

ACTIVITIES AT VOLONTARIAT DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST '2007

PARRAINAGE SECTION

A total of 923 letters were sent to different God-parents who are sponsoring one or more children in Volontariat, while 167 letters were received from them for the children whom they sponsor. Also during this month 22 files (requesting for sponsorship) were sent to the different committees and two such files have been confirmed for sponsorship.

A list of 156 sponsored students who had reported to Volontariat was made and handed over to the social workers to follow up the matter about their whereabouts. Note books, guide books and uniforms were issued to various sponsored students. Group birthday celebration was conducted and gifts were distributed to those children whose birthday fell in the month of August. Two of our sponsored students were helped to get admission in different engineering colleges for higher studies. Two of the ex-sponsored students were helped for their marriage and another one of them participated in the National Football Championship held in Kashmir.

HEALTH SECTION

During this month a total number of 910 patients were given homoeopathic treatment and 1758 patients having various complains were given dressing. De-addiction and follow-ups were made for 5 cases. Two new Cardiac Cases have been operated and are under regular check-up and three more are waiting to undergo the heart surgery. Five people have been provided with spectacles. Seminars on advantages of breast-feeding, personal and dental hygiene were given to the sponsored children and their parents. Artificial limb was also provided to one of the inmates of the Thendral Illam – a home for the elderly cured lepers. There were also a number of dental cases who were given treatment here. spirulina capsules were provided for all the children and the mothers at Nila Illam.

GYPSY PROJECT

We are still trying to finalize the piece land which has been allotted to us for the construction of the Dispensary in the area. This is due to the fact that the Airport Authorities are planning to extend the Airport boundaries and we are not sure if it will cover the land allotted to us for the purpose. In the meantime we had organized a cleaning camp in the gypsy locality where a number of students from Pondicherry University extended their helping hand to clean up the area. Letters

for conducting a medical camp in the area has also been dispatched to the different hospitals and Govt. Departments.

SOURIYA HOME

The total strength of the home as of now is 13 boys. As usual the boys go for their classes during the day time while a couple of them go for vocational training. One of the old inmates of the Home - a young boy named Chandru who had also undergone open heart Surgery expired this month. The doctor had requested all our boys to be present for the funeral to show respect to the departed soul. The rest everything was as usual at the Home.

CRECHE & KINDERGARTEN

The children of our crèche and kindergarten staged a beautiful programme on the eve our country's Independence Day anniversary. There was also a workshop organized on the importance of Breast Feeding in which all the mothers of our crèche and K.G. children participated. The files stating the progress of each child has been updated and family photo of each child has been placed in their respective files. Those children who have been absent for more than a week were given a visit to their houses and report was prepared accordingly.

AGRICULTURAL FARM

Fresh paddy sapling has been transplanted this month whereas the previously grown paddy is ripe for harvest and is likely to be harvested by the end of September. Other fruits and vegetables have been given weeding and pruning. New batches of chicken have been bought and the others have been vaccinated. The total milk yield for this month was 2193.5 liters. The total number of farmers working at the farm for this month was 257 men and 222 women.

SOCIAL WORK SECTION

A workshop programme was organized for women, on **the advantages of breast feeding**. 40 parents of the crèche and kindergarten children participated in the workshop. The social workers had also made several enquiries about the social status of those people who came requesting help for hut renovation. After a thorough enquiry a couple of them were extended help. Beside this several other social cases were also enquired to study the possibility of extending help.

ATELIER SHANTI

During this month of August they had 24 working days in which they had been able to make 54 rolls of fabrics. The sewing and the embroidery section also fabricated different varieties of items which they put up for sale in our Navin Showroom. They also exported some of the finished products including fabrics rolls to Toulouse in France and also received orders for some items from Europe.