

## Director's Message

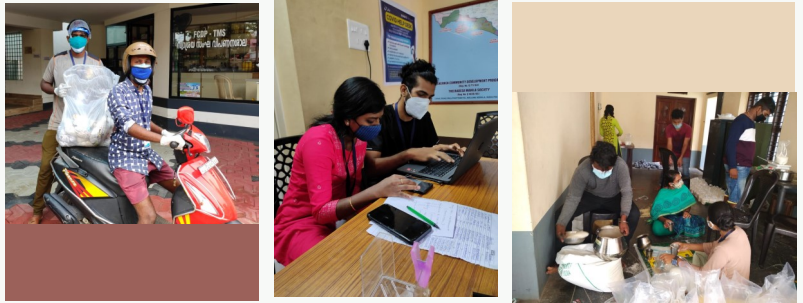
I'm happy to present the second issue of our monthly newsletter 'Waves'. Our activities during the past month has done justice to this title, I must say - untiring, unending - just like the waves of the sea.

This issue of 'Waves' presents a brief account of the initiatives taken by FCDP in Covid relief and prevention across the coastal area, under the banner of Don Bosco Team Covid, amidst the month-long lock down that started from 8th of may.

The services provided include free vaccine registration, free mid-day meals, door delivery of essentials, test assistance, ambulance services, relief kits and so on. Paralell to these activities FCDP conducted various summer programs like step up and Don Bosco Reels 2.1 to engage the young minds stuck with the pandemic. Forseeing a shortage of blood likely to be faced by the blood banks due to vaccination, team covid also launched "Blood is life" - a campaign for facilitating the creation of blood and plasma banks. The women e-rickshaw drivers of our own project came forward to be a part of the team which was indeed a moment of pride for FCDP and TMS. Our sincere thanks to Don Bosco BREADS Bangalore and the numerous benefactors of FCDP who through their unstinting generosity and sacrifice made our covid relief and prevention activities possible and helped us to reach out to the poor and needy at this moment of crisis. May God bless them all. Thanks to all the volunteers, Board and Staff of FCDP and TMS for all the hard work. It's no time to rest on laurels but to continue to work to be at the service of the community.

- Rev. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP)

## Team Covid



The second wave of Covid-19 brought great panic and fear along. TEAM COVID - An initiative of Don Bosco Youth under FCDP for Covid-19 Relief and Prevention was flagged off on 7th May, less than 24 hours prior to the state-wide lockdown.

The 25-member group "Team Covid" aimed at minimizing the burden of the pandemic in the coastal areas by providing essential and immediate services.. The services provided are listed below.

### Consolidated data of services provided in the month of May

Services Provided	Number
Vaccine registration	1351
Tele- counselling	172
Mid-day meal	862
Ambulance service	27
Public announcements	02
Relief kits distributed	127
Door delivery of essentials	214
Medical support	124
Assistance for vaccination	266
Cremation service	03
Additional food arranged	15
Masks and sanitizers provided	1185
Blood donation by volunteers	06
Fumigation	03
Other online services provided	13
Voluntary service at community Kitchen	4x12 days
Voluntary service for police at Harbour	2x5 days

The team received appreciation from the beneficiaries as well as benefactors and well-wishers.



## Support for Frontline Covid Warriors

As a support to the frontline covid warriors, masks and sanitizers were distributed to all the nearby police stations. Till date our covid team has delivered 1000 masks, 185 sanitizers and other essentials at Pallithottam East police station, Kollam West station, Traffic East police station and Eravipuram police station.

As per the request of the Police association, masks and sanitizers were also given at the CFLTC (Covid frontline treatment center) for the covid affected police officers and the corporation workers. Apart from this, TRACK (Trauma care and road accident aid center in Kollam) led by motor vehicles department was also supported by providing covid prevention essentials.



## Blood is Life Campaign

There's much talk about oxygen cylinders and hospital beds, but not so much about the supplies of the tissue that disseminates oxygen through our body: BLOOD. At this time of crisis, when social distancing is the new normal, we need to remind ourselves of the importance of solidarity and generosity.

Anticipating the shortage of blood likely to be faced by blood banks due to vaccination of people above 18, Don Bosco Team Covid conducted a Blood Donation Drive in collaboration with the district hospital, Kollam and other hospitals in Kollam. On 20th May, the campaign was inaugurated with six volunteers donating blood at the District Hospital, Kollam.



## Relief Kits for Transgenders



If you search for the Malayalam of 'transgender' you won't be able to find a respectable term. They are still considered outcasts, even in our language.

The second wave of the pandemic was an unexpected blow for the entire population which include those whom we carelessly call the third gender and who are often neglected. As part of our covid relief and prevention activities under the banner of Don Bosco Team Covid, hundred relief kits containing essential grocery items were provided for the transgender community under the project Loveland Arts Society (LAS) implemented by KSACS (Kerala state AIDS control society) at Vellayattambalam, Kollam. The representatives of the transgender community thanked FCDP, TMS, BREADS and Team Covid for the generous intervention at this time of stress and need.





**Rev. Fr. Sunny Uppan**

## Fare thee well Rev. Fr. Sunny Uppan

After completing his tenure at Thope Parish, the Rector and Parish priest of St. Stephen's Church as well as the former Director of FCDP and TMS, Rev. Fr. Sunny Uppan moved for his next ministry at Don Bosco, Kasargod on 31st May. Rev. Fr. Sunny served at Kollam for the past 9 years in various capacities like Director FCDP-TMS, Childline, DB Tech, Don Bosco Boys

Home and as Rector and Parish Priest.

At FCDP-TMS, we also bid farewell to Rev. Fr. Robin, who was with us for the past few months and gave his continuous support and guidance for the Don Bosco Youth Forum members. We also thank Deacon Jose and Br Raju for their invaluable services at FCDP. We wish them all the best for their future!



**Rev. Fr. Robin**



**Deacon Jose & Br. Raju**



**Rev. Fr. Joy Nedumparambil**

Rev. Fr. Joy served as the Asst. Director of BREADS for two years and Director for nine years. BREADS has taken great strides under his directorship. His contribution to FCDP throughout these years has been immense. We thank Fr. Joy for his support and cooperation and hope the collaboration between BREADS and FCDP will achieve greater success in the coming days.

Rev. Fr. Rubin was the Asst. Director of BREADS for the past two years. We are delighted and welcome Rev. Fr. Rubin, as he takes his new office as the Director of BREADS. We are sure that under his great leadership, wisdom and guidance BREADS, Bangalore will strive to much greater heights and achievements.



**Rev. Fr. Rubin**

## Welcome Rev. Fr Stephen Mukkatil

We congratulate dear Rev. Fr. Stephen Mukkatil for his new appointment as the rector and parish priest of St. Stephens Thope. We welcome him as the board member and patron of FCDP. All of us at FCDP and TMS look forward to work closely with and under his guidance.

We also welcome Rev. Fr. Bino Nadakkal as the Asst. Parish Priest and as the director of DB Tech and Childline and Rev. Fr. P.C. Thomas as the administrator.



**Rev. Fr. Stephen Mukkatil**

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## Women E-Rickshaw Drivers Turn Covid Warriors:

In the context of the surge in covid-19 cases and the subsequent lockdown, the women e-rickshaw drivers came forward to assist at covid relief activities of FCDP. As part of the Team Covid, the drivers supported in distributing food to covid patients, home delivery of materials, transporting patients, etc. The women electric rickshaw drivers were trained under FCDP and are waiting to receive electric-rickshaws as part of FCDP project for women empowerment towards economic security and gender equality.



## KISMAT Migrant Helpdesk

The Kollam migrant helpdesk under KISMAT has been working tirelessly during the pandemic for the migrants who have ended up in their rooms without any job, food supplies or awareness about the current covid situation. KISMAT Kollam is really inspired by the numerous initiatives and support being organised by the labour department, Kollam for the benefit of guest workers. The Labour Department,

Kollam, in collaboration with KISMAT carried out a number of activities in the previous month including data collection of scattered migrants, 9 medical camps & awareness classes, as well as successfully delivered 1700 food kits to the scattered migrants. We're proud to collaborate with the department. KISMAT also conducted a medical camp & awareness class in association with

Prathyasha in Kottiyam. The Kollam migrant helpdesk also gave the migrants psychosocial support, addressed their issues and concerns as well as provided support in vaccination registration.



## Step up with FCDP & Bosco Reels 2.1

FCDP conducted various summer programs in the month of May to engage the young minds. To start with, an online dance competition called Step up with FCDP was held. The responses received were overwhelming and thus more programs were planned and conducted under the banner of Bosco reels 2.1. Cross beats - A singing competition, Dub and Win, and Natfie - a selfie with nature were the competitions held under the banner in the month of May.

All the entries were evaluated and winners were selected by the jury based on the performances.



*\*Click on the images to watch the performances*

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