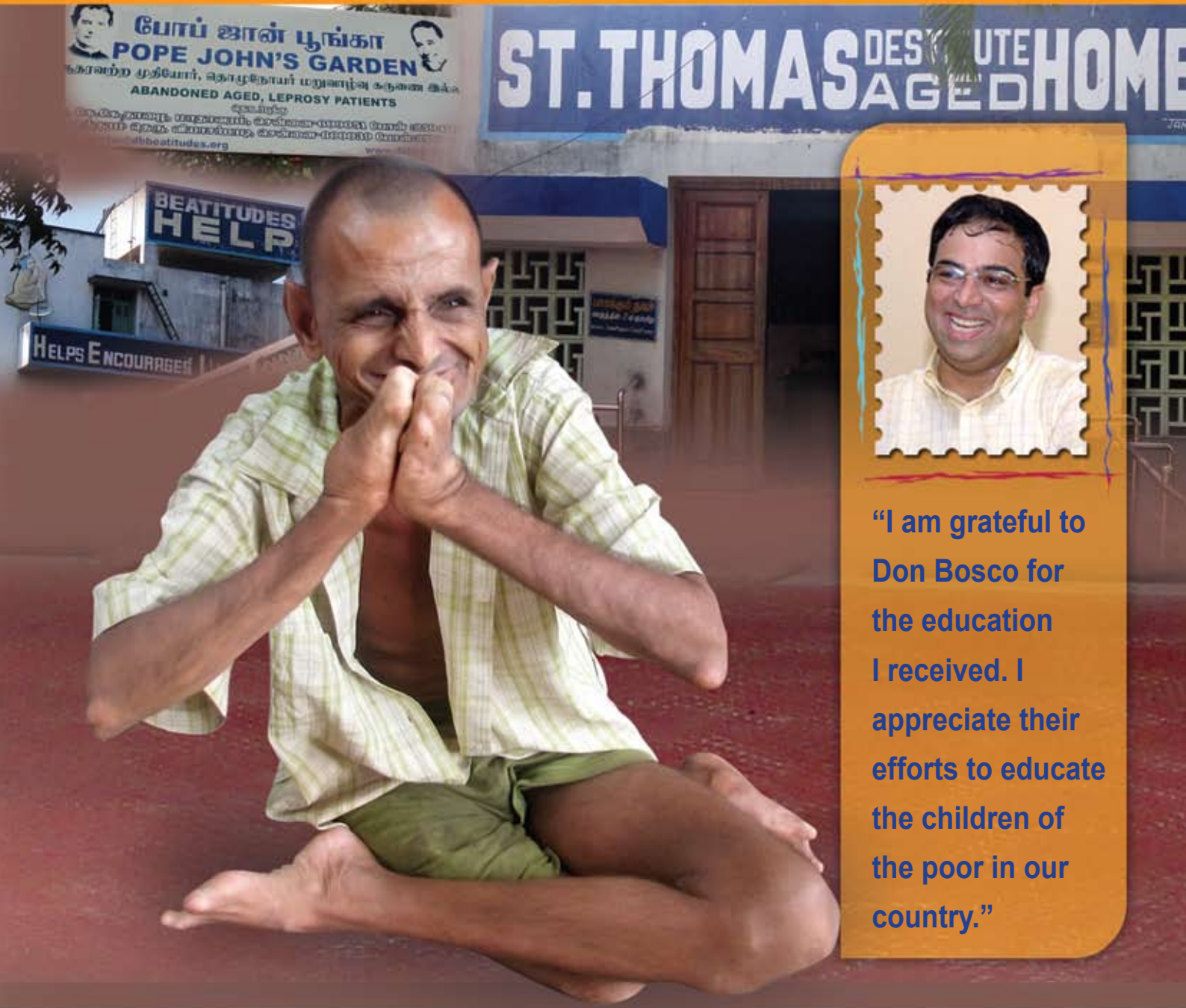
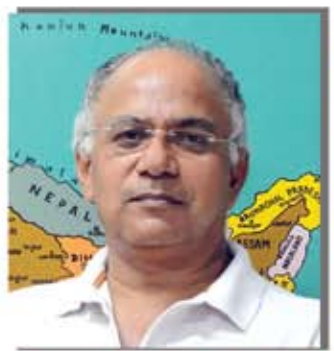


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"I am grateful to Don Bosco for the education I received. I appreciate their efforts to educate the children of the poor in our country."

There IS a Don Bosco School at Vyasarpadi, Chennai; and it caters mostly to the children of the slums of the area. We offer FOURTEEN other services at Don Bosco Beatitudes. They focus on people affected by leprosy and the poorest.



"I was especially glad about the good mix of contents," wrote Ulla Fricke all the way from Germany, after going through the first issue of our newsletter.

I had my 'contents' ready some time ago for this third issue. I kept in mind the point made by a professional, as quoted above – I made sure there would be enough variety. There would be articles about children, youth, women and the elderly; about formal and non-formal education.

Then I happened to go to Chennai for a programme and I visited Don Bosco Beatitudes. I had very little time and so I dashed around trying to understand all that was taking place in that compound. Ultimately I realised that all I could do was to shoot photos of all the signboards over each building. I would have to collect later the details I would need for an article.

And then it flashed on me – here was all the variety I would need for an entire issue of the newsletter. I did not need to go all over the country, nor the state of Tamilnadu nor even the city of Chennai to ensure that the reader would have different things to think about. Right there, in a single institution of Don Bosco were 15 (fifteen) different things going on, offering services to people "from their cradle to their grave".

This issue covers almost exclusively ONE centre of Don Bosco in India – Don Bosco Beatitudes. Those who see Don Bosco only as a chain of schools will get here a very tiny glimpse of the immense variety of services the Salesians offer. If a single institution offers this variety, imagine all that is happening all over South Asia.

"Leprosy is curable." We find this on large billboards all over India. Leprosy is, indeed, curable and it is being eradicated totally. Though a cure was found quite some time ago, there are people suffering from it even today. Many who did get cured had already lost their fingers and toes by then. Some had their face and other body parts horribly deformed. Several victims of leprosy remain almost helpless the rest of their life. They do not enjoy the full use of their bodily faculties. They are still viewed by most of the general public with horror and disgust.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit!" So begins a sermon of Jesus Christ, which came to be popularly named the 'beatitudes'. "Blessed are those who mourn,..... Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice,... Blessed are those who are persecuted,..." 'Beatitudes' is the name given to this place where everything is centred on the most blessed on the earth according to Jesus – the lepers.

There is also a very brief coverage of two exemplary activities carried out by the alumni of Don Bosco, Liluah, in West Bengal. Our alumni benefitted from Don Bosco's education. They know how to give back to society – through their financial and other support to the Salesians, and directly, through their own services to the poor.

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Don Bosco Alumni – LILUAH

ADULT EDUCATION PROJECT

The Past Pupils, with the aim of imparting at least basic education, and to make the deprived and under privileged people of the local area feel that there is someone who really feels and cares for them, started the adult literacy drive. The inaugural class of AEP was held on 22nd April 1991 with 35 students. Since then it has grown gradually. After 20 long years, at present we have more than 110 students on the rolls. This is now a three-year course for girls above 14 years of age, wherein they are imparted basic education, viz., English, Hindi, Mathematics, General Knowledge, moral values, practical knowledge, viz., knitting, stitching, drawing and painting. Text Books and Stationery are distributed to them free of cost.

Photo : Don Bosco - LILUAH Archives



Pic. 1.1 - 110 girls above 14 presently benefit from the Adult Education Program.

FREE MEDICAL UNIT

Our association's permanent Social Project, the Free Medical Unit, was inaugurated on 31 January 2007 by His Grace, Rev. Dr. Lucas Sirkar, Archbishop of Kolkata. It has entered its fourth year of successful running. The project, run every Sunday, has treated more than 25000 patients till date. We also dispense quality medicines to them free of cost. We help them avail of free diagnostic facilities at various centres on specified days. About 300 people are treated, on an average, every Sunday.

"We are old. We frequently fall ill. We have always been poor. So we have no earnings. If this service by the former students of Don Bosco did not exist, I do not know how we could have kept going." *Uma Shankar and Ram.*



Pic. 1.2 - The family of Rafique Sheikh benefit regularly from the free medical service.

"I cannot thank the alumni of Don Bosco enough. My wife and I come here with our child on a regular basis for all our health needs. We don't earn enough to go elsewhere for treatment." *Rafique Sheikh and Shelina Bibi.*

Photo : Don Bosco - Fr. M. C. George Menampampil



Pic. 1.3 - 300 patients are treated free every Sunday.

Photo : Don Bosco - Fr. M. C. George Menampampil

FEATURE

DON BOSCO BEATITUDES

By Fr. Edwin Vasant

Fr. Mantovani bought a piece of land that had been a dumping ground for cinders. The work was officially inaugurated on 2 Feb 1965. He took in all the lepers he could find and made arrangements to care for them. Eventually the lepers were shifted to Pope John's Garden, 8 kilometers away from the centre, a beautiful location with far more space to cater to all their needs.

The centre at Vyasarpadi itself started, one step at a time, a wide variety of services for the poorest. Today we can truly say that we are looking after them 'from the cradle to the grave'.

One very good aspect of this work is that it is not the work of Salesians alone. It is a collaborative effort. Various societies of nuns and numerous lay people live and work

here. However, the heroes of this centre are Fr Orpheus Mantovani, the founder, Fr Slooz and Fr Tarcisius. Their worthy successor and present director is Fr Edwin Vasanth.

It is not the work of Salesians alone. It is a collaborative effort. Various societies of nuns and numerous lay people live and work here.

1. Pope John's Garden (Leper Colony)

Photo : Beatitudes' Archives



Pic. 2.1 - Beatitudes - Pope John's garden lepers' home - 135 lepers

On 25 June 1965, Fr. John Gibas blessed a building to shelter the leprosy patients. On 15 Dec. 1965 a land was purchased at Chinna Sakkadu village in Madhavaram, about 8 km away. Ten leprosy patients carried a statue of Mary, the mother of Jesus, to this land. It was called "Jesus, friend of Lepers colony". Later it was renamed "Pope John's Garden". The sisters of St. Charles Borromeo were invited in 1971 to see to its day-to-day running. To this day they continue their generous work.

Its 31.86 acres provide enough space for all the inmates to live a truly village life. Presently 135 lepers reside in this colony. It is a treatment and rehabilitation centre for lepers. A team of religious sisters, nurses, physiotherapists and counsellors attend on them, making their life meaningful.

The lepers are engaged in some small activities like poultry farm, piggery, coir rope making and small handicrafts, to occupy their time and to earn some income for themselves and for the colony.



Pic. 2.1-1

Chandra S. (Inmate of Pope John's Garden)

Both my husband I are lepers. 30 years ago a lady in Vellore sent us to Beatitudes for treatment. Fr. Schlooz allotted us a house for ourselves in Pope John's since lodgings at Vyasarpadi were not suitable for a couple. We were spellbound by his hospitality.

We were blessed with five children (three boys and two girls). All of them were educated in our Don Bosco school, Vyasarpadi.

Four of my children are settled well. The last is doing her college studies. I thank all the priests and sisters who supported us in times of difficulties and sorrows.

2. St. Thomas Home for the Destitute Aged

"I am happy to be here," Fatima says. "It's been already five years! Fathers and Sisters take care of me with love. I love everybody here. I can forget all my anxieties of the past and enjoy my present. They give us good food and clothing. There is nothing I lack. I am totally happy."

This home came into existence in 1965. The Missionaries of Charity of Mother Theresa looked after the home for the aged from 1967 onwards. The Sisters of St. Gonzaga looked after the centre's kitchen and St. Thomas home from 1978 to 1984. The sisters of the Destitute began their service at St. Thomas Home for the aged and St. Camillus dispensary in 1984. Today the sisters of Maria Auxilium are looking after these elderly persons.

Presently there are 80 Residents, forty men and forty women. They are people who had no one to look after them. They used to be on the streets. They have no children and they have no relatives. We bring them to this home and look after them till their death.



Pic. 2.2 - Beatitudes - Home for the aged - 80 inmates

Photo : Beatitudes' Archives

3. Rua day care centre and shelter home for the urban aged



Pic. 2.3 - RUA day care centre - 50 beneficiaries

This centre is of recent origin. It was started in 1991 for the benefit of poor, old people of the locality. Though they do have a home, they have no one to stay with them during the day. They are in need of constant assistance.

They come to the centre every day at 9.00 am and leave the centre at 5.00 pm. They are given meals and snacks. There are people to attend to their every need as and when it arises.

It is a home away from home where they have the facility to take bath, wash their clothes, and to occupy themselves with some small handicrafts. Medical help, physiotherapy, prayer sessions and physical exercises form part of their daily time table.

The sisters of Maria Auxilium are in-charge of these people. At the moment they are 50 in number.

Pic. 2.3-1



Ms. Theresa (St. Thomas Home)

I am in Beatitudes the last **43 years**. My parents were so poor, I was adopted by another family. I lived with them till I was 12. I contracted Romatony disease, which made all my joints weak. I couldn't move myself. The doctors couldn't cure me. They were told that I was an orphan. They sent me to Beatitudes. I came here in 1967.

I was 14 when I came to Beatitudes. The sisters, under the direction of Fr Mantovani, took good care of me. When he

died Fr. Schlooz came. He gave me special attention due to my sickness. He would hold my hand and help me walk. He cured me of my shyness.

After Fr. Schlooz, Fr. M.C. Anthony was like a mother to me. He would himself feed me when sick. He taught me to mingle with others. Sr. Lickolina had a special love for me. I wept when she was transferred from Beatitudes.

I love to stay in Beatitudes. The nuns and priests are my only family members. Though I know I have brothers and sisters they could not afford to take care of me. I never felt out of place all these 43 years.

I am Santhanam I am 65 years old. I am here over three years. I have absolutely no worries in this whole wide world! They take good care of me. I get coffee early in the morning at 6.30 AM and breakfast at 8 AM; Later, lunch at 12.30 PM; snacks and tea at 3 PM and supper at 7.30 PM. I have a fine bed to sleep on, bathing rooms and clean toilets. When we fall ill the medical sisters take care of us. In more serious cases they immediately move us to the general hospital, get medicines for us and stay with us till we are completely cured. There is absolutely no reason for me to worry about anything!

4. Dominic Savio Boys' Home (5-16 yrs. of age)

Vijayakumar lost his mother. For various reasons, he found it impossible to get on with his father. He was accepted into Beatitudes. He now studies in third standard. "The fathers here are my parents now," he says. "They love me as their own son. Here I have a big ground to play in. I get good food. I am happy. I thank Mother Mary for bringing me here."

This is a home for the children of lepers and beggars, begun in 1978. That year, around 60 of them were taken. By 1984 a new building was constructed exclusively for them – Dominic Savio boys' home. Late Mrs. Olive Allerton of Australia provided the funds for this.

Here the children have all the facilities and services for an all-round formation. They attend Don Bosco School which is situated close to the home. They are given special tuition to cope up with their studies. Special care and attention is given to these children as most of them are from a difficult situation and are among the Young at Risk.

The Salesians take direct care of these boys. At present we have 80 of them. Some boys who are not able to continue their academic studies are sent to learn non-formal technical trades.



Photo : Fr. M.C. George Menampampil

Pic. 2.4 - Beatitudes Boy's Home - 80 inmates

A DOCTOR IN THE MAKING

Pic. 2.4-1



My name is Thangadurai. I hail from a very poor family. I am studying here the last four years. I have a study hall to study in, dormitory to sleep in, good food, friendly companions and loving fathers. What more could I ask for? There is a school right next to us and I am studying there free of cost. I am fortunate to be here and studying as a boarder. I will study well and one day help my friends in this area by becoming a doctor.

5. Nirmala girls' Home (5-16 yrs. of age)

"I hold the 1st rank in 7th Std. at Don Bosco High School," says D. Ancy. "Since my parents are lepers they are at Pope John's Garden. I am happy and comfortable in Nirmala Girls' Home. I have golden opportunities other girls would be jealous of!"

This home for the girls was started in 1978 for the children of lepers and beggars. At present there are 70 girls in this home. In some cases the girls find it hard to continue their academic studies. These girls are given

the opportunity to learn tailoring, typing and embroidery. The Salesian Sisters look after them. They are given special tuition and encouraged to study at least till they complete their high school.



Photo : Kanningjellu Pamei

Pic. 2.5 - Girls' Home - 70 inmates

6. Don Bosco Training Institute

This institute was started in 1978 for the benefit of the slum youth who cannot afford to study in other technical schools. An official building for this institute was blessed by the Rector Major, Fr. Egidius Vigano, on 7 Oct. 1979.

They are not in a position to pay even nominal fees. The institute for boys is under the supervision of the Salesians and the institute for girls that of the Salesian sisters. Presently there are **55 boys and 76 girls**. Those who pass out of this institute are well qualified in their trades. Most of them are usefully employed.



Photo : Beatitudes' Archives

Pic. 2.6 - Training Institute - 55 boys 76 girls

7. Don Bosco High School

On 24 June 1965 the Don Bosco Elementary School was started. Tamil was deliberately chosen as the medium of instruction in order to enable the poorest children of illiterate parents to feel at home in the school. In the course of time this primary school was upgraded to a High School.

Presently there are **2200 children** attending this school. Most of them are from the slums. Also the children of lepers and beggars staying in our two homes, mentioned above, attend this school. Salesian Sisters see to the day-to-day administration of the school. It is a Co-Ed school for children between the age of 5 and 16.



Photo : Kanningjellu Pamei

Pic. 2.7 - 2200 children receive education from Don Bosco High School, Beatitudes

Future IAS Officer



Pic. 2.7-1

I am G. Nivetha. When I was a child, after my mom died, my dad married another woman. Since my stepmother was not taking care of me, I had to get into this boarding. The Sisters here are very affectionate and they take good care of me. I will score high marks in standard ten. My aim is to complete IAS and become a collector to help students like myself.



Pic. 2.8-1

I am Shanthi and I am teaching here the last 15 years. During these years I have seen lots of developments happening here. The students of this school are very talented, as good

as those in any better area of the town. Those who pass out have excelled in various fields. JRC, GUIDES, HUMAN RIGHTS CLUB, ECO CLUB, MASS MEDIA CLUB – these are some of the activities in our school. Our students happily participate in all these activities. Salesian fathers and sisters are very much interested. They work hard to develop this school. It is only because of their dedication and committed service that our school has reached these heights.

8. Evening Study Centres



Photo : Kanningteiliu Pamei

Pic. 2.8 - Beatitudes Evening Study Centres - 750 Children beneficiaries

This programme was started in 1965. It is not centrally localized only in our institution alone. There are six night study centres in different locations within the slums in and around Vyasarpady.

The children who come to study in these centres do not have proper facilities for study at home. Each centre is provided with class rooms, and masters to help them out in difficult subjects.

At present there are **750 children** who benefit from these centers.

All these children receive financial assistance for their tuition fees, text books, note books, stationery and uniforms through our Sponsorship programme. The salesians directly look after this programme.

9. Don Bosco Crèche



Photo : Kanningteiliu Pamei

Pic. 2.9 - Beatitudes Creche - 500 Children receive care from 6 centres

Slum families cannot afford 'ayas'. The adults cannot stay away from their daily-wage jobs or they would starve. The places where they work are

unsuitable for little children to grow up in. Day Care service for children is vital for the survival of these families. Our crèches care for children between two to five years in age. This programme was begun in 1976.

At present there are **six centres** in different areas of the slums. Almost **500 children** benefit from this care. Many slum children are motivated to go to school because of this pre-school attention. Salesian Sisters follow up these crèches.

10. Women's Health Education, Animation and Training (WHEAT)

Photo : Kanningjellu Pamei



Pic. 2.10 - A member of SHG making Paper Bags for sale

We ventured into this field in the early seventies. We instruct the mothers of the surrounding slums in health, hygiene and domestic care. Today, there are more than **15000 beneficiaries**. The slums situated around Vyasarpadi, 30 in number, come under this programme.

We have organised Self Help Groups (SHGs) in all the project areas. The members are trained to fight for their own rights. They have started income generating projects which pave the way for small savings. In six areas they produce soap, detergents, phenyl, etc. Our literacy drive has given them self confidence to approach government officers to get their rights respected. It is a women's welfare and uplift centre.

Interview – Self Help Group Leader



Pic. 2.10-1

Mrs. Rukumani (Self Help Group Leader)

What are you doing in Beatitudes?

I am in a Self Help Group (SHG). We have 385 groups. There are approximately **7000 members**.

What made you come to Beatitudes?

I came to beatitudes 9 years ago to get some material benefits, but my notion changed after attending some meetings. They taught us skills to pay

our bills. We do small scale business in our locality with loans from the bank.

We were illiterate; they taught us to read and write. We, women, were not allowed to go out of our home. We were totally dependent on our husbands. Beatitudes changed us, helped us to earn our own money and to educate our children.

What business do you do in your locality?

We do three kinds of business. We run small restaurants in different parts of the city. We make toys and statues and sell them in stationery shops. We take contracts from the government in various works. We have given work to more than **ten thousand** people. They are happy to work with us and also develop their own

small scale business.

All types of people work here. They are mostly widows, aged people and home makers. They earn during their free time.

What training did Beatitudes give you?

They trained young girls to be beauticians. Now they earn Rs. 500 per day. Some girls learned tailoring. Now they are working in export companies. Some studied catering and they now work in big hotels. Anyone can survive in this world after being trained by Beatitudes. We have status in society as well as in the family. Even my husband gives due respect to me after seeing my talents.

Ms. Annis – Nightschool student, Nightschool Teacher



Pic. 2.10-2

Annis studied in the night school of Beatitudes from class I to class XII. She completed M.A, B.Ed and now teaches in a government school. In the evenings **she also teaches in the same night school where once she used to study!** She says, "This night school has been everything for me. I was shy and had stage fright. Through this coaching I became the regular school's student leader. I took the top rank in my day school in the 10th std public exam.

"There is a great difference between the students in my childhood and the children now. Today they are more interested in studies and other activities. They receive here awareness about society and social work. They are eager to participate in public activities which we were not supposed to do in those days. Children are very creative in the night schools and keen to learn something new all the time."

11. Health Care Centres

These centres came into existence in 1965. The beneficiaries are lepers and the poor people of the slums. The following are the centres:

Camillus Health Centre

This is situated in the Beatitudes complex itself. This centre sees to the health care of the 30 slums in and around Vyasarpadi. It also takes care of the old people and the children in the campus. The Sisters of the Destitute are in charge of this centre.

Memisa Health Centre

This caters to the needs of the lepers who are inmates of Pope John's Garden. It also treats out-patients with various sicknesses particularly with leprosy. The leper colony has trained its own patients to dress up the wounds of other patients. Total health care is provided to lepers and the poor people around the leper colony. The sisters of Charles Borromeo run this centre.



Pic. 2.11 - Training for young girls

Photo : Beatitudes' Archives

13. ANAT FARM (An Agricultural Programme)

On 2 April 1971 a few acres of agricultural land was purchased in Manjambakkam, a village near Mathur, which is 12 kms away from the centre. This land was bought to meet the food requirements of the centre and to occupy the leprosy patients usefully. The farm was initially looked after by a family, but now the

Salesian community is directly in charge. It is a leprosy patients' agricultural training and production farm. Besides the cultivation of the land, we also keep cattle, sheep and rabbits. Some of this farm land used for horticulture and cattle feed.

This programme was started to help economically poor children to pay for their studies. It was initiated in 1969. Children from the slums are offered scholarships, clothes, and books. The Salesians see to this activity.

12. Mantovani Educational Project



Pic. 2.12 - Under privileged children receive help from Mantovani Educational Project

Photo : Beatitudes' Archives

14. Youth Centre

Photo : Beatitudes' Archives



Pic. 2.13 - Youth animation

In 1968 the Don Bosco Youth Centre was started by a Salesian brother to help the youth of the area. At present there are 200 youths who attend this centre everyday. The youth of the locality get opportunities to improve their talents. North Madras is known for all sorts of crimes. This is due to poverty and unemployment. The Salesians of Don Bosco, who are basically youth

workers, organize programmes to train the youth as responsible citizens and to make them catalysts for the transformation of their community.

The youth assemble in the centre every day at 4.00 pm and leave the centre by 8.00 pm. The following are some of the activities in the youth centre: Football, Volleyball, Table tennis, Carroms, Gymnastics, Body-building, Boxing, Scouts and Guides,

Music, Karate, Chess, etc.

Besides sports and games they get involved in social work. Regular animation programmes are conducted to prepare them for life.

Membership to the youth centre is open to all, irrespective of caste, creed or religion. Many of them are usefully employed because of what they learned at the youth centre.



Pic. 2.13-1

R. Ganesh Kumar used to be a Beatitudes night school student. He went on to complete BBA, works in a shipping company as a clearing and forwarding agent and studies for MBA through corre-

spondence. He and his friend were the first to go to college from his locality. His friend is doing his MA right now. Beatitudes has transformed thousands of lives.

15. Parish



Pic. 2.14



Photo : Beatitudes ' Archives

Pic. 2.14-1: Fr.Edwin Vasant
Director, Beatitudes

The parish looks after the spiritual and religious needs of the Catholic community of the area. Presently there are 1700 Catholic families with 5600 members.

“This centre is sustained solely by the contributions of generous people, and from what the inmates themselves are able to produce,” says Fr. Edwin Vasanth, the present Director. Though various

societies offer their services here, the responsibility for the finances of the entire centre, with its 15 programmes, is that of the Salesians. “Donations are needed and donations are requested!”

Sr. Amala Christy, SMA (Superior of St. Thomas home)

I have been working in this institution 14 years. When I help these elderly people I feel as though I am serving my own parents. They have no one else to depend on. They need us in times of sorrows and worries. It is a privilege to serve them.

The religious are not only meant to pray, but also to love and care for our neighbours. Jesus gave us two commandments and we follow them in this institution.

I personally enjoy being with these aged people and I find my religious vocation here. I know how difficult it is for the Salesians to maintain so many sectors of work in this one institution in a single campus. We have high regard for these priests.



Pic. 2.14-2



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Father George,

Congratulations! This is a very good journal and interesting to read. I was especially glad about your personal opinion about the Maoists and the good mix of contents like Case Studies, Interviews and good pictures. Brother Jean Paul Muller passed it to me. Can you maybe add my emailaddress to your list?

I am responsible for public relations here and will start to translate some texts for our Homepage.

Cordial greetings from Bonn, Germany.

Ulla Fricke

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Dear Fr. George,

Congrats for the new magazine you have started.

It is well prepared. Contents reveal well planned programmes for supporting the poor and the needy.

There is much to learn from those programmes. All the best.

Mathew Thomas

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Issue No.1 of our newsletter had an article about Tamenglong. We described an activity in which two of Don Bosco's specially trained staff give systematic follow-up to 8 schools in Tamenglong district, and thus improve the quality of teaching in them. Several people responded enthusiastically to the idea. As a consequence, two similar programmes will, hopefully, be started in the near future, financed by our readers. One will be in Meghalaya and the other in Maharashtra.

Dear Father George,

Kind regards from Bonn!

Thanks for sending Nr. 1 from Bosconet India.

I will forward it to some benefactors because it has a good selection of projects from different backgrounds (PARA, Tamenglong and Vazhikaatti). I did not know about the school animators in Tamenglong. I think it is really a good investment to pay their salaries.

All the best for your work and for your magazine!

Margret Vogt

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Vishwanathan Anand:

Mr. Vishwanathan Anand, the World Chess champion, started learning chess when he was only 6-years-old. He was a student of Don Bosco, Egmore, Chennai, and he keeps returning to his alma mater even today to meet his mentors and classmates. Below are a few photos from the album of one of his former principals.



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Please pray for the following intentions of mine and my family's:



Guess what these children are doing!

They are attending class at one of the literacy centres of Bosco Mangaal at Mantripukri, Imphal, Manipur. The class takes place in the house of the teacher. As there is no more place within her tiny room, they follow the lesson through her window. This is NOT a posed photo. It is a record of what was actually happening, day after day.

Children hunger for knowledge. BoscoNet tries to reach quality education to EVERY deprived child in this country. You certainly wish to help. Look at the inner back page of this newsletter to know how you could.



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“ The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather, the feeling of being unwanted.”

- Mother Teresa

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