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Director's Message

I am happy to share the May 23 issue of the e-newsletter "Waves" with you. In the month of May, we had a number of activities the foremost among them being the first anniversary celebration of Ujjivani, the free dialysis programme that supports kidney patients with 100 free dialysis every month. Beneficiaries of Ujjivani and their families have benefitted greatly from this effort in helping them to find medical aid.

Summer holidays are unforgettable days in the hearts of every youth and child.

FCDP and TMS joined hands to organize summer camp at Don Bosco for Children's Forum and a three-day residential camp for the Don Bosco Youth Forum. Those days which children and youth spent in the camp will definitely leave an indelible mark in their hearts.

To mark the end of the month dedicated Mary, Marian Nite for Don Bosco Coastal Forum was organized to enhance their knowledge and devotion to Mary. Don Bosco Children's Forum had an excursion to Happy Land which definitely left a happy mark in the hearts of youth and children.

The month also saw young blood in the organisation as Fr. Jithin Mattamundayil sdb took charge as the Assistant Director.

I would like to express my gratitude to all dedicated team members and partners who made these initiatives possible.

-Fr. Joby Sebastian
(Director, FCDP)

DON BOSCO SUMMER CAMP-2023

Don Bosco Summer Camp 2023, was a one-month camp for the children from 5th to 10th standard. The camp that started on 11th April 2023 came to a successful completion on 06th May 2023. The chief guest for the closing ceremony was the Chairman of Navdeep Educational Trust, Shri. Cletus Austin. He emphasized the necessity of inculcating the habit of reading. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TMS), Fr. Jithin (Asst. Director, FCDP), Sr. Annie Joseph (Superior, Snehakiran Convent), Ms. Anisha B. Chacko (Project Coordinator, FCDP), Deacon Rubin Mathew (Camp Chief), Br. Jibin J. Fernandes (Asst. Camp Chief), Smt. Gretta Raju (Chairperson, FCDP) Mrs. Bindu Harrison (Coordinator, Children's Forum) and other animators, volunteers, and interns also participated in the concluding session. The camp organized under the joint auspices of Fishermen Development Program (FCDP) and Theeradesa Mahila Society (TMS) was organized at Don Bosco



Boys Home, Kollam. About 200 students From 5th to 10th standard were present in the one-month camp.

The aim of this camp was to inculcate life skills in children through games and different activities. Along with personality development classes, children were given training

in English and Mathematics in a simple and creative way. Don Bosco Summer Camp was able to provide opportunities for children to identify and develop their talents in arts, sports, curricular and extracurricular activities. The people working for public welfare were invited to give a message to the children at the camp every morning.

DBCF EXCURSION TO " HAPPY LAND "

The members and animators of the Don Bosco Children's Forum (DBYF) went for an excursion to Happy Land on 09th May 2023. 47 members from Don Bosco Children's forum and 7 animators went for the trip led by Dn. Rubin. Children enjoyed the day on various rides, water rides, and a swimming pool. The 5D show was a unique experience for them. They loved the ride through the ghost house and the dancing car. In Mini Kuttalam Water Park, Water Dance was a mind-blowing experience for kids and adults. The rainfall in between was a double treat for the children. The children returned home with many happy memories. Don Bosco Children's Forum (DBCF, Kollam) is the children's wing of FCDP, formed for the upliftment of coastal children. The aim of DBCF is to mold a new generation of youth



with an emphasis on character formation and social engagement in Don Bosco's educational system, including arts, sports, culture, and learning.

DBYF AT ALL KERALA DON BOSCO YOUTH FEST 2023

Don Bosco Youth Forum members participated in the 'All Kerala Don Bosco Youth Fest - 2023' on Saturday 13th May 2023 under the leadership of Dn. Rubin and Mrs. Selvi (Don Bosco Youth Forum Animator). Our youth participated in arts and sports competitions like cricket, football, carroms, group dance, solo song, speech, etc. organized at Don Bosco Vaduthala. After the competitions, a class was organized to emphasize the need for entrepreneurship. In the general meeting that followed, Fr. Shalbin Kalanchery, (Vice Provincial, Bangalore) was the president. Fr. Shibu Davis (Rector, Don Bosco, Vaduthala), Fr. Gilton Manuel Rodriguez (Director, Youth Centre) offered their felicitations. Fr. Manu Michael (Director, Don Bosco Youth Services, Kerala) extended the vote of thanks. After the prize-distribution ceremony, Don Bosco Youth Fest concluded with a DJ program that fascinated the youth.



THREE-DAY RESIDENTIAL CAMP FOR DBYF.

A three-day residential camp for the members of Don Bosco Youth forum was held from 18th May 2023 to 20th May 2023, for 25 selected youths. The camp was organized under the guidance of Dn. Rubin Mathew and Fr. Jithin Mattamundayil. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Rev. Fr. Sugun Leone (Additional Vicar General, Diocese of Kollam), who inaugurated the camp, and Fr. Joby Sebastian, the Director of FCDP-TMS and DBYF, delivered an introductory speech. Fr. Jerin Palaty (Director, Don Bosco Boys' Home), Mrs. Gretta Raju (Coordinator, FCDP), Mrs. Mary John (Coordinator, DBYF), and Sr. Mary K., (Asst. Director, TMS), presided over the function. The function was guided by Group Animators Br. Jibin and Br. Jins, along with Mrs. Mini Mary, Mrs. Princy Edison, Mrs. Selvi Antony, Ms. Anna Saju, and the interns. The camp included activities such as personality development, spirituality, movie analysis, sex education, career guidance, and drug addiction awareness. There were also game like treasure hunt, night Olympics, night war, and campfire. At the end of each class, discussions and question-and-answer sessions were held. Mrs. Agnes John, (Chairperson, FCDP), presided over the final meeting of the camp. During the valedictory function, Mr. Innocent S (Aji), Don Bosco FA Coach was also honoured who always shows his support for Don Bosco Youth Forum and Don Bosco Children's Forum in the field of sports. Don Bosco Youth Forum (DBYF) is a movement initiated by FCDP with the aim of bringing together the youth from Thangassery to Thanni, improving their skills, and empowering them through their personal and social development.



THE STAFF TRAINING PROGRAM CONDUCTED AT FCDP

Training program for staff members of FCDP and TMS was conducted at FCDP hall on Thursday, 23rd May 2023. 15 staff members participated in the one-day training program. The resource person for the training program was Dn. Rubin Mathew. The program started at 10 am. The topics for the sessions included problems faced by children and youth in this area, their situation, managing the teens and youth, and life skills. The life skills session was taught through various games and activities. He conveyed the message of teamwork, leadership, concentration, and potential through these games. The trainees, being the animators of various children's and youth groups deal with a lot of issues relating to them and thus had many concerns. All their concerns were addressed by the resource person. The program ended by 03:00pm.



UJJIVANI CELEBRATES THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF 1 YEAR

Ujjivani - the free dialysis programme for kidney patients completed one year on 24th May 2023. A simple programme was organized on 31st May 2023 to celebrate the first-year anniversary of the programme begun by FCDP-TMS in collaboration with Bishop Benziger Hospital. The program that started with 50 free dialysis every month has now risen to 100 free dialysis a month. The chief guest for the program was Rev. Fr. P.O. Varghese sdb, (Parish Priest, St. Stephen's Church, Thope). Smt. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP) presided over the function. Rev. Fr. C.J. Sebastian (Ast. Vicar, St. Stephen's Church, Thope) was the special guest. Smt. Nirmala, (Asst. Nursing Superintendent, Bishop Benziger Hospital) represented the Bishop Benziger Hospital. Ms. Sanjana J.S., family member of one of the beneficiaries shared her experience. Rev. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TMS), Smt. Veronica (president, TMS) and Sr. Mary K (Ast. Director, TMS) spoke on the occasion. Present were also the benefactors and well-wishers of Ujjivani. This initiative has been a great help to our beneficiaries and their families. We thank everyone who has been part of Ujjivani and we appreciate the sacrifices made on behalf of this program.



MARIAN NITE FOR DON BOSCO COASTAL FORUMS

Marian Nite was celebrated at FCDP hall on 31st May 2023 to mark the end of the Marian month by Don Bosco Youth Forum and Don Bosco Children's Forum. Various group-based competitions such as song, message, skit, dance, quiz, and jigsaw puzzles were organized based on the theme of Mother Mary as an expression of devotion. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP- TMS, DBYF), Fr. Jithin (Asst. Director, FCDP), Ms. Mary John (Co-Ordinator, DBYF), Mr. Sunil S (Manager, FCDS), Ms. Anisha B Chacko, (Project Coordinator), Ms. Anna Saju (Project Coordinator), Ms. Ishwarya Cletus (DBYF)

Animator), Ms. Engal Sara Peter (MSW Intern), presided over the function.



FAREWELL MEETING FOR MRS. TINTU JOHNSON

FCDP-TMS organized a farewell meeting for Mrs. Tintu Johnson on 25th May 2023. She worked as a community volunteer of TMS for more than 9 years. FCDP-TMS is grateful for her hard work, commitment, and her contribution to the fishermen community of Kollam during her tenure. We wish her the best for her future endeavors!



ADIEU DEAR FR. BINO NADAKAL !

A farewell program was organized at FCDP hall on 17th May 2023 for Rev. Fr. Bino Nadakal SDB. Fr. Bino had been working as the Assistant Parish Priest of St. Stephen's Church Thope, Director of DREAM Project, DB Tech, and Childline - Kollam for the past two years. His gentleness, approachability, and his ability to successfully carry out his various responsibilities are appreciated by all. FCDP family thanks him for his contribution towards the various activities of FCDP, TMS, FCDS, and DBYF through his support, encouragement, and availability. We wish him all the best for his new role as the Director of Sneha Bhavan Annexe, Ernakulam.



FCDP-TMS FAMILY WELCOMES REV. FR. JITHIN MATTAMUNDAYIL SDB

Rev. Fr. Jithin Mattamundayil SDB took charge as the Assistant Director of Fishermen Community Development Programme on 26th May 2023. FCDP-TMS family welcomes him wholeheartedly!



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