

Social Outreach Programme – 2014-2015

Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, you do it unto me (Mathew 25: 40). This verse from the scripture reminds us of our social responsibility. Keeping this in mind, the Social Outreach Programme was introduced to the students of SYBA/BCom. It has completed its ninth year. Through Social Outreach Programme, the students were asked to make themselves aware and empathize to the sufferings of the poor, marginalized and underprivileged sections of the society.

The Orientation Programme for students was conducted in the month of June in Conference Room. Students were asked to choose various centres from where they would complete their Outreach Programme. These centres were provided by Institute for Community Organization Research (ICOR) with help of Fr. Allwyn D'Silva and Deepika Singh who co-ordinated with the various centres. Prof. Kevin Miranda and Prof. Janine Coelho co-ordinated with the students and ICOR for allocating centres to the students.

The various centres where the students did their outreach programme were Shelter Don Bosco, Auxilium Convent, Cheshire Home, Bombay Urban Industrial League for Development, Shanti Daan, Sneha Sadan, Paryavaran Saurakshan Kendra, House of Charity, BUILD, ICOR, UMED, IDOBRO, Asha Kiran Community Centre, Navejeet Community Centre. The students were asked do atleast 20 hours of service.

The students have expressed gratitude to the College and thanked the Management, Principal and the Professor-in-Charge for having conducted such a programme for them. The students were touched by the plight of the orphans, underprivileged and people belongs to the marginalized sections of the society. Through the Programme students have realized how fortunate they are with the necessities and comforts of life. The awareness and realization of the students from the outreach programme is evident from their report in which some of them said:

- “ I have learnt to be kind and loving to one another”
- “ I learnt how to make others happy’
- “ When faced with difficulties, I learnt not to quarrel but be happy”
- “ I want to help institutions that make a difference in the lives of the poor”
- “It has made me realize that I have been blessed with parents that are offering me the best education”
- “This programme has taught me to have patience”
- “I felt good to do something to save our planet earth.”
- “ I really felt the pain that the aged people were going through at the Home for the Aged”
- “I realized that we should respect and love our parents till the end”
- “ I learnt how to save and find happiness in the smallest things”

We thank Fr. Allwyn D'Silva, Deepika Singh, the Community Centres and Other Institutions and NGO's who have helped us in conducting the outreach programme for our students and making it a success. A special thanks to Fr. Aniceto Perreira for his whole hearted support, involvement and guidance during the entire year which has helped me to co-ordinate the outreach programme successfully.

This year seven students were given Scholarships on the Annual day for the Social Outreach Programme for the Academic Year 2013-14. These scholarships were:

1. Rev. Fr. Nereus Rodrigues Scholarship for students in the Social Outreach Programme who are deserving ₹10,000 was shared by Rachael D'Dsouza, Anisha Lobo, Lekha Trivedi, Bianca Picardo and Eden Edward.

2. Mrs. Marie Rodrigues Scholarship for student in the Social Outreach Programme who is good in either Mathematics, Accounts or Science ₹5,000 was given to Idalina Rodrigues.

3. Mr. Ivan Rodrigues Scholarship for student in the Social Outreach Programme who is good in hockey or any other sport ₹5,000 was given to Kevin Misquitta

We thank the donors for the scholarship amounts.

Prof. Kevin M. Miranda
Co-ordinator

Working in the Kitchen



Teaching the girl child



Social Outreach Programme – 2013-2014

The Social Outreach Programme for the students of the second year of the aided section of the Senior College successfully completed its eight year. The objective of the Social Outreach Programme is to enlighten students what the Scripture tells us “Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, you do it unto me” (Mathew 25:40). Through this quote, we through the Social Outreach Programme remind students, Jesus Christ concern for the poor and marginalized, and want them to respect what they have and share their surplus resources with the poor.

Through Social Outreach Programme, the students were asked to make themselves aware and empathize to the sufferings of the poor, marginalized and underprivileged sections of the society. This is what we Christian believe, that on the judgment day ultimately we would be judged upon.

The Orientation Programme for students was conducted in the month of July in Conference Room. Students were asked to choose various centres from where they would complete their Outreach Programme. These centres were provided by Institute for Community Organization Research (ICOR) with help of Fr. Allwyn D’Silva and Deepika Singh who co-ordinated with the various centres. Prof. Kevin Miranda co-ordinated with the students and ICOR for allocating centres to the students.

The various centres where the students did their outreach programme were Shelter Don Bosco, Auxilium Convent, Karuna Sadan, Cheshire Home, St. Anthony’s Old Age Home, Sanjeevan Kendra, Shanti Daan, Sneha Sadan, Paryavaran Saurakshan Kendra, House of Charity, BUILD, ICOR, UMED, IDOBRO, Asha Kiran Community Centre, Navejeet Community Centre. The students were asked do atleast 20 hours of service.

The students have expressed gratitude to the College and thanked the Management, Principal and the Professor-in-Charge for having conducted such a programme for them. The students were touched by the plight of the orphans, underprivileged and people belongs to the marginalized sections of the society. The students have thanked God because the Programme has made them realize how fortunate they are with the necessities and comforts of life. The awareness and realization of the students from the outreach programme is evident from their report in which some of them said:

- “I learned to have patience, be open minded, be loving & caring and a good listener”
- “ The happiness and self satisfaction which I gained in this outreach programme was much more than my own real success’
- “ I have realized not to take education for granted and that there are many children in the world who are deprived of it”
- “I have realized the worth and importance of preserving and saving our environment”
- I realised how much our parents do for us in every walk of life. I came home and asked for forgiveness from my parents for all the wrongs that I have done against them”
- “ I learnt to cherish and be thankful for all what my parents did for me”
- “There is a change in me as person and I get a sense of responsibility towards my life, parents and society”

- “It has developed in me the need to be charitable towards the needy and the destitute of the society”
- “I has really opened my eyes and made me realize that there are others and less fortunate than us and we have to be thankful for what we have”
- “ It made me sensitize that all humans are equal and should be treated equally”
- “I have realized the worth of life, money and parents”
- “I have learnt the true meaning of life i.e. The Joy of Giving”
- “ I just learnt to stop complaining in life”

Truly the teachings of the scriptures have come alive in the students through the outreach programme. For this we thank Fr. Allwyn D’Silva, Deepika Singh, the Community Centres and Other Institutions and NGO’s who have helped us in conducting the outreach programme for our students and making it a success. A special thanks to Fr. Aniceto Perreira for his whole hearted support, involvement and guidance during the entire year which has helped me to co-ordinate the outreach programme successfully.

This year five students were given Scholarships on the Annual day for the Social Outreach Programme for the Academic Year 2012-13. These scholarships were:

1. Rev. Fr. Nereus Rodrigues Scholarship for students in the Social Outreach Programme who are deserving ₹10,000 was shared by Zenia Fernandes, Michelle Noronha and Zirzinia Sequeira.
2. Mrs. Marie Rodrigues Scholarship for student in the Social Outreach Programme who is good in either Mathematics, Accounts or Science ₹5,000 was given to Milton Lobo.
3. Mr. Ivan Rodrigues Scholarship for student in the Social Outreach Programme who is good in hockey or any other sport ₹5,000 was given to Leanne Barnes.

We thank the donors for the scholarship amounts.

Prof. Kevin M. Miranda
Co-ordinator

Gender Development issues: Discussion & Presentation



Social Outreach Programme – 2012-2013

This year the Social Outreach Programme successfully completed its seventh year. The Orientation programme for students was conducted in the month of July in Conference Room. Students were divided into batches of 15-20 and deputed to various centres chosen by them. These centres were provided by Institute for Community Organization Research (ICOR) with help of Fr. Allwyn D'Silva and Deepika Singh who co-ordinated with the various centres. Prof. Kevin Miranda co-ordinated with the students and ICOR for allocating centres to the students.

The various centres where the students did their outreach programme were Shelter Don Bosco, Welfare Society for Destitute Children, Auxilium Convent High School, Cheshire Home, St. Catherine's Home, Shanti Daan, Sneha Sadan, Paryavaran Saurakshan Kendra, Garbage Concern Welfare Society, House of Charity, The Society for Home for the Aged, Sneha Sagar Aged Home, BUILD, UMED, Ashadan, Asha Kiran Community Centre, Navejeet Community Centre. The students were asked do atleast 20 hours of service.

The objective of the Social Outreach Programme is to awaken students to have concern for the poor and marginalized, to respect what they have and share their surplus resources with the poor.

Through these centres, the students were asked to make themselves aware and empathize to the sufferings of the poor, marginalized and underprivileged sections of the society. This is in keeping with the scripture teachings "Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, you do it unto me" (Mathew 25:40).

The students have expressed gratitude to the College and thanked the Principal and the Professor-in-Charge for having conducted such a programme for them. The students were touched by the plight of the orphans, underprivileged and disabled children. The students have thanked God because the Programme has made them realize how fortunate they are to be born normal, with parents to provide them with the necessities and comforts of life. The awareness and realization of the students from the outreach programme is evident from their report in which some of them said:

- "I learnt to respect the poor, not to underestimate anyone, as all are not fortunate like us"
- "I have learnt to live life joyfully, as it is the best gift given to us by God"
- "It has made me aware how lucky I am, to have my loved ones around me. I have also learned to value things in life"
- "I have learnt that I should respect the normal life I have, and whatever I am is just because of my parents and will treat them well"
- "I have learnt that whatever extra I have, does not belong to me, but belongs to the people that don't have that abundance"
- "I thank my College for organizing such a programme and giving us the opportunity to serve mankind"
- "Has made us more environmental conscious of our duties towards the betterment of the society"
- "My experience has changed me as a person and definitely made me a better individual"
- "I have learnt to smile each day even with all the pains and disappointments. I have learnt to be obedient"

- “I have become more sensitive to the struggles of the less fortunate”
- “I learnt that we should be happy with whatever we have and to always smile even if things don’t go our way”
- “I have learnt that we are so lucky and blessed to have parents who love and care for us and give so much”

Truly the teachings of the scriptures have come alive in the students through the outreach programme. For this we thank Fr. Allwyn D’Silva, Deepika Singh, the Community Centres and Other Institutions and NGO’s who have helped us in conducting the outreach programme for our students and making it a success. A special thanks to Fr. Aniceto Perreira for his whole hearted support, involvement and guidance during the entire year which has helped me to co-ordinate the outreach programme successfully.

The Outreach Programme concluded with a final workshop where in Fr. Allwyn D’Silva and Deepika Singh interacted with students on various social issues and listened to their experiences they during the Outreach Programme.

Prof. Kevin M. Miranda

Co-ordinator

With Special Children



Working in the Kitchen



Social Outreach Programme 2011-12

The social outreach programme this year was divided into two phases, viz. the outreach programme for 15 hours and the green audit programme for 10 hours. An orientation programme was conducted for students class wise in the month of July, 2011 wherein students were introduced to the programme. The outreach programme was conducted with the help of Fr. Allwin D’silva and Deepika Singh of Institute for Community Organization Research (ICOR) who provided with the Community centres for conducting the outreach programme. Fr. Aniceto Pereira and Prof. Kevin Miranda co-ordinated the programme on behalf of St. Andrew’s College.

In the first phase, the students through the outreach programme were sensitized to the issues and the sufferings of the poor and the marginalized of the society. Some of the centres through which the students conducted their outreach programme were Snehasadan, Navejeet

Community Centre, Asha Dan, Fatimashray, Cheshire Home, St. Catherine's Home, Asha Kiran Community Centre, Paryavaran Saurakshan Kendra, House of Charity, Fatima Mata Ashram, Welfare Society for Destitute Children, Sneha Sagar Aged Home, Auxilium Convent and BUILD. The following were some of the views of students after completing the outreach programme:

"It has opened my mind and heart to see the needs and listen to the cry of the poor around me"

"I have learnt to be happy with what I have"

"I learnt to live a joyful life and also this experience has deepened my faith in God"

"I realized how blessed I am to have parents, house to live and other luxuries of life"

"I learnt to appreciate what I have, especially my parents"

"This programme has changed me as a person filled with love for the poor and the willingness to help others"

"The programme has taught me to live as a better human being"

"Social outreach programme has taught me how to treat and behave with people who are not so well off"

"I have learnt that life does not depend on artificial things, but on love, care and affection for others"

"I have experienced the joy of sadness"

In the second phase through the green audit programme the students were made aware to the issues relating to the environment. The issues taken up through this programme were solid waste management, energy consumption and pollution. Some of the organizations where this programme was conducted were St. John the Baptist Church- Thane, Mount Mary's Basilica-Bandra and St. Andrew's College- Bandra

The Outreach programme was concluded with a Final Workshop being conducted where in Fr. Anthony Dias and Deepika Singh addressed students on various social and environmental issues.

Prof. Kevin M. Miranda
Co-coordinator



Teaching the Children

Concern about Environment



The Social Outreach Programme Report for 2010-2011

Whatever you do to the least of my people, you do it unto me (Mathew 25: 40). Keeping these teachings of the scriptures in mind, the Social Outreach Programme was introduced to the students of SYBA/BCom. The planning for this programme began in the month of April 2010 with a meeting with the Principal, Prof. Kevin Miranda, Fr. Allwyn D'Silva & Ms Deepika Singh of Justice & Peace Commission, Archdiocese of Bombay. Justice & Peace Commission, Archdiocese of Bombay provided the community centres for the Outreach programmes. A letter signed by the Principal & Bishop Bosco Penha was sent to various community centres inviting them to accommodate our students for the outreach programmes. The centres who responded to our invitation were Snehasadan, Cheshire Home, House of Charity, Karuna Hospital, Society for the Home for the Aged, Ashadeep Community Centre, BUILD, Auxilium Convent, Fatimashray, St. Andrew's Church- Uttan, Amcha Ghar, St. Catherine's Home, Welfare Society for Destitute Children, Anand Ashram, Navjeet Community Centre- Bandra as well as other local NGO's and Parishes.

In the month of June 2010 an Orientation Programme was conducted for the students by Fr. Joe Gonsalves and Fr. Mario Mendes. The names of the community centres were put up on the notice board and the students approached the prof. in charge who divided them into groups, allocating to them centres of their choice. The students commenced their social service in the month of August. The social service done by the students at the various centres were teaching orphans, slow learners, underprivileged, disabled children and adults, entertaining children by conducting games, interacting with and visiting aged, sick, paralysed & disabled persons, talking to them, serving lunch and helping them walk and push around their wheel chairs, spending time with prisoners in Thane central jail and experiencing the life of the prisoners, visit to BMC & rationing office, helping the inmates of community centres to cut vegetables and sweep and swab the floor, washing utensils, cleaning garden, helping in exhibition, project on managing day to day waste, vermiculture, making paper bags, gardening, plantation.

The students have expressed a sense of satisfaction with the outreach programme because the programme has inspired them and have made them realize how fortunate they are compared to the others. They have considered them to be fortunate to be born a normal child with parents to provide them with their necessities and comforts of life. The students have been touched with the plight of the orphans, underprivileged and disabled children. They have

expressed the desire to do something more for them. The outreach programme has brought out some realization among students as is evident from their reports in which they say:

- “ I have learned that each person is unique and special in their own way and we must appreciate them”
- “I have realized that we must thank God for everything we receive in abundance without grumbling”
- “Outreach Programme has helped me to grow spiritually”
- “I have learned from the outreach programme that life does not depend on artificial things but on love, care and affection for others”
- “ Outreach Programme has changed me and made me a better person and taught me to appreciate the things that I have”
- “Outreach Programme has changed my attitude towards helping those who need our help”
- “Outreach Programme made me learn to be happy with what I have”
- “Outreach Programme has helped me in becoming a better human being”

Most students are happy with the outreach programme conducted by the college and have many positives to speak. The most touching message is of a student who *says “ I was sad because I had no shoes, until I met a child with no feet”*

Truly the teachings of the scriptures have come alive in students with the outreach programme.

All most all students have completed the outreach programme.

Prof. Kevin M. Miranda

Prof. in Charge

At the Aged Home

