

Director's Message

In this issue of Waves, I am glad to announce "Ujjivani" - a free dialysis programme for kidney patients in financial distress. This month FCDP also saw the revival of Don Bosco Children's Forum. Both Don Bosco Children's Forum and Don Bosco Youth Forum are emerging as strong pillars of FCDP, TMS and FCDS. These fellowships are indeed giving them a sense of identity, worth and social responsibility. The final phase of electric auto distribution was inaugurated this month and will soon come to the successful completion of the first year of the WE-Auto project.

The number of small scale women fish vendors is declining day after day due to their daily struggles and high investment. FCDP has presented a survey report on their issues and is trying to come up with better alternatives to promote these vendors in association with SIFFS and FWS. We thank all our loving benefactors and well wishers for your generous support, cooperation and prayers.

-Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP)

Inauguration of Ujjivani—a free dialysis programme



"Ujjivani" - the latest initiative of FCDP providing free dialysis for kidney patients was inaugurated by Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul Mullassery, (Bishop, Kollam) in a function held at FCDP on, 24th May 2022. The program supports 50 free dialysis every

month. The project begun with the help of local benefactors is organized in collaboration with Bishop Benziger hospital. Dr. Sindha. H. Mendez (Chairperson, FCDP) presided over the function. During the event, 'Prayer from my heart' - a book by late Mr. J Somadas was also released by Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul Mullassery DD. It's hoped that with the collaboration of generous well wishers and benefactors, 100 free dialysis per month will be made available to deserving patients. Present at the function were also Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP & TMS) Fr. Joe Fernandez (Director, Don Bosco Boys' home), Fr. Stephen Mukkattil (Rector & Parish priest, St. Stephen's Church, Thope), Dr. Maria Wilson, Dr. Thomas William (Board member, FCDP), Mr. Milton S (Board member, FCDP), Mrs. Gretta Raju (Coordinator, FCDP), Sir Mary. K (Asst. Director, TMS), well wishers and friends.



Inauguration & Distribution of E-Autos

The fourth phase of the We-Auto project was inaugurated on 17th of May, 2022 by Mr. G. D Vijayakumar, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Kollam. Till date a total of thirteen electric autos have



been distributed under the project. Keys were handed over to the three new beneficiaries in a function held at FCDP hall, presided

over by Dr. Sindha. H. Mendez (Chairperson, FCDP). "We-Auto is a perfect example of women empowerment"- said Mr. Vijayakumar in his inaugural address. Mrs. Mehrunnisa, Mrs. Sophiya and Mrs. Nirmala received the keys from Mr. Vijayakumar. Present at the function were also Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director), Mrs. Agnes John (President, TMS), Sister Mary Karuvelil (Asst. Director, TMS). Mr. Vijayakumar flagged off the new autos.

Don Bosco Children's Forum Back in Action



After the exam-break, Don Bosco Children's Forum (DBCF) is back with new vigour and enthusiasm. The groups viz., DBC Legends, DBC Rockstars, DBC Bangtan, DBC Thunder, DBC SquadX, DBC Warriors, and DBC Golden Eagles met at FCDP hall on different days in the second week of May. The gatherings were fun filled with games, dances etc and included discussions on the action plan of DBCF for the coming months. New office bearers were elected for the teams and venues fixed for weekly activities. DBCF members

have weekly meetings in their respective areas and a common meet up once in a month. There are over 400 active members in DBCF consisting of children from classes V to X. DBCF is part of FCDP's efforts towards integral development of the children of the coastal area of Kollam - to build leadership and motivation, nurture talents, create a sense of social responsibility and keep children away from destructive influences by engaging them in useful and creative activities.



Meeting with FWS & SIFFS



Small scale women fish vendors in the coastal region of Kollam are a vulnerable group often sidelined and exploited. As a response to this situation, a preliminary meeting was held on 28th May 2022 at FCDP office to address the issues faced by women fish vendors and suggest solutions. The meeting consisted of representatives from Fishermen Welfare Society (FWS) and South Indian Federation of Fishermen Societies (SIFFS) besides FCDP. Prior to the meeting, a survey had been

conducted by FCDP to identify the needs and problems of the women fish vendors based on which a report was also prepared. Present at the meeting at FCDP were Mr. Xavier Joseph (Managing Director, SIFFS), Mr. Vivekananda (Director, Fisheries Managing Resource Centre), Mr. Teelar (Facilitator of innovation, FWS), Mr. Kurien Kattikaran (Advisor, FWS), Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP), Sr. Mary K (Asst. Director, TMS) and Coordinators of FCDP & TMS.

World No-Tobacco Day Observed



Don Bosco Youth Forum (Youth Wing of FCDP) in association with DREAM (Drug rehabilitation education and mentoring project), Kollam, observed World No-Tobacco Day. DREAM is a project aiming to raise awareness among the youngsters and the children about the consequences of drug abuse. The program started with a flashmob at Chinnakkada junction followed by a street play of BSW students from MMNSS college, Konni. This was followed by the

participants pledging to abstain for life from the use of drugs. Mr. Ratheesh (C. I East police station, Kollam) flagged off the cycle rally in which 30 of DBYF members participated.

Marian Nite Organized



In a first of its kind, DBYF held an evening of competitions filled with fun and faith. 'The Marian Nite' organized on 31st of May, to mark the conclusion of the Marian month, served as an occasion to imitate the Blessed Virgin Mary and to grow in devotion to her. The program included group-based competitions including Jigsaw puzzles, quiz, impromptu speech and singing. DB



Speranza scored the highest points followed by DB Alpha. It was a different way of honouring Mother Mary as the month of May ended. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, DBYF) said that Mother Mary stands as a courageous and enduring model for modern youth.

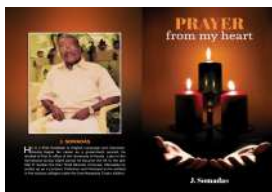
Celebration!



Mrs. Shirley B. celebrated her birthday on 23rd May. We wish her a happy and healthy new year. We are glad to have her here as part of our vishappinnu vida programme.



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"Prayer from my heart" by Late Mr. J. Somadas
Official book launched by Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul Mullassery DD.

"Nammukariyaam" is a series of talks by various experts in different fields.



"Coastal Diaries" is all about the life of people at the Kollam coast.

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