our Pushparani Clinic**

One of our alumni Ms.S.Pandiswari has joined as a paramedical Staff in our RTU's Pushparani clinic on 17th May 2021. She came to RTU in 2008 at the age of 10 as the father died in the year 2003 and her mother passed away in 2007. So, the maternal uncle and the relatives were unable to take care of her and requested us to admit her in RTU's care. So, Pandiswari is still in RTU's care from the 5th standard. After completing her higher secondary school studies, she successfully completed her GNM course (3 ½ years) in the Medical College – School of Nursing in Madurai in the year 2019. For the last two years, she worked in St. Thomas Hospital in Chennai. As Mrs.Fatima Mary retired from our clinic on 1st May 2021, we were looking for paramedical staff. Our alumni Pandiswari came forward and expressed her willingness to serve in our clinic. We welcomed her to do her duty and wished her all the best.



### **Practical exams for the 12<sup>th</sup> students**



12th standard students sat their practical exams and completed them successfully. Mr Balaji, the District Educational Officer from Theni, inspected our exam centre on 21st April and Mrs Subashini, the Chief Educational Officer on 24th April. They were full of praise for our students for their practical skills in handling the equipment and knowledge about the experiments carried out during the exams. After the exams finished, we have had to send the 12th standard students to their homes as per the Government order.

On the last day, we organized a small farewell meeting and motivated them to prepare for their public exam during these study holidays which are currently postponed.

### **Continuing online class our 12<sup>th</sup> standard students**

As the Tamilnadu government announced the closing of all schools from the 1st of April, we also closed our St. Peter's Higher Secondary School for the 12<sup>th</sup> standard students. But our teachers are continuing to send the lessons online to our students. They also conducted two online exams to prepare for their public exam.

### **Child Rights Training – Phase II**

Two days of second phase Child Rights and Human Rights training was organised for 42 new staff members on 23 and 24 April in our Douai Boys' Hostel. Mr ShiyamSundar, Mr Kalaivanan and Mr Maria Soosai from the SOLAR Trust in Chennai were the resource persons and explained how to be a Friend, Philosopher, and Guide to the child



in the community and also how to help in creating and strengthening a safe environment around children. They shared how to focus on developing comprehensive life skills in children in our community so that they are empowered and are responsible citizens of society. Finally, they also explained the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.

### **Organizing yoga for the physiotherapy patients**



In order to increase flexibility, improve balance, and have a greater range of motion in the neck and hip, we started yoga exercises like Padmasana, Pranayama, and Vajrasana for our physiotherapy patients for two hours every day. This yoga involves a combination of postures, meditation, breathing, and observation techniques which can greatly benefit stroke recovery.

Yours fraternally

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