

Activities at Volontariat in the month of July '07

Health Section:

During this month a total number of 884 patients were given homoeopathic treatment and 1556 patients having various complaints were given dressing. One of the patients who was an alcoholic and was under treatment expired at TB Sanatorium. Three new Cardiac Cases have been operated and are under regular check up. Four people have been provided with spectacles. Seminars on personal and dental hygiene were given to the sponsored children and their parents. There were also a number of dental cases who were given treatment here.

Parrainage Section:

15 new files with the details of various non – sponsored children were sent to the Belgium Committee this month seeking their help in finding sponsorship for those children wherein four such children's sponsorship has been confirmed. A birthday celebration was organized for all those children born in the month of April, May, June and July. A couple of God - parents came to see their sponsored children and bought various gifts for them. All the sponsored children have been provided with all the materials needed for their studies.

Souriya Home:

A fresh pamphlet regarding the activities at the Home was prepared and distributed to all the different NGOs, Police and other Govt. Departments and the Bus Terminals. One of our boy's grand father who was his only guardian after his parents deserted him, died this month. The boy is now fully under our care. A Belgian couple who is our annual guest came to our Home on a fine Sunday to spend the day with us. They gave a beautiful session on the evils of smoking to the boys. The boys were very much interested in the session as they posed various types of questions.

Social Work Section:

This month too the social workers were busy making a lot of enquiries regarding the help that could be extended to those who approached us requesting for the same. Several people had come requesting help for the renovation of their huts and based on the enquiry they received help from us in getting their huts renovated. A couple of them came also requesting help for the mid day meals, educational and medical help etc. all the genuine cases were given the required help. A couple of seminars on AIDS awareness were also conducted. The social workers also helped several people in getting loans for their needs and several were counseled to counter their problems.

One of the major works of the social workers were to help our young sponsored students who had finisher their secondary studies to choose the correct stream for their further / higher studies. They also helped them in getting their study loans and to join good institutions where they could get a better education.

Gypsy Project:

A couple of camps on health and social awareness were conducted for the gypsy population of Pondicherry who live close to Lawspet. The children were divided into different groups and were given a good bath and also helped to trim their nails and keep themselves clean. A seminar on use of contraceptive and AIDS awareness was also conducted in which they enthusiastically participated. Some letters to the Govt. Depts. have also been dispatched regarding a proper toilet for them. Discussions are on with a Medical College to give the gypsy a regular visit and to look into their health conditions.

Nila Illam:

At present there are five Foster Mothers taking care of 41 children. During the new academic year almost all the children were admitted in new schools which imparted better education than the previous ones. A couple of teenage boys (especially from the Gypsy background) would regularly run away from the boarding. Finally the school administration issued them Transfer Certificates and sent them out of the school. An alternative solution soon has to be choked out for these boys.

All the children were given new school bags and all the study materials. There was regular meeting between the mothers and the caretakers to ensure a smooth running of the project. One of the mothers left Nila Illam to stay with her family. A couple of new boys from the Gypsy colony were also admitted into the Home.

T.T.K. Farm:

During this month transplanting, weeding and fertilizer application to the paddy plants were done. The coconut trees were dressed and around 125 nos. of new mango saplings were planted. Several banana trees too were planted and fertilizers were applied. 1718 nos. of new chicks were received at the farm. The milk yield for the month was 2457 litres. Around 60kgs. of coconut oil and 266kgs. of ragi flour were supplied to Selva Nilayam.

Tsunami:

During this month all the work except the final course of colour wash for the houses were completed. The construction work for the infra structural buildings were started with the approval for the Karaikal Planning Authority.