Director’s Message

One day a lady came to a holy man and said that she spoke ill of someone and that she was now very sorry for it. She wanted to know, what she could do to rectify her mistake.

The holy man listened to her patiently, he then asked her to go to the market and fetch a hen from there. He insisted that she plucked its feathers and cleaned it before coming back to him.

The lady followed his advice strictly. Very soon she came back to the Saint with a hen having plucked all its feathers and cleaned up. The holy man now asked her to bring all the plucked feathers which she had thrown away. The lady was surprised to hear his words. She said that it was impossible to gather all the feathers now. The feathers, she argued, must have scattered in all directions.

It is only that the holy man told her that just as it was impossible to collect the scattered feathers now, in the same way it would be difficult if not impossible to undo a wrong done to someone. Then she realized the seriousness of her mistake and held her head in shame.

We must remember that it is not for us to judge our fellow brothers and sisters. It is only God who can do justice to all of us by judging us properly. Therefore, we should not ourselves spoil good names of others in order to punish them for a deed which we think is wrong. Let us rather leave these judgments on God. In the mean time, let everybody maintain his or her reputation.

MORAL:

How difficult it is to set right an evil, once it has spoiled someone’s reputation. When you are in the light, everything follows you, but when you enter into the dark, even your own shadow doesn’t follow you.
FAREWELL TO REV.FR. BALASHOWRY

On 26th June 2013 marks an important day as the Salesians, staff and students bid farewell and thanked Fr. S. Balashowry, who served as Director of Don Bosco Navajeevan, last 6 years and for his selfless service rendered to this institute to the date. The programme was organized in Don Bosco Navajeevan Auditorium, Ramanthapur. Children from all the three centres of DBNJ, staff, department heads, volunteers and some guests were present. During stay as Director, he has been kind and gentle to everyone who visited DBNJ centres in Twin Cities.

Fr. TD John during his talk expressed his gratitude on behalf of Salesians, staff and students and illustrated it through a inspiring story of ("this too will pass away") what is the basis of our security? success, money, friends, property, popularity, Family connections insurance etc., A spiritual life or secure life depends not based on any created things but on God who is everlasting Love. He wished Fr. Balashowry all the success in the new place. Inmates, especially the children expressed their gratitude, love and their closeness to Fr. Balashowry through well prepared colourful cultural programme. Fr. Balashowry in his farewell the message recalled his memorable experiences and thanked all the Salesians, staff and children.

In a special way he thanked all the donors who were supporting Don Bosco Navajeevan, Hyderabad last six years. The memorable and unforgettable event was concluded with a fellowship meal with friends and family members of the staff.

WELCOME TO REV. FR. SUDHAKAR

Fr. Bellamkonda Sudhakar the new Director of Don Bosco Navajeevan returned from Rome, Italy after successful completion of Licentiate in “Youth Spirituality” from UPS (Universita Pontificia Salesina) on 28th June 2013. Fr. V.T. Philip, Vice Rector of the community received him at the Airport along with his mother and some close relations accompanied him Don Bosco Navajeevan, Ramanthapur. Fr. Balashowry the ex-director, Salesians, staff and students received him at the institute. He was given a fitting welcome Fr. Balashowry introduced him staff and students.

He also said that prior to leaving to Rome he was the Director of Bosco Seva Kendra (BSK) Development Office of the Salesian Province of Hyderabad for about 7 years. He congratulated the new Director and wished him all the best in the new ministry at Don Bosco Navajeevan, Hyderabad. On 1st of July 2013 during the Eucharistic celebration in the presence fellow confreres and some of the children Fr. Raminedi Balarju, Provincial, installed Fr. Sudhakar as the Rector of Don Bosco Navajeevan, Hyderabad.

In his homily Fr. Provincial said that leader must inspire, guide, encourage and give hope to all those who are entrusted to his care. Fr. Sudhakar thanked and assured him his cooperation for his confidence and trust he placed on him. He also thanked his fellow confreres and students present during the Mass.

Hearty Welcome to Fr. Ignatius, Dean and Fr. Gnana Prakasham, Principal, Technical School who have joined newly in the Salesian community.
A REPORT ON RAPID ASSESSMENT SURVEY OF STREET CHILDREN


Identifying Spots:
Hot spots of street children are cited at signals, flyovers, under bridges, religious premises like churches, temples, Masjids, Gurudwara, markets, bus depots, railway stations and dumping grounds are some of the identified spots.

Training the Field Personnel:
A thorough orientation was given by Ms. Susen Mathew from Mumbai to all the field personnel regarding the purpose of study, definitions of street children, the tools (interview schedule, interview guideline) and administration of tools to collect data.

This included, familiarizing the questions for time management, clarifications in the interview schedule, how to conduct an interview, how to enter the data, how to identify the children as respondents, time for each interview, number of children to be interviewed from a group, appropriateness of information, (for both closed and open ended) how to effectively gather the data as a group etc..

Secondary Source of Information outside the Field:

Interviews with the Head of NGO:
Street children are the primary source of data in the rapid assessment study. However to get a holistic picture of the issues concerning the street children, information from officials of NGOs working with street children was collected.

The information will be relevant for policy formation as well as resource allocation. Interview guidelines were used seeking data relating to the street children, major concerns and issues of NGOs.

Focus Group Discussion with Street Children & NGOs:
FGD among street children were organized in some of the NGOs like Divya Disha, Auxillium Navajeevana etc at their shelters. We have organized FGDs with 6-8 children of 8 -18 yrs of age. In the same manner we have also organized FGDs with the heads of the Organizations in their premises.

Data on Street Children from NGOs:
Data of street children was collected from each NGO which has given us an idea of how many children are away from home.

Out of 150 wards in Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) limits, we have conducted survey in 35 wards where there are Maximum Street children gather. There are 25 field staff have involved in Rapid Assessment Survey.
DENTAL CAMP

A Dental camp was conducted at Don Bosco Navajeevan Home, New Bhoiguda by Dr. Jyostna and team. Around 50 children have undergone dental checkup. Doctors gave valuable suggestions regarding the protection of teeth during the camp. The doctors prescribed medicine and gave reports of the children who have several dental problems and referred to the hospitals. Medicines are given to the children who have dental problems, following the valuable suggestions given by the Doctors.

Don Bosco Navajeevan is thankful to the Doctors who have conducted this medical camp for the underprivileged children.

RALLY ON WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR

Don Bosco Navajeevan organized a rally on ‘World Day Against Child Labour’ at Ramanthapur on 12th June and Mudfort slum on 17th June respectively, the theme of the rally is ‘No to Child Labour in Domestic Work’. The intention of this programme is to bring awareness about child labour in Hyderabad and expose how children are being exploited at work places. At Ramanthapur Fr. T.D. John the incharge of counseling department was flagged off to inaugurate the rally.

Fr. Balashowry the Director of DBNJ, department heads, staff, brothers and few foreign volunteers were also joined the rally along with the children. The two and half hours rally which started at 3 p.m. at Ramanthapur received a huge response from local public and many of them joined the children as their sign of support and solidarity towards a noble cause.

At Mudfort slum around 35 local children participated in the rally. DBNJ staff Mr. Sravan, Mr. Narsimha, Mrs. Sarada, Mrs. Shoba and Ms. Shoba organized the rally. Mr. Sravan explained about the child labour in its most extreme forms, child labour involves children being enslaved, separated from their families, exposed to serious hazards and illness and left to defend for themselves on the streets or large cities – often at a very early age. All the participants and local public appreciated for the initiation towards the efforts of DBNJ against Child Labour.
In the month of June, 2013 U.S Deloitte in India and its Professionals have donated 10 computers to set up lab as corporate office with air-conditioned and dust free to provide corporate working style for the underprivileged children and neighborhood youth in Don Bosco Rehabilitation Centre, Ramathapur. All this process and instructions were done by Mrs. Rekha and Mr. Nagesh from United way Hyderabad with Mr. Raja Reddy and Mr. Prabhakar from Don Bosco Navajeevan.

On 25th June, 2013 as per the plan to inaugurate the computer lab, arrangements were made by the staff of Don Bosco Navajeevan with support from Fr. Philip, Administrator and Asst. Director. Chief Guests for the inauguration were Mr. Keith E Oates – USI Leader for Tax practice from U.S.A and Mr. Raj Ivuturi – Lead Community Involvement. There was five more staff from Deloitte and United Way Hyderabad. All the guests were welcomed with Bosco Band and welcome song at Don Bosco Printing Press. Fr. Philip welcomed Mr. Keith with garland & bouquet and Mr. Bhaskar welcomed Mr. Raj Ivuturi with garland & Bouquet. The other guests were welcomed by the children with friendship band and bouquet.

All the invited guests and one of the DBNJ boy lit the lamp. Mr. Keith inaugurated the computer lab by cutting the ribbon at the entrance. Mr. Raja Reddy asked Mr. Keith to switch on one of the computers and while doing so all the children, staff and the management were present in the lab. Mr. Keith in his message told about his vision and experience, he addressed the children that he wanted to see some of the children in Deloitte in the future by studying well and assured his support in the future too.

The guests including the chief guests were very much impressed by the lab set up and expressed their happiness as it was per their imagination. All of them thanked each and everyone present and wished all the best for the work of Don Bosco Navajeevan. Fr. Philip and Mr. Raja Reddy were taken them around to see the work and different trades that are available for the children to learn. The program concluded by 1.30pm.
1st June, 2013 : Staff meeting was conducted for Bhoiguda and Nampally Centers to discuss about the activities and action plan.

7th June, 2013 : Dr. Jyostna and team organized Dental camp at Don Bosco Navajeevan, New Bhoiguda. More than 50 children have benefited in the camp.

10th June, 2013 : Four Volunteers from Moulana Azad National Urdu University have started their field work in Don Bosco Navajeevan as part of their Studies.

15th June, 2013 : Two volunteers from Roda Mistry College of Social Work have started their field work in Don Bosco Navajeevan, New Bhoiguda.

21st June, 2013 : Got approved from the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh 18 Quintals for Ramanthapur Centre from Department of Civil Supplies.


1st July, 2013 : Fr. Sudhakar had a meeting with outreach staff to discuss about the activities and action plan.

1st July – 27th July : Sisters of St. Ann, Luzern were in Don Bosco Navajeevan for exposure visit. They were divided into four groups a total of 16 sisters were present and helped the children of DBNJ and attended for the street education.

5th July, 2013 : 6 children from Mudfort slum are admitted for regular schooling in Govt. High School. Ms. Shoba, teacher appointed by Don Bosco Navajeevan is working in the slum since one year is able to mainstream them into regular school.

8th July, 2013 : 6 Children from Don Bosco Rehabilitation Centre, Ramanthapur went to Jain Toddler School in Paradise for back to society programme.

9th July, 2013 : With invitation from TATA Business Support Services (TBSS) Ltd., Don Bosco Navajeevan had set up a Stall for one day in Begumpet. The products of DB Rehabilitation Centre, Bread, Biscuits and handmade crafts were sold.

12th July, 2013 : Delegates of Terres des Hommes (TdH) Netherlands who were in city to attend a meeting made visit to New Bhoiguda centre and got interacted with children and staff. Fr. Sudhakar and Mr. Raja Reddy attended the meeting.

15th July, 2013 : Fr. Santiago and Ms. Pascal from Bosco Seva Kendra had a meeting with Fr. Sudhakar, Mr. Prabhakar & Mr. Raja Reddy regarding local funding from the corporate sector and initiating the Children Parliaments in the city especially at the working sites of Don Bosco Navajeevan.

18th July, 2013 : Visit of our past volunteer Ms. Anna from Austria had made a visit to our three centers.

21st July, 2013 : Visit of our past volunteer Ms. Theresa from Austria made a two week visit to our three centers along with her friends.

27th July, 2013 : Children at New Bhoiguda went out for dinner sponsored by Hotel Highway 44, Medchal.

29th July, 2013 : A child called Tunnu from a rural village Ahirwalia in Bihar was rescued in Secunderabad Railway Station. The staff at New Bhoiguda made a phone call to Patna Police Control Room to inform and to find contact details of Master Tunnu. With their support, the staff able to trace his family members for which Tunnu was very happy as he was crying continuously until we trace the details. Tunnu was successfully home placed.
Dear Friends of DBNJ,

We owe a lot for your continuous support and encouragement you have been extending from last 14 years by being close to us in taking care of children from the street, orphans, slums and young at risk. As most of you know DBNJ family has three major centres in twin cities, namely, New Bhoiguda, Ramanthapur and Nampally. We appeal and request you to continue your help and support nearly 300 children and youngsters who are with us now to give them the best childhood to cherish all through their life.

Your help can be in cash / kind. Things that we require and you can support are, rice, dal, cooking oil, vegetables, soaps (bathing and washing), tooth paste, tooth powder, tooth brushes, hair oil, combs, pens, pencils, school bags, text books of any class (both Telugu and English medium), note books, compass boxes, blankets, mats, bed-sheets, clothes, shoes, sandals, trunk boxes, medicines, stationery items, sports material (indoor and outdoor), musical instruments, etc.,

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Please celebrate Birthdays, Anniversaries and special occasions of your beloved, dear and near ones with our children and make them feel that you are for them.

Help the Helpless to give them a best childhood to cherish their past

Sponsors for the Month of June, 2013
Mr. D. Prabhudas, Mr. Madhusudan, Mr. Joseph David, Mr. P. Kennedy, Mr. Anirudh Reddy, Mr. Sagar Reddy, Mrs. Olga D’Souza, Virginia Simon, Mrs. Raja Kumari, Mrs. Jacintha Peters, Nagarjuna Foundation, Mrs. Harriet D’Silva, Mr. Y. Pavan.

Sponsors for the Month of July, 2013
Mr. E M Lobo, Mr. Christopher, Mr. G. Rajababu & Santhi Lakshmi, Mr. Arnold, Mrs. Cristobel, Mr. P. Anoop Kumar, Mrs. Mary Margaret Denny, Mr. S. Ram Mohan Rao, Ms. Srikari, Mrs. Dhana Lakshmi, Mr. Indur, Ms. Madhavi, Ms. D. Asha, Mr. Jude William, Mr. N. Franklin, Mr. Samson Antony.

Sponsor a Child to Realize his Dreams

Yes, I would like to bring Happiness to the face of a child.

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DONATIONS TO DON BOSCO NAVAJEEVAN ARE EXEMPTED
U/S. 80G(5)(VI) of the I.T. Act, 1961. F.No.DIT(E)/HYD/80G/23(10)/07-08, dated 14.03.2008
I am D. Sonu, originally from Delhi, but migrated to Borabanda, Hyderabad. I was in Don Bosco Navajeevan for 10 years. I would like to tell you something about myself.

Now I am 22 years old. My father name is Vijay Singh, a Security Officer and my mother is Gita, House wife. I am the eldest among the two sons in our family. When I was very young my parents were caught for stealing in which I was also involved. And we had a very tough time to defend ourselves.

After 5 months, my parents were divorced. I was living with my mother for a couple of months. Eventually, she abandoned me and I was left on the streets to defend for myself. I started working at mechanical shops, hotels, etc. for living. Once I was unfairly blamed for a theft. It was a humiliating experience and I left the job and became a vagabond until I met the staff of Don Bosco Navajeevan. Initially, it was very difficult to adjust to life at Navajeevan. I with stood the temptation to go back to the life on the streets. After three months of my stay at shelter, I was sent to school. Regarding my studies, I completed my 10th class. I am very much attracted to dance, and eventually, I want to become a professional dancer. Our director, Rev. Fr. Balashowry, shows lots of love and affection on all the children. In him, I find the lot of love and affection. All the staff is very helpful and encouraging. I am greatly indebted to them all and I would always remember them with gratitude and would always be associated with Don Bosco Navajeevan throughout my life.

I loved a girl namely Sirisha and in the year 2008 I married her with the help of then DBNJ Director Fr. Balashowry and the staff. Now I have two girl children elder is year 5 years old, younger girl is 2 years and a baby boy of 3 months.

With the help of Don Bosco Navajeevan I got a job in Little Flower Junior College as a Dance Master. I am also taking evening classes to outsiders, per month I am earning around Rs. 20,000. I am ever grateful to DBNJ for bringing out my talent and for encouraging me to come up in my life with my talent. I often visit to DBNJ with my family, spend some time with children encourage them to settle in their lives.