



Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre
Project updates : Fourth Issue : January to March 2015

New Year with new hopes and we feel very blessed to receive encouragement to start our new intervention in dealing with the issue of Trafficking in West Bengal. We are very grateful to Mary Ward International Spain for providing the financial support for this burning issue.



We were also successful in organizing the **One Billion Rising on 14th February** with huge support from friends and well wishers. It was organized at the St. Joseph's College ground, on 14th February and was attended by schools and college students from all over Kolkata; Sisters, Priests and Brothers of several Religious Congregation, NGOs, local street children, friends and commoners bringing the total audience count to nearly 1700.

Loreto Sealdah students started with the Flash mob. Bangla Band 'Dohar, Kamran Khurshid and ANJIKA – a martial arts group performed to highlight the cause.

Two very special women who are survivors of violence, humiliation were courageous to stand on stage and share their lives with the audience.

Performance by the students of Loreto Rainbow Bowbazar, Loreto Elliot Rd, Loreto Dharmatalla, Lee Memorial School and St. Joseph's School highlighted the cause and raised awareness to rise against violence towards women.

From Sonagachi a guest speaker represented the plight of women. She is now a volunteer of an NGO - Durbar Mahila Samity .Sr. Anita Braganza in her speech inspired and encouraged the entire crowd to rise up to the cause and especially the men to stand by the women.

One billion rising Anthem, dance and release of hot balloons symbolized the pledge to rise for justice and gender equality. The event was authenticated by signature campaign too.

We are extremely grateful to our sponsors Jagori Rural Charitable Trust, Mr. Bimal Lall, Mr. Sarkar, our Printer Mr. Haranando for printing the posters and flexes free of cost and our local vendors. We sincerely thank the Loreto family, our host Mrs. Banerjee – Principal of St. Joseph's College, Bro. Christopher & his team for their support. Thanks to the passionate anchoring by Ms. Gouri Basu and Mr. Sunil Lucas. Mr. Debashis Banerjee designed the flexes brilliantly. Mrs. Dianne Hooper of Keventer Company for sponsoring the Frooti drinks. KMWSC staff and JPIC team needs special mention for their efforts.



UPDATES

1.Sensitization on Human Trafficking Project – Pilot Phase 2015 Human trafficking refers to transportation of persons for forced labour, sexual exploitation or other illicit activities. West Bengal, a most populous state in India, is where women and children continue to be the most targeted ones by traffickers. The most recent report by United Nations Office on Drug and Crime (UNODC) entitled ‘Anti Human Trafficking , 2013’ discloses that in West Bengal more than 19,000 women and children were reported missing of which only 6000 could be traced. The state is considered as one of the most vulnerable place for trafficking as it serves only as a central location for intra and interstate trafficking but also to international trafficking. The rise in trafficking case is mainly due to the outstanding accessibility of railways, roadways, airways and waterways that offers easy transit points and also the international borders shared by the state.






Canning is the major transit route for trafficking. And it is one of the gateways to Sunderban Islands. It connects East Gosaba, and Basanti block quite close by. On the other hand, it connects Falta and Noorpur. The major tourist spots - Sundarban is thriving as tourist spot with sex tourism rampant in the tourist resorts. The police and the members of Judiciary does not yet have data about these tourist spots acting as destination points of trafficking, but they were in agreement that all these points act as major points for sex-tourism.

Overall objective: Prevention of trafficking of adolescent girls and women through survey, awareness campaigning, coordination and rescue (when needed) in 5 Gram Panchayats of Canning 1 of the District of South 24 Parganas.

Selection of 5 Gram Panchayats: After consultation with local club members, Women Self Help Groups and influential members of the community five vulnerable Gram Panchayats were selected in Canning 1 Block, namely Matla I, Taldi, Nikarighata, Daria and Itkhola. These Panchayats are very vulnerable for adolescent girls and women being close to Canning railway station which is an easy transit route for the traffickers.

Activities accomplished till March, 2015

Sl. No	Activities accomplished	Outcome
1	Interview of candidates conducted for doing the survey of 1000 households in five Gram Panchayats of Canning 1 Block, South 24 Pgs. West Bengal.	5 surveyors were selected from the locality for conducting the Survey. Mr, Saumen Halder-Matla 1 GP, Bithika Halder-Taldi GP, Kamal Krishna Halder-Daria GP, Kamal Krishna Maulick-Nikarighata GP and Rabi Shanakar Roy- Itkhola GP were selected.
2	Request letter to District Magistrate, South 24 Parganas, seeking permission to conduct survey.	Received permission on 25.02.2015 from District Administration

3	Requested District Child Protection Society, South 24 Pgs to extend their Support for conducting the Survey in Canning 1 Block.	Received their consent letter from Mr. Anindya Ghosh District Child Protection officer dated 16.02.2015
4	 <p>Meetings with the Gram Pradhan's of the respective GP are for the survey. Project staff interacted with Anganwadi workers, ASHA health workers and Self Help Groups of Taldi Gram Panchyats on 20.02.2015.</p>	60 participants were sensitized regarding the organization KMWSC, its Vision and Mission and about the project on Human Trafficking.
5	Sample survey of 1000 households in 5 GPs (Gram Panchayat- local self government). Sample survey Questionnaires were used for information gathering- individual survey in person.	Completed the survey of 1000 Households on 28.02.2015
6	Need assessment report prepared and submitted to the donor agency (MWI- Spain)	Submitted the Need Assessment Report in the first week of March'15 to the Donor Agency
7	 <p>Interview of candidates for post of Field Animators for the Project was on 03.03.2015.</p>	Field animators have been selected. They were oriented regarding the vision and mission of KMWSC and the Project Proposal.
8	Formation of five Adolescent girls groups in the Five Gram Panchayats.	The Animators have formed the Adolescent girls groups. The group is comprised of 10 girl children. They will be capacitated to become change makers of the community.
9	<p>Two programmes organised on Orientation & Formation of Adolescents Girls Group.</p> 	At Matla 1 GP and Taldi GP the programme was organized and they were informed about Child Rights and Child Line. They were oriented regarding the roles and responsibilities. The groups decided they will conduct monthly meeting for sharing their thoughts.
10	<p>Two Programme on Formation and Orientation of Vigilance Committee has been formed.</p> 	In Daria GP and Itkhola GP the programme was conducted. They were oriented about KMWSC and its background, their roles and responsibilities. The committee will act as safety net in the community.
11	Display of Project banner.	In Five GP Office the project banner has been displayed for mass awareness.

2.Childline:

Activities	Achievements	Area Conducted	Process of Intervention
Outreach/ Awareness	650 adults and 90 children were sensitized on CHILDLINE services.	Ultadanga, Bidhannagar, Baguiati, Kaikhali, Airport, Baranagar, Kamarhati, Sinth, Ultadanga, Bangur Avenue, Lake Town, Dakhineswar, Sithi Maniktalla, Khanna, Chiryamore, Tobind Road, TalaTank, Phool Bagan, Lake Town, Baranagar, Sinthi, C.R. Ave, Rajarhat, Newtown, Nimtala, Saltlake	Intensive outreach and awareness conducted in various places of North Kolkata through door to door survey made by the team members. Methodologies used like distribution of leaflets, posters, stickers. Our target groups are School students, Community leaders, NGO'S, Police and other Stake holders whom we sensitized on childline services, and highlighted the core child protection issues like child trafficking, child marriage, abuse, missing and etc.
Phone Testing	229	229 Phone Testing done in these respective areas.	We have reached out to the communities, auto drivers, shopkeepers, and few passersby and encouraged them to do phone testing from their mobiles, and in crises they should refer to Childline.
Case Intervention	15	Some of the cases were referred through Collab, and some cases were reported to us directly from the field area.	(15 cases reported) out of which 6 children were provided shelter, 2 restorations at Chapra and Chattishgarh. 3 children were repatriated with their families and 4 children were given medical support.
Home Visit Done	9	Thakurpukur, Sonarpur, Newtown, Khanna 4 & Cossipore	Home Visit was done for all the 9 children. Follow – up of 4 children out of which 2 children will be followed up by Patna Childline, 2 will be done by Mednipur Childline, and 1 by Sabuj Sanga.

Case Intervention: Anjali, aged 15 years, resides with her parents at 4 No Diljaan Road, under Chitpur P.S. She got involved with a local boy and made all plans to elope and get married. Thankfully Anjali's mother after getting a hint immediately contacted Kolkata Childline for help. During the intervention we came to know that the boy's family was threatening and harassing Anjali's family. Anjali was produced before CWC and later referred to CINI-ASHA for temporary shelter. After 15 days Anjali was restored back to the family and now is under regular observation and follow-up, by our team.

Afrin Khatoon lived with her parents at Ballygunge Station at Platform No – 4; her father is a rickshaw puller and mother is a maid and their constant fight effected Afrin badly. Her mother even left her and got re-married and Afrin was found wandering in the station. Kasba P.S. traced the child and referred the girl to Kolkata Childline. A missing GDE was lodged at the nearest P.S. against GDE No - 141 dated on

02.08.14. We tried contacting her mother who refused to take her back. The child was produced before CWC and a temporary shelter was provided at CINI Urban Unit. Later the child was referred to Loreto Dharamtala Rainbow Home for further rehabilitation.

Restoration in March'2015 Raja a 12 years old boy was rescued from Sealdah Station against G.D.E. No – 1500/15 dated on 14.01.15. Raja ran away from Sushil Balak Griha (Home) – Champa in Chattisgarh. During counseling Raja disclosed that when he came to Kolkata from the Home he was rescued by Childline, and was sent to Kishalaya Home; he ran again to Champa and took shelter in a Muslim family where he did all household work. But because of stealing he escaped again and ended up in Mumbai, finding a job in a hotel. From Mumbai he came back to Kolkata again and was rescued by Sealdah GRPS and was referred Kolkata Childline. Raja was produced CWC Kolkata and we contacted Bilaspur Childline in the meantime and restored Raja back to Sushil Balak Griha (Home). We pray that Raja settles this time.



Kunal aged 13 was rescued by the Beniapukur P.S. against G.D.E. No – 2542 dated 23.02.15. He lives in Chapra, District Bihar. After his father death, his mother somehow managed the house and Kunal struggled to study until class – VII. He decided to come to Kolkata to his uncle in Park Circus but was unable to locate his address. While seeing him wandering, locals handed him to the Police. Who then connected Kolkata Childline. After process with CWC, Bihar Childline was contacted and Kunal was taken to ‘Paras Degree College’ for residential care. Child line Bihar will follow up from there on.

Childline Birthday Celebration: On 25th Feb'2015 we celebrated Kolkata Childline's 15th birthday at Eco Park. 31 children from Jyotinagar colony and Sonagachi Red Light area had a great time with games, joy rides and freedom to run around. They enjoyed cutting the cake and the delicious lunch.



Open House: On 27th February'2015 an Open House Programme was conducted for students at Shri Vidhalaya - Maniktala. 61 children from Class – I to V and 6 teachers were sensitized on Childline services, child rights. Children expressed their views and committed to help children in need through the Childline services.



We were also able to conduct a Child Labour Rescue Operation from Lake Town area with the help of DCPO and to sensitize the MLA of Baranagar Municipality.

3.Hidden Domestic Child Labour Programme :

Multiple activity centres (MAC) Activities and Achievements:

- ✓ On 8th Jan for Annual Sports 185 children from 8 MAC's and 13 escorts visited Eden's Gardens Ground. After games and enjoyable lunch, they



had a tour of the garden and enjoyed the rides and the beautiful nature. We were glad to give such a good time to the children.

- ✓ 2 CLS were conducted in January for 24 candidates on AC repair, House Keeping and Beautician trade.
- ✓ 52 children from MAC were mainstreamed into Govt. School in January and February'2015
- ✓ 160 children from MAC participated in the launching of Action 2015 (Millennium Development), Goals at Princep Ghat- Kolkata.
- ✓ 152 CDW's had life skill training through the professional trainer to enhance their inner skills through various types of group activities and playful method.

Capacity building of Project Staff: Training on Project Management and Review Meeting was organized by Save The Children at Orko Hotel from 2nd to 5th Feb'2015 which was attended by 6 MAC facilitators. Training on pedagogy was organized by Save the Children on 4th & 5th Feb'2015 at IITD Thakurpukur.

Theatre for Development (TFD) was conducted in different localities of Kolkata Municipality from 20th March till 23rd March, 2015. The objective of the theatre was to source candidates for vocational training. TFD depicts numerous problems faced by children involved in various risky jobs and hazards involved and how skill trainings help children for better opportunities. We also distributed leaflets, verbally communicated along with the street play to attract candidates and the general public in highlighting New Horizon programmes. TFD will be followed by screening, life skill training for 7 days and market orientation for potential candidates. We had substantial local support and thanks to all the support from Save the Children.



✓ 21st March'2015 **Cognizant** – a Multi National Campaign organized a lovely time for 80 mainstream school children of 5 MACs to encourage them to stay focused. They were entertained with films, music and lunch. We are thankful to Cognizant staff for volunteering at our MAC centres on Saturdays, providing free tutorial support and life skill training.

- ✓ 30th March'2015 Save The Children organized a Certification Programme called 'Melan' at Rotary Sadan for alumni group and for the housekeeping candidates, who completed their 2 months training. 4 candidates received certificate and momentum and are now ready for job placement. A short play was enacted by Right Track depicting transformation of lives. Mr. Biswajit was identified by KMWSC Loreto as a role model for all. He has become a trainer of Head Start Training Institute.



4. Brick Field Schools :

- ✓ We had conducted 20 Guardian meetings
- ✓ Two teachers training for 47 fresh teachers and 55 teachers respectively.
- ✓ Teaching quality improvement orientation was conducted for BFS teachers who needed support.
- ✓ Brick Field School visit and monitoring visit by KMWSC – BFS team, at a glance:

Name of Area & NGO	No. of visit for the period			No. of BFS Schools	All visits done by 3 BFS staff and Jon Elis - volunteer
	JAN-15	FEB-15	MAR-15		
Kulpi (SabujSangh)	Thrice	4 Times	4 Times	8 BFS	
Najirgung (NSN)	Once	Twice	Twice	4 BFS	
Bendel (Athmik)	Once	Thrice	Once	5 BFS	
Minakhan(MBGUS)	Thrice	Twice	Thrice	5 BFS	
Naihti (NPL)	Twice	Twice	Once	8 BFS	
Pathogata (T.F)	Once	Twice	Twice	2 BFS	
Pujali (KSWs)	Twice	Twice	Once	7 BFS	
Bolpur (ABSK)	No visit	Once	Once	5 BFS	
Tarkeswar (K.C)	Twice	Twice	Thrice	7 BFS	

Sports program was conducted on 19th Feb till 3rd March 2015 to provide some entertainment to the children. More than 2500 children participated and enjoyed special food and gifts.



The BFS team participated at a consultation on **“Creating an enabling Structural Framework for effective inclusion of Migrants in Policy Decision” on 28th March, 2015** organized by The West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights (WBSCPCR) in collaboration with GOAL. Representative from the Govt. Departments, academic institutions, NGOs took part in the deliberation. It focused on migration and human mobility issue which includes integrated programme at the source locations for prevention of distress migration, pre-departure programme for families and adolescents, formation of Child Protection Committees for creation of safety nets within communities, rights and entitlements programme for seasonal migrants, rights-entitlements programme for migrants etc. Prof. Achin Chakraborty, Director, Institute for Development Studies, Kolkata delivered the key note address and the panel discussion were facilitated by representative from Govt Dept, Academic Institutions and NGOs.

Brickfield Health Programme : We were graced by the visit of **Ms. Lilian Teunissen** representing, our Donor - Calcutta Rescue (Netherlands) at the health camps in Pujali, Health camps are conducted in February, March and will continue till April. 76 health camps already conducted till March catering to 4000 brickfield workers and their children. The health camps consist of medical camp which includes- height and weight checkups, doctor’s visit and distribution of medicine. Awareness



session for mothers, adolescent girls and children's on issues of health and hygiene, nutrition, immunization, vaccination, reproductive health, first aid, family planning is also conducted.

- ✓ First aid boxes were distributed to each brick field school with brief idea about how to conduct awareness camps by a doctor.
- ✓ Vitamin A supplement and Albendazole tablets which is to be administered to the children of the brick field from 6 months to 5 years of age was provided free by Vitamin Angels. Teachers were trained on how to give the dosage to the children at their school.
- ✓ We have provided treatment to three special cases for further medical intervention. We are thankful to Hope Foundation Kolkata- Hospital for providing the facilities.
 - Champa Devi a women age 28 with hip dislocation has been treated;
 - Raju, age 12 has been treated for bone infection and
 - Sunny only age 4 was treated for phymosis.
- ✓ We thank Mr. Sunil Lucas for donating a free wheel chair for a child Suraj Nonia, in the BFS.

Visit of Anthony Hanan and Andrea Cortemiglia of Misesan Cara – Ireland to KMWSC on 11 – 12 March 2015



Mr. Hanan and Mr. Cortemiglia visited the BFS schools and a Government Primary School (GPS), to have a fair idea of the quality of teaching and infrastructure. They were happy with the teaching in the BFS as they were livelier and better organized than in the GPS. The enthusiasm and teaching methods applied by our teachers was impressive.

Both were very encouraging but their main concerns were regarding sustainability, government endorsement, advocacy and strategic planning. We were suggested to recruit a professional to formulate the strategic plan and to evaluate the programme. We were convinced that they truly believed in what we were doing for the migrant children. Their advice and guidance will help us to spearhead the programme strategically. We appreciate the discussion and guidance provided by Mr. Hanan and Mr. Cortemiglia Thanks.

5.Solar Enlighten and Community Empowerment Project: We are very grateful to Greenap – Germany for providing 200 solar lights for the students of the education centres and community. 68 big cartons comprising 200 solar lights and 200 panels were delivered on 3rd February and it was a mammoth job for the 4 men to load and unload the 200 lamps and panels on the boat and then transport it all in local vans to Manmathnagar village.



The solar lanterns were distributed on 10th 17th and 18 March 2015, to the children of our centres and their mothers



were oriented by our community teachers as to how to charge the lights, to properly maintain the lights along with the solar panel. We also shared the main aim of distribution of solar lights.

Few lights are also distributed to the neediest women in the community. Data sheet is being maintained for each light and is being duly signed against the receipt of solar lamps by the guardian of the children and the respective village women. Each sheet would also have the signature of the respective staff / staffs of the project along with recipients' photo and serial number of the light.

6.Fisher Folk project in Contai: Presently 6 MACs are in operation. Earlier a centre in New Jalda was closed and instead we opened a new centre at Kadua village on February 2015. The Half Yearly Evaluation of each child was completed. Total beneficiaries till March, 2015 are 347 children which is more than our target of 300 children; we had a target to start adult education for 100 women but we have reached to 120 women already. More than 3000 were oriented on child rights, human rights, right to education act 2009, etc.



✓ Adult Education: With advocacy and network with State Resource Centre, WB for Adult education and Training we were able to train 15 teachers including the supervisors. Each participant received their certificates from the State Resource Centre, WB.

✓ Vocational Training: Inauguration of 4 vocational training centers was on 9th, 10th, 13th and 16th March, 2015. The Fishing communities of Contai don't have any source of income from March to August every year. We started with training 120 members from the community on alternative livelihood which will continue till April 2015. We hope these vocational training will be of some value to the community.



✓ Advocacy with Department of Fisheries, WB for Advanced Dry Fish processing Training has been done for which we will be able to conduct the training in April 2015.

7.Jharkhali School Project : Jharkhali School in Basanti Block in the Sundarbans, hosted an English language workshop for 200 students from the local schools of the five neighboring areas. The transition year students of John Scottus School (JSS) - Ireland, with the students of Loreto Sealdah were in Jharkhali from 27th January to 7th Feb 2015. The camp provided facilities for the village school students to interact and train themselves using activity based



learning and peer teaching. It is hoped that the local Jharkhali students will in turn pass on these new techniques of English learning, to their classmates. JSS calls it trickle down and ripple out.

Teacher of JSS shared their expertise in teaching English, effectively with the teachers of the participatory schools. The teachers found this helpful and have requested more of English teaching techniques from the KMWSC faculty and JSS. Mr. Milindo Chakma, Project Coordinator, along with Field staff, visited 10 MSKs & 10 SSKs from 17th Feb-20th Feb,2015 with the view to discuss with teachers & school committees about new

training programmes as well as understand the complexities & issues of communities in Sunderban Delta.

8. Lodha Community Project



aims to uplift the development of the people belonging to Lodha Community by providing education and support for health and hygiene. Presently there are 67 children with 3 teachers. Children are divided into three groups for effective teaching. TLMs are used in classes and special care is taken for those students who are school drop outs. We provide each child with as small tiffin daily.



We also plan to organize medical camp and health check up soon and hence teachers are already visiting families to see the health situation and common medical problems. We are extremely thankful to MWI – Spain for supporting this programme.

9. Lotus Child Education Programme: The programme aims to build the capacity of the children and women of the two communities at Sonapota and Chawalgola in the rural areas of South 24 Parganas. The younger children are provided with basic numeracy and literacy skills and then mainstreamed into the school.



✓ The two centres have the total strength of nearly 120 students. For both the beginners and school goers there are 2 teachers in each centre. We have successfully mainstreamed 15 children.



✓ We provide adult education to 35 women at present. Along with basic numeracy and literacy skills newspaper reading, audio visual sessions, awareness sessions are also conducted for the adult learners. Parent teachers meeting was conducted at both the centres which received good response.

✓ Capacity building training for the teachers was also provided to ensure that the teachers implement what they learn. We covered child pedagogy and sessions on awareness activities.

10. Education of deprived urban children: From Sonagachi Red light area and Jyotinagar colony we support 41 children for their schooling, extra tutorial support, education materials and minimal tiffin. Loreto Sealdah generously provides the bus to bring them to and fro to the Government school and back home and they are escorted safely by a KMWSC staff Ms. Rinku Roy, who is specially allocated for these children. From 2:30 till 4:00 the students of pre- primary and class I are provided extra tuition as none of them have this support at home.



A parents teachers meeting was attended by Ms. Rinku and Ms. Tarannum at their school on 19th March 2015 where each child was asked to bring their own plate for the mid day meal. It was also decided that all weak children will be provided with remedial teaching by the school teachers after school hours, which we feel will take some time to materialize.

On 31st March 10 students were invited to the Indian Museum, kind favour CHILDLINE, which was a great experience for them.

11. Barefoot Teachers Training:

✓ 6th March, Ms Susila Mirandi and Anita Deb were invited for a Motivational work shop at Kalyanpur, Organized by Lee Memorial Mission School for Girls. 17 staff were trained on 5 steps methodology; Individual work, Group Sharing, Duties and responsibilities. Process introduced was through Feedback, Analysis & decision to change and through role play. At the end of the programme there was a Feedback session from the participants where they requested for further training.

✓ 24th March **Sr. Christine** of Asha Seva Kendra, Gomia, Dist Bokaro, invited Mrs. Anita Deb and Ms. Sushila Mirandi to train 21 teachers. This was a follow up training and 2 sessions were conducted. Qualities of a good teacher and characteristics of 5 – 8 years children were discussed through question answer session, group sharing, feedback, analysis, and decisions to change. The second session was on Language development through storytelling, conversation, rhymes, songs, and games along with practical demonstration with real objects. At the end of the session teachers were more confident and interactive.



✓ On 30th and 31st March the third outdoor Primary level teachers training was organized in Kolkata by a NGO - GD study Circle for 60 teachers from 32 schools of different rural area of West Bengal.

Capacity Building training for KMWSC staff:

✓ Mr. Debdas Majumder, Finance Manager of KMWSC attended a workshop in Loreto House on 6th and 7th February 2015 on internal accounting systems. Discussion on new rules and regulations of the FCRA was also part of the agenda.



✓ Tarannum Parveen – from Childline attended two trainings on Outreach/ awareness organized by CINI Urban and on documentation organized by IPER.

Volunteers' feedback: *KMWSC* encourages volunteers and visitors from India and abroad to share ideas, expertise and interest. We are thankful to Ana Watts for helping the children from the red light area with English lessons. Ana also helped us documenting the fisher folk project in Contai. Thank you Ana.

We were happy to invite **Valerie Johnston** who shared with us her personal feelings after visiting some of our works:

'In January - February 2015 I spent 4 weeks in Kolkata. I attended a barefoot training session run for nearly 60 Brickfield School teachers who work in communities, in need of education, support, health checks and acceptance into the wider Govt education systems. As I had been in charge of a Teacher Training College for Anglo Indian young men, I was quite amazed at the skills displayed by the team and the ease of communication with which they taught the various skills appropriate for the Brickfields' children from 4 to 11 years. The 2 teachers in each 'field' were well prepared and able to teach effectively in Hindi, Bengali and even the Adivasi dialect and a little English! Equipment was limited but appropriate to the environment. The children were happy and quick to learn. The older children can help parents in the brickfield work in the mornings but all seem to attend reasonably regularly in the midday sessions. In some ways the programme is like an apprentice for the older ones. The enthusiasm and skills of the teachers and the training are encouraging indeed; they deserve all support that can be given. I regret I can no longer be part of such education in the land we love'.

We take this opportunity to thank, Kim Proding and staff/ students of St. Ignatius College for their visit and continuous support to BFS. Mickey Mathews for doing the *KMWSC* 5 minutes film, and Josh for helping with the case study of the Fisher folk project; Jean Duffy & Bertha Cooke for volunteering with the Rainbows. Fr. Pat Hogan's group – Calcutta Calling, Canadian students and staff, and students of Sophia University of Japan, Johnny Moore and his parents, Mr. Micheal Muller from BONO - Germany for taking their time out to visit the various projects. Kerry Luxton also visited and assured her support. It was wonderful for our junior Loreto Sisters to visit the brickfield schools for their understanding and knowledge.

The resurrection of the Loving Lord is a wonder! It is a time to cherish and value our inner talents and give our very best. May the joy and peace of the Risen Lord transform the lives of all those who we touch with every opportunity He provides.

We wish each one of you a very Blessed Easter.

From all in KMWSC.

