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Dear Friends,

There is an accepted financial crunch across the globe and the governments and financial institutions are devising possible solutions. The festive seasons in India last month did show families spend lavish resources on celebrations.

Many are now looking forward to the Christmas and New Year bash, gifts and parties. The month of November reminds us in India of "Children's day" on the 14th. Let this bring us all together to our commitment to the Rights of Every Child, especially for Education and Opportunity.

Let us hope for and contribute to a better world by our genuine efforts because we love this world enough to care.

Fr. George Mathew sdb
Executive Director — BREADS

NEWS... NEWS... NEWS..

Training of Trainers Workshop:

Towards quality skill training as envisaged by the [Don Bosco Tech India Network](#), the staff of vocational training institutions in Kerala underwent a training of trainers workshop in Life Skills from October 24 to 26, 2008 at Don Bosco, Mampetta. [Read More...](#)



Finishing School: The first batch of youth who formed part of the **Don Bosco Plus** were issued certificates at BREADS. Fr. Jose Kuttianimattathil, the Salesian Provincial of Bangalore who presented the certificates to the 27 youth who completed the programme wished them very best as they begin the journey



of their career. [Get details here](#)

A film on Youth... bags international award!

The Signis award for the best short film went to Fr Jiji Kalavanal sdb for **Seasons of Love**. The film shows how a group of college students respond to the rejection of one of them suffering from AIDS, both by parents and society. Fr. Jiji is a masters student in Kerala of Television and Cinema. He was awarded during the workshop in Rome.



Child Labourers get admission for D.Ed Course: Three of the past pupils of Don Bosco Child Labour Mission, Davangere, who passed their Pre-university Course in first class in were selected for D.Ed course (Diploma in Education). All the three of them got admission on merit basis in Government quota.

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At Hospet.

Training for Self Help Groups : On 19th October, 262 leaders of SHG groups came together in order to attend the training programme. It dealt with topics such as working together, planning and implementation and on rights of women. There was also a discussion on the role of the leader in the group. On October 21st, 65 new SHG members came forward to learn how to write SHG account and reports books.



Training for Children: On 23rd October 245 children from the town area gathered at Don Bosco for a day of orientation and training. During the day, they were led to fruitful discussions particularly related to importance of Education. These children are all school drop outs followed up by the project and some have been placed back in school. Aging between 10 and 14, they did have a useful day of learning, sharing and fun that has led to increased motivation. The project hopes to continue to monitor them towards proper upbringing.



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- Marie and Jarek from Czech Republic completed their one year volunteer placement at Don Bosco, Davangere.
- Ms. Amritha Bhasyam from RAN Research did a final assessment for the students after they completed the Spoken English module at the Finishing School.
- Fr. George Mathew and Ms. Raji Jacob represented the Province Resource Team of the Don Bosco Tech India at Delhi
- Ms. Corinna Sieler from Lufthansa visited Don Bosco Lingarajapuram with her son.

BOSCO, Bangalore

Inspired by the mission of Don Bosco and moved by the deplorable conditions of thousands of children on the streets of Bangalore, a group of Salesian students made the first contact with the street children in the railway station in June 1980. This contact grew and became more frequent and regular. In 1984, it was made a full fledged project, emerging as Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota ([BOSCO](#)).



BOSCO's focus is on children between 6 to 18 years of age who are at risk on the street and in child labour. It offers its services to young at risk like: rag pickers, coolies, shoe shiners, construction workers, Street Vendors, parking boys, lottery ticket sellers, street beggars, other child labourers etc..

Objectives

- Re-instating children in their families
- Educating street children and child laborers
- Legal assistance and protection against exploitation
- Creating public awareness
- Training the young at risk for economic independence
- Improving health condition
- Protection of child rights

BOSCO realizes these activities through seven centres across the city.

BOSCO Yuvodaya: It serves as day and night open shelter for children brought from all over the city especially from the City Railway Station and Bus Stand. Fresh children follow-up, Home placement, Medication, Advocacy, missing child information, Street Voice, HIV/AIDS, Talent enhancement, Drug de-addiction, Public relations, prison and observation home involvement etc are monitored from here.

BOSCO Mane: It is a transit cum –counseling center for children below 14 years, who need care, protection and deeper counseling. It is a recuperation center of BOSCO. Child Line, a free help line for children in need of care and protection and SJPU (Special Juvenile Police Unit) are also coordinated from here. This centre also offers exposure and orientation to volunteers, visitors and student groups.

BOSCO Yuvakendra: It is a residential centre for run away boys, who are above 14 years. They are helped through counselling, vocational training, job placement etc. This centre assists boys to find job and room to stay. Regular literacy classes are conducted here and boys are encouraged to visit their families.

BOSCO Nilaya: It is an open shelter for children who work on the streets, and need a place to sleep and relax. These children are involved in various jobs such as vegetable selling, vegetable picking, coolie work, loading and unloading, rag picking etc in the market area.



BOSCO Nivas: It is a 24-hour open shelter for the rehabilitation of the street children at Shivajinagar area. Children who benefit from the centre are mainly those engaged in various works in the market area of Shivajinagar. Intensive follow up is offered to boys who are addicted to drugs and other bad habits.

BOSCO Vikas: This centre caters to the needs of all the school going children. Besides school education, Motivational classes, Coaching classes and talent enhancement possibilities are also provided.

BOSCO Summanahalli: The center provides vocational training to the children /youth on the street. At present the center trains the children in carpentry, welding, book binding, tailoring and two wheeler mechanism.

BOSCO's rehabilitation package comprises of various components like Home Placement, Health Care, Advocacy, Child Labour Intervention, Literacy & Academics, Talent & Personality Enhancement, Vocational Training, Job Placement, Room Placement, Public Relations, Involvement in Observation Home and Prison, Drug De-addiction, HIV/AIDS Prevention, Research and Documentation.

Statistics for 2007-2008	
Contacted in Street contact Areas	3237
Contacted in Shelters	654
Home Placement	2200
Referral Services	834
Counseling Services	488
Rehabilitation in Street contact Areas	353
Rehabilitation in Shelters	228
Children in formal education	378
Children in non- formal education	633
Vocational Training	184
Job placement	90
Room Placement	43

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