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Director's Message

In the month of October, we observed World Food Day, an international day founded by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945. And in 2020, the Nobel Peace Prize was given to the World Food Programme (WFP) for its efforts to combat hunger. It is difficult to believe that hunger remains a harsh reality even in a state like Kerala. Eradicating hunger is a battle that must be fought together. It is in this context that the thoughtful efforts of the members of the Don Bosco Children's forum who decided to observe the day by sharing a meal with the hungry is to be evaluated. "Let's Say No to Hunger" is a program that FCDP is spearheading towards hunger eradication. We feel proud to see that our younger generation feel the same energy.

Another basic need of our times is to make health services accessible to all. The reopening of the Community Health Center at Pallithottam which was closed following the outbreak of Covid-19 is an effort in that direction. We appreciate the efforts of Bishop Benziger Hospital and Bishop Benziger College of Nursing in collaborating with FCDP to reopen the Community Health Centre. The awareness camp against Breast Cancer organized this month also was utilized by many from the community. As we reiterate in every editorial, by working more closely together with the community, we pledge to continue to ensure that our efforts are aligned to have the maximum impact for the betterment of society we serve. May God bless you all!

-Fr. Joby Sebastian
(Director, FCDP)

Community Health Center Reopened



Community Health Centre, jointly run by Bishop Benziger Hospital, Bishop Benziger College of Nursing, and Fishermen Community Development Programme, was reopened on 3rd October 2022. Rev. Fr. Dr. Paul Antony Mullassery, Bishop of Quilon Diocese inaugurated and blessed the reopening ceremony. Rev. Fr. John Britto (Director, Bishop Benziger Hospital) welcomed the guests at the event organized at the Community Health Center at 10 am. Rev. Fr. Dr. Paul Antony Mullassery pointed out that Benziger Hospital, Benziger Nursing College authorities and FCDP deserves acclaim for taking the initiative to resume the activities of the Community Health Centre. Rev. Fr. Stephen Mukkattil sdb (Parish Priest (St. Stephen's Thope), Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP), Mr. N. Tomy (Counselor, Pallithottam), Dr. Anoop. K. R (Principal, Benziger College of Nursing College), and Ms. Veronica Antony (President, TMS) and a number of well wishers & beneficiaries were present at the function. Ms. Sheeja S. (HOD, Bishop Benziger College of Nursing College) extended the vote of thanks.

GRIT Training at FCDP

Don Bosco Youth Forum organized GRIT (Group Discussion, Resume Writing, and Interview Training) for members at FCDP hall on Saturday 8th October 2022 at 2 PM. About 50 youngsters participated in the training class conducted by Ms. Anisha B.



Chacko (Project Coordinator). Group Discussion, resume writing and interview training are important aspects of college admissions and recruitment and hence the session was valuable for the youth. Don Bosco Youth Forum member Sruthi thanked everyone who participated in the workshop and the session was concluded by 5pm.

WE-LIGHT inaugurated by Rev. Sr. Lucy Rose (Provincial of Salesian Sisters)

Rev. Sr. Lucy Rose (Provincial of Salesian Sisters, Bangalore Province) visited FCDP on 13th October 2022. The event was marked by the inauguration of WE-LIGHT, the new LED unit at FCDP. Rev. Sr. Lucy Rose handed over the first LED light bulb to Mr. Ansel Raymond. WE-LIGHT, our latest business venture for empowering women of the Kollam coast was begun as part of the WE-LivE project.



Clinching the First Prize at Yuva Utsav



Ms. Meleena A, bagged the first prize in the Declamation contest organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra in association with National Service Scheme and District Administration. The talent hunt held at Kollam on Saturday, 15th October 2022 included Declamation and Painting competitions. Hearty congrats Ms. Meleena & all the other participants from DBYF!

DBCF Celebrates World Food Day

As part of the observation of World Food Day, members of Don Bosco Children's Forum (DBCF) distributed food packets among the hungry on the streets. At 11:30 am children from 7 groups of Don Bosco Children's Forum gathered at FCDP for food packet distribution. Rev. Fr. Stephen Mukattil (Rector & Parish priest, St. Stephen's Church, Thope) and Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP) addressed the children and shared the value and importance of giving. 180 food packets were distributed at various areas in Kollam including Railway Station, Bus Stand, Asramam, Port Kollam, and Tuet. The food was brought by the children themselves. One of the greatest revolutions the world has ever seen is the fight against hunger. The price of hunger is known only to those who go hungry. The children received the most precious reward in return for the food packets - "grateful smiles."





Collectorate March in support of Vizhinjam

FCDP participated in the Collectorate March held by the Vizhinjam Solidarity Committee in front of the Kollam Collectorate on 25th October 2022. It was organized by the Vizhinjam solidarity committee to declare solidarity with the struggle and also demand a solution to the problems faced by the coastal region of Kollam district in the context of the 100

days' struggle in Vizhinjam. Mr. Raju Unnikrishnan (District President, Kollam Dheevera Sabha) presided over the function. The march which began at 10 am from St. Antony's church Vaddy, ended in front of the Collectorate. Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul Antony Mullassery (Bishop, Diocese of Quilon) inaugurated the march. The fishermen expressed their concerns about the problems arising due to the Vizhinjam project. One of the main problems being faced by a large section of the fishing community is the loss of their homes to the sea. It was said that since the construction of

Vizhinjam port, 261 houses have been destroyed while 86 houses have been partially damaged. 126 refugees are living in the old cement godown and school in Valiyathura. Various community organizations of the district like fishermen's organizations, social, political, environmental, and human rights organizations also participated in the protest march. FCDP reiterates its commitment to stand with the fishermen community and speak for its needs.

Awareness Camp Against Breast Cancer

Bishop Benziger College of Nursing organized a Breast Cancer awareness class at FCDP on 26th October 2022 as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The month of October is dedicated to breast cancer awareness, and campaigns to inform people about the importance of early detection, treatment, and impact on patients.



The session began with an outline on the significance of cancer consciousness in the present scenario. The team provided detailed information on what breast cancer is, how common it is, the different signs of breast cancer, the early detection methods, and the treatment strategies through the presentation. The team also displayed a model demonstration on the self-detection of breast cancer. The awareness class ended by 3.30 with a feedback session. Around 100 women from the coastal area attended the session.

Celebrations!



FCDP- TMS CELEBRATED THE BIRTHDAYS OF MRS. TINTU & MRS. MINI IN THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER. WE WISH THEM YEARS OF HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY AHEAD.

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