

Immediate Needs

The proposed new office building of the SAC-CCC under construction is nearing completion pending final touches before we declare it open. This is due to the unusual escalation of building costs, it exceeded the planned budget and the funds received for the building in the form of loan from Erikshjalpen, our partner organization in Sweden fell short, resulting in the delay of the completion of the same. At present the work of the building is stalled for want of additional funds. Therefore, we prayerfully solicit and appeal all the friends of SAC-CCC, to lend us a helping hand to complete the office building.



Estimated cost for completion of new office building : **US\$ 75,000**

Cost of support for 480 children for 12 months (US\$ 35 per child per month): **US\$ 201,600**

Estimated cost for minor repairs & toilets in the child care projects (includes maintenance cost) : **US\$ 159,575**

Estimated cost for 20 sewing machines for rural women's skills training centre (US\$ 125 per machine) : **US\$ 2,500**

To defray the cost of medicines, anti-venom, vials, investigations, community health program & emergencies for 12 months : **US\$36,000**

Cost of 50 cows for rural cow society program (US\$ 400 per cow) : **US\$ 20,000**

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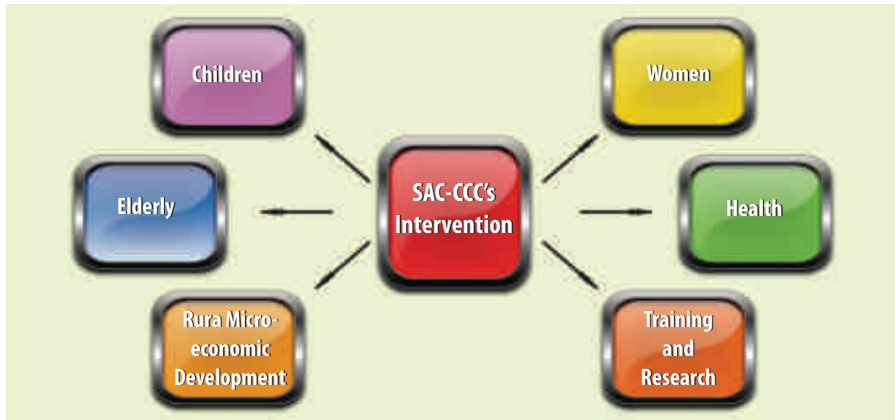
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First Edition



Dear friends,

As I write this column, all our children have just finished their Annual Exams and have gone for their summer holidays. They had a very challenging 3-month-term in school after their Christmas vacation preparing for their Annual Examinations – School and Board examinations besides striving hard to give their best in making a good presentation of their School Projects.



Children busy preparing for Exams
Girls' Home, Kollagunta, Andhra Pradesh

Finally, the testing time for them came to end and their cheerful time began. Children kept the telephones in the projects busy calling their families and loved ones to make plans for their summer holidays. The child care staff at the projects were happy to witness the children's joy and excitement before they left for vacation.



"What a relief after exams!"
Girls' Home, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh

There are some interesting success stories given in the narrative columns and I am sure you will enjoy reading them.

I take this time to reflect on the last academic year and plan for the next academic year which starts in June 2010.



"We are fortunate residents of this Home."
Girls' Home, Kollagunta, Andhra Pradesh



"Preparing to go to School"
Beattie Memorial Boys School, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh

In the entire academic year we had focused on children's academic education, physical and talent development activities. Our children have done fairly well in their studies.



Dance performance - Talent Development
Girls' Home, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh

Apart from their studies, they participated in games and sports, several quiz competitions, and talent development programs conducted in their schools and other institutions; some of them won prizes.



Girls Playing Kabadi, a famous game in South India
Girls' Home, Valparai, Tamil Nadu

Narrative Column

Success Story 1

Rajathy is an inmate of our Residential Child Care Home in Valparai, Coimbatore District in Tamil Nadu State. One day the child care staff was introducing all the residents to a visitor and when it was Rajathy's turn, asked her, "What is your mother's name?." She started weeping and the visitor took interest and started enquiring about Rajathy. When asked why she wept, Rajathy replied sobbing, "I don't know who mother is."

Rajathy's story is pathetic. Her father believed to have moved to Kerala from Valparai seeking employment. He got married to a woman from Kerala and this child was born to them. Just 25 days after her birth she lost her mother and her father being highly diabetic one of his legs was amputated. During such time, he left the infant girl with his neighbors in Kerala and came to Valparai to visit his sister's family. He revealed the whole story to his sister, nephew and niece. He took his nephew with him to Kerala and returned with the infant girl to Valparai and entrusted the responsibility of the infant girl to his sister after clear indication that very soon he was also going to die and went back to Kerala. His whereabouts were not known initially after he left, but after few days it was a confirmed news that he was no more.

His niece by then who was barely 6 years took upon herself the responsibility of bringing up this infant girl and called her "Rajathy". She sacrificed her schooling, and precious childhood only to give life to a girl born to her maternal uncle.



Rajathy with her aunt's daughter, the sacrificial lady

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They have all appreciation from their teachers in school and child care staff in the projects and we are really proud of them.

For the next academic year, we would like to focus on their career development. We have plans of conducting career guidance programs from time to time to encourage and motivate them to score high marks which would enable them to qualify for competitive examinations ultimately helping them choose their career.



"Oh! We just love our Home."
Home of Hope for Street Girls, Bangalore, Karnataka

To achieve this, we will have child friendly guest speakers, information pamphlets, and follow-ups, but all these require increased man power and money. This is where we invite you to get involved.



"Counseling" - by the Child Care Worker
Girls' Home, Dharapuram, Tamil Nadu

The "Women's Skills Training Program" aimed at increasing household income through training and equipping rural

women proved very successful empowering the women to become self-reliant.



Time for submission of Albums
Skills Training Center, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh

In the last batch (24th batch), we were able to provide full-fledged 9-month training to 14 deserving women. After their training, these women could sew clothes for themselves and their families. Their training is now over and would be awarded certificates.



"We have successfully completed our training."
Skills Training Center, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh

Equipping each of these women by giving sewing machines to enable them to run a tailoring business is what the SAC-CCC plans for from the next batch. We would once again look forward to your partnering with us to achieve this end.

Care for the elderly has been a concern of the SAC-CCC. We are happy to reach out to more than 20 deserving senior citizens through this project.



Beneficiary of "Assistance to the aged" Project
Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh

The Devanbu & Joseph Memorial Christian Mission Hospital has recorded a significant growth within a short span of 4 1/2 years. We are happy that through this Hospital, we could provide health care services to over 58,000 patients from more than 320 different places.



DJM Christian Mission Hospital
Peyanapalli, Andhra Pradesh

At present, 25 beds have been commissioned.



Female Ward, DJM Christian Mission Hospital,
Peyanapalli, Andhra Pradesh

The Hospital has been conducting

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There was no contact whatsoever with her relatives in Kerala and that is why she doesn't know her mother's name till today.



She joined our home at Valparai and has been one of the brightest students of the home.

She was clueless as to who her mother was that day, but in the form of SAC-CCC today she proudly tells everyone that God gave her the care, love, protection and assurance. This is the success story of Rajathy.

Success Story 2

Read the success story of Mrs. Shantha. Mrs. Shantha is a product of the 23rd Batch of the "Rural Women's Skills Training Center" in Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh.

Her tailoring teacher, Mrs. Razia has all appreciation for her. She said, "Shantha was a hard working student. She had a very good aptitude for learning and enjoyed every bit of the training besides completing with distinction. I should say she was an excellent student."



She was very confident of getting employed. When her tailoring teacher asked about her plans after the training, she said, "I don't have enough finances to start my own business even if I want to but I am very confident of settling down with a job in less than

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regular rural based General Health-Dental, Eye and Geriatric Care Camps.



Geriatric Camp - Community Outreach Program
DJM CM Hospital, Peyanapalli, Andhra Pradesh

Many people who could not make it to the Hospital for treatment have been benefited by these rural Camps.



General Health Camp - Community Outreach Program
DJM CM Hospital, Peyanapalli, Andhra Pradesh

Several poor and needy patients, young and old, who could not afford medical treatment, were provided free treatment.



Emergency Unit
DJM CM Hospital, Peyanapalli, Andhra Pradesh



Blood Chemistry Laboratory
DJM CM Hospital, Peyanapalli, Andhra Pradesh

We are currently facing financial problems which is affecting the smooth running of the Hospital. We have an urgent need to get the Hospital going, do partner with us through your valuable contribution.

"Ambaaaa...!" - one of the cows of the Rural Cow Societies expresses its joy for having got an opportunity to be part of a family and have someone to care for it.



Cow says, "Ambaaaa..."
Rural Cow Society, Anagallu, Andhra Pradesh

Similarly, Mrs. Angela, the owner of this particular cow expressed her happiness



Mrs. Angela, expressing her happiness
Rural Cow Society, Anagallu, Andhra Pradesh

over having the cow as part of the family which contributes to the income of the family through milk and dung (used as firewood substitute).

We are very happy that several families that received the cow especially women are now able to take care of the basic needs of their families.

There are many more women identified for distribution of cows, but need funds to purchase the cows. You could be a part of the "Rural Cow Societies" Project by donating a cow. Please partner with us. Your donation would go a long way for the cause of helping an entire poor rural family.

The Computer Certificate Training offered to young men and women last year came to an end and the graduates have been awarded certificates.

The In-service Training offered to the child care staff in our child care projects was very useful. It gave an opportunity for them to share their experiences and discuss matters related to the projects especially various child care related programs and also finances. We are planning another In-service Training during May.

In conclusion, we thank you dear donors, friends and well-wishers of SAC-CCC for your fervent prayers and financial support. It is only because of you the SAC-CCC could fulfill its mission to the poor and needy. We truly appreciate you. God bless.

Yours truly,
Dr.D.Samuel Issmer
Executive Director

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three months after completing my training." And she achieved it! She now works in a tailoring shop run by a woman and earns much more than what she expected.

Mrs. Shantha was just a housewife before the training but now she is happy that she could also earn for her family.

Success Story 3

32 year old Prabakaran, is one of the cow beneficiaries of the 'Rural Cow Societies' in Anagallu village of Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh.

Prabakaran was a driver by profession and earning a handsome money; he really enjoyed his job. "It was twelve years back that my bad time started," shared Prabakaran. He said sadly, "I met with an accident and my spinal cord got seriously injured. It disabled and made me completely depend on others for everything."

"I was trying to find ways and means to get help to start a small home based business so that I could atleast take care of my personal expenses, but it did not work out," he said.



Three years ago, Prabakaran was given a cow through the Rural Cow Societies project. Let us see what he has to say now. "Entry of the cow into my family was something I did not expect. I feel so good and relaxed now. The cow gives 6 litres of milk per day and by selling this milk I am now able to take care of my personal expenses. The cow has really made a difference in my life and is my source of living. Thank you SAC-CCC for this gift," said Prabakaran stroking the cow.