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Christmas Celebrations



Family Reunion & Christmas Celebrations



2 Days' Camp
Venue: Puthupunal- Children's' Home, SJDT,
Genguvapatti
Date: 24th to 27th December 2011
St.Joseph's Development Trust
Genguvarpatti
Theni District

DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMMES:

24.12.2011: Arrival, Distribution of New Dresses, Holy Mass, Christmas Celebration
25.12.2011: Rising and Cleaning, Cultural Competitions, Dinner and Rest
26.12.2011: Rising, Sports Competitions



INTRODUCTION:

St.Joseph's Development Trust, ever since the time of its inception, has been running many homes and orphanage programmes for the orphan, semi orphan, neglected, abandoned, poor and underprivileged children in the districts of Dindigul, Theni and Nagapattinam of Tamilnadu with the support of many foreign donor agencies. So far more than 1500 children have benefitted through these homes and orphanages programme and many have completed their college studies and have settled well in their life. As of now five homes and orphanage programmes are run by SJDT in Dindigul, Theni and Nagapattinam Districts of Tamilnadu. Here below we give you the details of the Homes and Orphanages.

Pudhu Vasantham- A Home for Orphan, Semi orphan, Abandoned and Neglected girl children, Murugathooranpatti, Dindigul.
Pudhu Udhayam- A Home and Special School for Mentally Retarded and Physically Handicapped Children, Murugathooranpatti, Dindigul.

Pudhu Yugam- A Shelter Home for the Rehabilitation of Street and Working Children, Dindigul.

Pudhu Punal- A Home for Babies and orphans, Genguvarpatti, Theni District.

Pudhu Irudhayam- A Home for orphan and abandoned children- Thiruvaidakazhi, Tranquebar, Nagapattinam.



Founder and Executive Director of SJDT, Rev.Dr. Bro.I. Sebastian FSC, organized a special camp for these children on the occasion of Christmas 2011 to make the children physically and mentally happy. It was a family reunion camp where the old students who stayed in these homes were also invited to participate in the programme.

In this short report we give you various activities that took place during the camp for your perusal.

DURATION OF THE CAMP:
It was a full two days programme which started on the evening of 24th December 2011 and ended on the morning of 27th December 2011.

VENUE OF THE CAMP:
The camp was held in Pudhu Punal which is in the campus of SJDT's head office at Genguvarpatti in Theni District.

The purposes of the camp were:

- >To reunite the children who have benefitted through our homes and orphanages programme in the past years
- >To give opportunity for the current children to interact with the old children and learn from their experiences
- >To educate the children on the importance of family relationship.
- >To make the children happy both mentally and physically.
- >To provide a platform for the children to exhibit their curricular and extracurricular talents.
- >To refresh and orientate the children to have positive approach in their life.
- >To enhance the children to make concrete decision to follow in the year 2012.
- >To create cordial relationship with the staff and children.



DETAILS OF THE PARTICIPANTS:

325 current children, 50 old children and 25 staff participated in this camp. Staff list includes the staff who are working in the respective homes and orphanages. A total number of 375 children benefitted through this camp. Home wise details of the participants are given below.

Consolidated Details:

Participants Details Number of Participants

Present Students 325

Old Students 50

Staff 25

Total 400

PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED DURING THE CAMP:

Major programmes conducted during the camp are as follows.

- Holy Mass and Prayer
- Christmas Celebration
- Sports Competitions
- Cultural Competitions
- Input Sessions
- Cultural events
- Interaction (Old students Vs. Present Students)

For each programme responsible persons were appointed so as to ensure perfect execution of the planned programme. Here below we give you the details of the persons who were responsible for executing the planned activities.

TIME TABLE:

The camp was held in the campus of Pudhu Punal which is in SJDT's Head Office Premises at Genguvarpatti, Theni District. Children from the other four homes, (Pudhu Vasantham, Pudhu Yugam, Pudhu Irudhayam and Pudhu Udhayam) reached Pudhu Punal on 24th December 2011, by 6 P.M. On that day Holy mass and Christmas celebrations were held. On 25th and 26th December 2011, different competitions, cultural events and input sessions were organized and on 27th the children left to their respective homes. Here below we give you the detailed time schedule.



24.12.2011 04.00 PM Children's Arrival
06.00 PM Holy Mass
08.30 PM Dinner
10.00 PM to 12.00 PM Christmas Celebrations (firing crackers)

25.12.2011 07.00 AM Rising
07.00 AM to 09.00 AM Cleaning (Self and Surroundings)
09.00 AM to 10.00 AM Breakfast
10.00 AM to 12.30 PM Leak round Competitions (Essay writing, painting, drawing, elocution, one word quiz)
12.30 PM to 02.00 PM Lunch Break
02.00 PM to 04.30 PM Competitions (Essay writing, painting, drawing, elocution, one word quiz)
04.30 PM to 06.00 PM Tea Break
06.00 PM to 07.30 PM Bathing
07.30 PM to 09.00 PM Christmas Dinner

09.00 PM to 11.00 PM TV Programme (Documentary Movie)

26.12.2011 07.00 AM Rising
07.00 AM to 08.30 AM Cleaning (Self and Surroundings)
08.30 AM to 09.15 AM Prayer
09.15 AM to 10.00 AM Breakfast
10.00 AM to 12.30 PM Input Sessions
12.30 PM to 02.30 PM Lunch Break
02.30 PM to 04.00 PM Competitions (One word quiz)
04.00 PM to 05.00 PM Tea Break
05.00 PM to 07.30 PM Cultural Programme
07.30 PM to 09.00 PM Dinner

27.12.2011 07.00 AM to 08.00 AM Rising and Cleaning
08.00 AM to 09.00 AM Breakfast
09.00 AM Leaving Back to Homes

24.12.2011 Arrival, Distribution of New Dresses and Holy Mass:



All the children from the other four homes arrived at Pudhu Punal by 24th evening 6 O'clock. 50 old children also arrived by that time. As soon as the children arrived they were gathered in front of the Pudhu Punal stage and all of them were provided with new Christmas dresses by Brother I. Sebastian FSC. Children happily received the dresses, wore it and got ready for the Holy Mass. Once the children were ready they were taken to RTU (Reaching The Unreached) which is near Pudhu Punal for the Holy Mass.

Children were taken by our Tempo Traveler. Children participated in the Eucharist very piously and prayed for their well being and education. After the Holy Mass the children were brought back to Pudhu Punal for further celebration.

Christmas Celebration:

After the Holy Mass, children returned back Pudhu Punal around 9.30 PM. As children returned Christmas cake was cut in the home by our Brother and the same was distributed to all the children. After cake cutting cottage wise Christmas carols were sung by children. After the carols crackers were cracked on the open ground by all the children. Once the crackers were fired children were given nutritious meals with sweets. Children enjoyed the meals and sweets and around 11.30 PM all the children went to bed.



Rising and Cleaning:

On the Christmas Day, children woke up at 7 AM and after finishing their morning calls, they cleaned their cottages, stages and surroundings after that they did their self cleaning and got ready for that day's programme around 9 AM. Children were served breakfast at 9 AM. Children were given good breakfast with home prepared sweets and chocolates. Children finished their breakfast by 10 AM.

Cultural Competitions:

Around 10 O'clock preliminary round cultural competitions were started. Children were divided standard wise. Competitions in essay writing, elocution, drawings, poem writing and singing were organized. Competition to know about the children's knowledge about the institution and St. Delasalle were also organized. All the competitions were held simultaneously under different persons' supervisions. Brother supervised the singing competition, Ms. Anushiya supervised Essay writing and drawing competitions, Poem writing, Delasalle and Institution competitions were supervised by Ms. Shanmugavalli and Mrs. Deisyrani. Around 1 O'clock the competitions were ended. After that children were provided sumptuous noon meals and went for rest. At 3 O'clock children had their tea and snacks. Up to six O'clock children practiced for dance competition and the other children spent in playing different games. Around 6 O'clock dance competitions were held. This competition was held home wise as well as standard wise. Brother was the chief quest and jury for the dance competition. Brother selected 3 groups from the dance competition.

Dinner and Rest:

After the dance competition around 8.30 PM children had their dinner and spent some time leisurely in recreation and interaction and after that around 10.30 PM they all went to bed.

Rising:

On 26th morning children woke up early and got ready by 7 O'clock. After finishing their morning prayers and breakfast all the children gathered in front of the open ground for the sports competition.

Sports Competitions:



On 26th morning around 8 O'clock sports competitions were held. From morning 8 O'clock to 11 O'clock preliminary rounds were held. Children were divided into three different groups. Children those who are studying above 9th standard were categorized in one group, children studying between 6th to 8th standard were categorized into one group and children studying in the primary school level were categorized into one group. For the children those who study above 9th standard, running race, sack race, brick race, stone collecting and tri-leg race were conducted. Lemon spoon and skipping competitions were held for the children those who study between 6th to 8th standard and running race, frog race and etc were conducted for the primary school children. Children from all the homes

participated in these competitions and exhibited their athletics' talents. Brother was the chief quest for the sports competitions. Brother and all the staff were very happy to see their children's sportive spirit. These sports competitions ended around 11 PM. after that children had bath and gathered for the input session.



Input sessions:

From 12 PM to 01.30 PM input sessions were handled for the children those who study above 6th standard. Bro.I.Sebastian handled a session for the children those who study above 9th standard to up to college on the topic "How to face the current environmental scenario?" and Mr.Duraipandi handled a session for the 6th, 7th and 8th standard children on the topic "Positive Living". This was a participative learning session and all the children actively participated in this input session. 82 children participated in the brother's session and 79 children participated in Mr.Duraipandian's session. Here below we give you the summary of brother and Mr.Duraipandian's input sessions.



Brother's Session:

Due to the development of science many new inventions have come up and that play vital role in our day today life. The whole world is moving along with the scientific inventions and development. People have started to adopt themselves as per the scientific improvements. This has led to competitive living. At this juncture we also need to cope up with the developing world and the environment. We need to learn to swim across the competitive world. For this we need to understand the factors that hinder our growth and how we can tackle them with due diligence. He also made the children to realize that nothing from outside of us can determine our growth or hinder our growth but it is an individual himself or herself decide his or her growth. We should not blame the outside factors as hindrance of our growth rather we need to adopt and accustomise to the changing trend and move ahead competitively. Further he said when we do something we first think of that, decide on that and foresee the impact of that and so it is we who decide our life and not the outside factors alone. An act is executed only on the basis of thinking, deciding and the impact expected from the act. First of all one need to realize and understand about oneself and recognize one's talents before involving in any of the activities. We need to understand that whether we can perform a certain activity successfully before indulging in it. We also should realize the reasons for failures and try to overcome the failures in the future by addressing the reasons adequately. We need to understand about ourselves fully and then we need to understand the people those who are living around us for living in this competitive world. Brother also gave a simple exercise to the children. He asked the children to write down their talents. Once the children completed the exercise he asked some of the children to share it with all the children. After the sharing he informed the children that we all possess all the talents, but we don't use them properly. Each one of us has got some unique talents and that need to be recognized and identified by any means. Once we identify the factors that control or hinder us from achieving our aims then we can use those factors positively for our growth. If we don't identify the factors that control us then we become slaves to them. Only selfish people will think that we cannot do anything and let everything happen as per the fate. These people who believe in fate are those who cannot take decision on their life. They change themselves as per the changing environment without standing for their own set of values and priorities. They depend upon others to decide their life. We need to understand that we are not cheated by others it is we who cheat ourselves. To certain extent we inherit some of our characters and talents from our ancestors which is known as hereditarily inherited. We need to control and channelize our feelings and emotions. We need to identify our good and bad characteristics and take necessary steps to develop the good characteristics and avoid bad characteristics. This input session helped our children with needed inputs to know about themselves more deeply and use the insights derived from the session for facing their life with more confidence and courage.



Mr. Duraipandian's Session:

Mr. Duraipandian through his session motivated the children to plan for their future, to enhance their skills, for participatory action and for self-actualization. He asked the children about their future aim. Children expressed that they want to become, doctors, teachers, IAS, IPS, social workers etc. and then he divided the children into different small groups and asked them to write down the needed qualifications and characteristics to become doctor, teacher, IAS, IPS, social worker etc. Children as a group discussed and noted down the points and shared the same in the common sitting. From the common presentation he made the children to realize that to achieve specific aim specific characteristics and qualification is very essential and if you want to achieve your future aim, from now onwards you need to develop the characteristics and achieve the needed qualifications. He also conducted some thematic games for the children to help them to understand his input sessions much easily. He also through his session motivated the children to be very active always, develop the inherited and acquired skills and work hard now itself to achieve their dream. He also emphasized the children to have positive approach in all walks of their life. Children were very happy as his session had lot of games and group interaction and at the same time children could easily understand the concept.

After the input session children had their lunch and went for rest up to 3 O'clock. From 3 PM to 6 PM final rounds were held for all the cultural and sports competitions. These were held in the presence of Brother. From the final rounds winners and runners were selected for each event.



Concluding Session:

At 6 O' clock in the evening children had their tea and snacks followed by concluding session with cultural events. Children from all the homes displayed different cultural programmes to make the evening special and memorable. Old students for their part presented dance programme during the event. All the children enjoyed the cultural events. In between the event Santa Claus appeared in front of the children all of a sudden and distributed sweets and gifts to all the children. Children were very happy and enjoyed thoroughly. Santa Claus wished the children Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

The cultural programmes ended around 8.30 PM and after that children were given special meals to end the camp. After the supper children had interaction with brother and their friends and around 10.30 PM all of them went to bed.

At the end of the concluding session brother gave away the prizes to the children those who won in different cultural and sports events. Overall championship trophy was given to Pudhu Punal children for their extraordinary performances in all the events. Here below we give you the details of the children those who won in different cultural and sports

competitions.

Cultural Competitions:

1. Singing Competition								
9 th and Above		6 th to 8 th		4 th to 5 th		1 st to 3 rd		
Winners	Home	Winners	Home	Winners	Home	Winners	Home	
Selvi	Old student	Periyasamy Team	Pudhu Yugam	Diayana	Pudhu Punal	Valarmathi-1		Pudhu Punal
Pandi Selvi	Pudhu Punal	Saranya Team	Pudhu Vasantham	Darthi	Pudhu Punal	Jency-2		Pudhu Punal
				R.Rajeshwari	Pudhu Irudhayam	Ajitha-2		Pudhu Punal
						Ganka Priya-2		Pudhu Punal
Elocution Competition								
9 th and Above		6 th to 8 th		4 th to 5 th		1 st to 3 rd		
Saleth	Pudhu Punal	Ishwariya	Pudhu Punal					
Sudha	Pudhu Vasantham	Pavithra-2	Pudhu Irudhayam					
		Hema-2	Pudhu Irudhayam					
		Saranya-2	Pudhu Irudhayam					
Essay Writing Competition								
9 th and Above		6 th to 8 th		4 th to 5 th		1 st to 3 rd		
Pandiselvi	Pudhu Punal							
Anushiya	Old Student							
Dance Competition								
9 th and Above		6 th to 8 th		4 th to 5 th		1 st to 3 rd		
Saleth	Pudhu Punal	Sanjai Team	Pudhu Yugam	Diana Team	Pudhu Punal	Ajith Team		Pudhu Punal
Pandiselvi	Pudhu Punal	Divya Bharathi Team	Pudhu Punal	Karthika Team	Pudhu Vasantham	Sharmila Team		Pudhu Punal
Vijayalakshimi	Pudhu Irudhayam	Janaki Team	Pudhu Vasantham			Esther Team		Pudhu Irudhayam
Exam on St.Delasalle								
9 th and Above		6 th to 8 th		4 th to 5 th		1 st to 3 rd		
Saleth	Pudhu Punal	Parameshwari	Pudhu Punal	Diayana	Pudhu Punal	Jency-1		Pudhu Punal
Pandi Selvi	Pudhu Punal	Mahalakshimi	Pudhu Vasantham	Punitha	Pudhu Punal	Anitha-2		Pudhu Punal
						Arul-2		Pudhu Punal
Drawing Competition								
9 th and Above		6 th to 8 th		4 th to 5 th		1 st to 3 rd		
Saleth	Pudhu Punal							
Infanta	Pudhu Irudhayam							
Poem Writing								
9 th and Above		6 th to 8 th		4 th to 5 th		1 st to 3 rd		
Selvi	Old Student							
Saleth	Pudhu Punal							

Sports Competitions: Girls

Sl.No	Competitions	Name of the winners	Prize	Standard	Home
1.	400 Meter Race	Merciya	First Prize	10 th Standard	Pudhu Vasantham
		Mariya Lavanya	Second Prize	9 th Standard	Pudhu Vasantham
2.	200 Meter Race	Naga Jothi	First Prize	7 th Standard	Pudhu Vasantham
		Banu	First Prize	8 th Standard	Pudhu Punal
		Nisha	Second Prize	7 th Standard	Pudhu Punal
3.	Sack Race	R.Smithra	First Prize	9 th Standard	Pudhu Vasantham
		Mariya Lavanya	Second Prize	9 th Standard	Pudhu Vasantham
4.	Tri leg race	Infanta and Revathi	First Prize	10 th Standard	Pudhu Irudhayam
		Saleth and Pandi Selvi	Second Prize	College	Pudhu Punal
5.	Brick Race	Pandi Selvi	First Prize	College	Pudhu Punal
		Vijayalakshimi	Second Prize	10 th Standard	Pudhu Vasantham
6.	Skipping	Revathi	First Prize	6 th Standard	Pudhu Punal
		S.Mousika	Second Prize	7 th Standard	Pudhu Vasantham
		M.Naga Jothi	Second Prize	7 th Standard	Pudhu Vasantham
7.	Lemon Spoon	M.Sangeetha	First Prize	7 th Standard	Pudhu Vasantham
		Jegathish Prabha	Second Prize	6 th Standard	Pudhu Punal

8.	Running Race for Balwadi Children (below five years of age)	Irudhaya	First Prize	Balwadi	Pudhu Punal
		Vinci	Second Prize	Balwadi	Pudhu Punal
		Siva Bala	Third Prize	Balwadi	Pudhu Punal
9.	Frog Race	Vinci	First Prize	Balwadi	Pudhu Punal
		Sheela	Second Prize	Balwadi	Pudhu Punal
		Tharani	Third Prize	Balwadi	Pudhu Punal
10.	Stone Collection	Irudhaya	First Prize	Balwadi	Pudhu Punal
		Sundhari	First Prize	Balwadi	Pudhu Irudhayam
		Sheela	Second Prize	Balwadi	Pudhu Punal
		Vinci	Second Prize	Balwadi	Pudhu Punal
		Sebila	Second Prize	Balwadi	Pudhu Punal

Sports Competitions: Boys

Sl.No	Competitions	Name of the winners	Prize	Standard	Home
1.	400 Meter Race	Joe	First Prize	10 th Standard	Pudhu Yugam
		Micheal	Second Prize	10 th Standard	Pudhu Yugam
		Muniselvam	Third Prize	10 th Standard	Pudhu Yugam
2.	200 Meter Race	Vadivel	First Prize		Pudhu Yugam
		Karthick	Second Prize		Pudhu Yugam
		P.Nagaraj	Third Prize		Pudhu Yugam
3.	100 Meter Race	Sivakumar	First Prize		Pudhu Yugam
		Sonai Muthu	Second Prize		Pudhu Yugam
		Manikandan	Second Prize		Pudhu Yugam
		Pandiyaraj	Third Prize		Pudhu Yugam
4.	50 Meter Race	M.Suriya	First Prize		Pudhu Yugam
		Manikandan	Second Prize		Pudhu Yugam
		Ramesh	Third Prize		Pudhu Yugam
5.	Sack Race	Joe	First Prize	10 th Standard	Pudhu Yugam
		Aakash	Second Prize	10 th Standard	Pudhu Yugam
		Rabin	Third Prize	10 th Standard	Pudhu Yugam

CONCLUSION:

On the 27th December 2011, children woke up early in the morning, refreshed themselves and had their breakfast around 7.30 AM and after that they thanked Brother and left to their respective homes around 8 O'clock. Old children also went back to their homes after thanking brother, staff, warden and cook. Before children left home they said that it was a wonderful camp where they got a chance to meet their old friends, staff, warden and kitchen staff with whom they stayed for many years. All the children thanked brother for organizing such a camp and helping them to reflect on their past life and plan for the future and requested brother to organize such a family reunion programme at least once in a year. Brother also assured them to organize such a programme every year and advised all the children to perform better in their studies and lead a good life with positive outlook and approach. Overall it was a fantastic event where all the members of the five homes were united as one family and lived together for two full days enjoying different activities and relishing their past memories. This event provided an opportunity for all the children to reflect on their past life and plan positively for the future. It also helped them to get relieved of their mental pressures and provided them opportunities to refresh themselves both physically and mentally.

