

A brief report to SAC-CCC Deutsche Sektione.V Germany for the Year 2020-21:

Dear Friends,

First and Foremost, I am grateful to God for His mercy and unmerited favor especially during this unprecedented time which all of us experience and continue to experience in one way or the other. We have gone through very tough times - the unreasonable and unrealistic regulations of the government in the running of projects and programs of NGOs and also the financial constraints we have been facing. However, I express my gratitude to each one of you individually and as a Church community for your continuous support contributors and your concern for the mission of SAC-CCC. I also thank you for being a channel of blessing for the children in various projects. I write this brief report on the activities of SAC-CCC India and Sri Lanka for the year 2020-21.

Following are the projects and programs that were assisted by the contribution we have received from SAC-CCC Deutsche Sektione.V. Germany:

Projects in India

Student Assistant Plan, Chittor (AP), Bangalore (KA) and Vellore (TN)

The SAC-CCC, India continues to follow the vision and mission to assist and provide developmental possibilities to the rural, tribal and urban community children that are abandoned or less cared for. One of the projects of the SAC-CCC for such children is Students Assistance plan (SAP).

The children that have been selected for the program are mainly from the Four Southern State in India that are from hill tribal and rural community children in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka. The most deprived community children are chosen to assist the children through this program. Our main motive through this project is to provide opportunities to the tribal and rural children

that need care, education and motivation for their personal and professional development.

In the beginning of the year, the social workers working under SAC-CCC were able to help in their educational activities and also supervise their school activities. We also faced tremendous pressure due to the second wave Corona that started in the beginning of March 2021. In many ways this second wave was threatening and devastating with shortages of vaccines, hospital beds, oxygen cylinders and other medical supplies in parts of the country. As you are all aware by late April, India recorded highest number of cases compared to the cases in other parts of the world. On 30 April 2021, India became the first country to report over 400,000 new cases in a 24-hour period. The month of March-June was devastating. Most of the schools had to be closed as per the instructions given by the government. This situation caused extreme difficulty to our social workers to move from one place to the other to meet the children under the SAP assistance.

However, SAC-CCC continues to monitor all the activities of the children under the Student Assistant Program and meet the child care/social workers from time to time to keep track of the progress. The SAC-CCC Central Office in Bangalore takes full responsibility to disburse the monthly assistance to the parents of the children under SAP program.

The Social Workers visit the families twice in a month to understand and share the challenges of the family and offer appropriate moral support and guidance and counseling for the healthy development of the family. The social workers ensure support and also provide information about the child's education, emotional status. These information are documented in the individual files of our children.

Women's Rehabilitation Project in Chittoor, State of Andhra Pradesh, South India.

The Women Rehabilitation Project in Chittoor could not be run on a regular basis due to the pandemic restrictions; however, our social workers continued to meet with those women that completed the training program earlier and conducted short term motivation and health training. We continue to financially support sick and poor and widows in the rural villages for their livelihood.

We are glad to report that one-day training programs were conducted for the women where the social workers empowered the rural girls and school drop outs to make them to become economically independent. These women were encouraged to enhance the sense of self-esteem and inculcate a sense of belonging to lead a successful family life. The women took active part in these activities which helped them in their families life. The idea of short term motivational training to challenge the rural girls and women has become so very important to manage their affairs in the rural families and not to resign to their 'fate' as it were.

Home of Hope at Beattie Memorial Home premises, Chittoor, A.P. India:

Beattie Memorial Home premises is situated in Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh, South India and continues to help boys who are from economically backward families. The home continues to help run-away boys that are both semi-orphan and orphan. Due to the pandemic, the schools in the state where the kids were attending had to be closed and later resumed.



'Warden serving lunch'

the boys that were in the home. Various safety measures have been taken in the home from the spread of the virus. The home and the surroundings are cleaned and disinfected frequently.

They are provided with physical, psychological and social needs. Some boys are rescued from child labor and are the opportunity to develop themselves. As is the aim of our Organization, these children are enabled to bring out their hidden talents for maturity and secure a good future.

During the lockdown, the child care workers were taking care of

The Children in the home love the fresh dishes from home-grown mint and curry leaves. They grow chilies, greens, beans, okra, tomato, bitter-gourd and cucumbers. They are provided with organic and healthy food, fruit and snacks regularly. Through these activities the boys are taught to develop values of hard work, and also patience and perseverance. We believe that the children will grow in a healthy way.



'Boys cleaning the home premises'



'Boys removing weeds and planting vegetables'

**Devanbu& Joseph Memorial Christian Mission Hospital, Peyanapalli,
Chittoor District, State of Andhra Pradesh, South India.**

As most of you are aware that the rural based Devanbu and Joseph Memorial Christian Mission Hospital (DJM CMH) was started to meet the health needs of the socially deprived communities especially the backward communities called the 'dalits'. Rural Health care is one of the biggest challenges facing the Health Ministry of India. With more than 70 percent population living in rural areas and low level of health facilities, mortality rates due to diseases are on a high.

Most of the people of this country live in villages. We believe that the progress of India depends on the improvement of living conditions of rural communities. These rural communities still need improvement and proper development activities to enhance the standard of life. However, the rural villages have been neglected. The Indian villages continue to face lack of health care facilities.

This rural Hospital meets the health needs of the people in the 3 Mandals (Revenue Sub-divisions) of Chittoor District in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Medical assistance was given like diagnosis, consultation etc., and medicines were supplied. Most of them are so poor that they cannot get themselves treated by good doctors. There are good hospitals in towns but the poor villagers cannot afford to these hospitals. For which several free Medical Health Camp were conducted and the elderly people were diagnosed for the recurring ailments. During the camps, the health professionals also taught the patients the importance of personal and home cleanliness, eating habits and nutrition.

During the pandemic period, medical check-ups were conducted especially for the older people and those with underlying medical conditions like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, or cancer who are more likely to develop serious illness. We were able to provide minimum education and awareness to the neighboring villages of the rural hospital. We are still facing difficulty

in retaining the doctors at this rural hospital. However, I am glad to report that one of the Doctors who had earlier worked at the hospital and who went for higher medical education has come forward to join on a permanent and resident doctor basis.

We have also formed a new Hospital Management Committee which includes the doctor yet to join. The doctor has given us plans to upgrade the hospital in the area of diagnostics and also to develop one or two dialysis units. We hope to get sponsors who would provide adequate funds for these important activities.

Projects in Sri-Lanka

1. Nanuoya Day Care Center:

The Day Care Center in Nanuoya had to be closed for awhile and resumed later after the lockdown. The children were glad to be back after the lockdown. They were happy to see their friends and children. As usual, the day care center continues to provide them with lunch and snacks in the evening. They are served healthy and nutritious food. The children are healthy and active. They enjoy participating in traditional activities, games and drawing colorful patterns



'Colourful pattern of the sun' 'Drawing and colouring a brinjal'

2. Nuwera Eliye Day Care Center:



'Learning to write the alphabet'

The Day Care Center in Nuwara-Eliya was able to resume again after the lockdown. Students were happy and glad to join back at the Day Care Center.

The kids are encouraged to wear mask, sanitize and wash their hands with soap regularly.

The Children are healthy and active. They are happy to learn different fun activities that were taught to them on regular basis.



'She drew a fish'



'She's drawing an wood-pecker'

3. Bogahawatta Day Care Center:



'Teacher teaching how to read'

The children were excited and happy to return back to school after lockdown. The Day Care Center continues to provide a perfect setting for active and energetic children who have out-grown the home environment.

Just like other Day Care Center, the children were taught the importance of social-distancing, wearing of mask and sanitizing their hands regularly.

The children are fast-growing and learning a lot at the center. Meals are provided to them regularly. They are active, healthy and happy.



'Teacher interacting and teaching the children'

4. Computer Training Centre- Nuraicholai:



'She is drawing fish in an aquarium'

The Compute Center in Nuraicholai continues to provide free computer education to the children from poor economic background. Students in and around Nuraicholai attend the computer center.

Due to the spread of the virus safety measure has been taken in the Computer Center. Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surface.



'She drew a colorful butter-fly'

As usual there are two batches- the first batch in the morning and the other later in the noon. The students are taught theoretically and practical.

I am extremely grateful to Mr. Udo Prinz of Udo Foundation, Munich for supporting all the projects in Sri Lanka and the Home of Hope in Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh through SAC-CCC for a number of years. He has been very considerate to assist the projects that have proved very beneficial to the run-away boys at the Home of Hope project and the Singhala and Tamil communities in Sri Lanka.

As we are looking forward to the Christmas Celebrations, we are reminded of the love of Jesus Christ through His coming to our beautiful world and give us a sense of wonder and love.

Of course we have gone through and still are experiencing a lot of stress, anxiety due to the pandemic. However, we have hope in the Lord Jesus that we will be delivered from the present difficult situations. Let us continue to hold on to the faith that soon we will see the light of the day.

Dear Friends, you have given us, the SAC-CCC, wonderful opportunity through your financial help and prayers to assist the most deserving children and rural communities. We appreciate you and express our gratitude in great measure. I request you to continue to stand with us and help us to reach out to many more children through SAP program and also women's program and the rural health project. Cow program is still active and we are able to provide cows to the poor women in the rural villages. We want to give more cows!

We wish you Happy Christmas and a blessed and hope filled New Year 2022.

Roots to Fruits - few Case studies of our Children

S. Kavishalani was born on 8th February, 2016. She lives with her parents in 32/2, Scrub Division, Nanuoya, Nuwareliya. Her parents work as a laborer in the Tea garden. They earn as daily wages and run the family. They are poor but happy and content with whatever they have.



S. Kavishalani joined the Day Care Center in Nuwareliya on 9th January, 2019 when she was just 3 years old. Her parents would drop her in the Day Care Center before leaving for work and pick her up after they were done from work.

In the beginning, she was weak and shy girl. She would hesitate to come to the center and get along with other friends. However, her parents would bring her regularly to the Day Care Center and her teachers would encourage her in a special way as well. As days gone by there was a lot of improvement in her. She looks healthy and active.

She would happily participate in any activity assigned to her. She was intelligent and smart in her studies. She would learn her lesson regularly and was one of the bright students in the class. Now she is 5 years old and is one of the graduates from our Day Care Center. She would be 1st grade next year in regular school. She couldn't join this year due to the pandemic. And the lockdown imposed in the island by

the government. She is happy and excited to join the regular school in the new academic year.

J.Naveen was born on 17th July, 2003 in Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh. He comes from a poor family background. His dad is a laborer and earn as daily wages and mom is a house wife. He has one younger brother.



He joined Home of Hope in Chittoor when he was 10 years old. He is a slow learner but very active, obedient and efficient to do any job assigned to him.

During his past time, he likes to draw, sing and read books. He successfully completed his 10 and 12th grade from the local government school while staying in the Home of Hope.



In the year 2021, he started working in Proton Cancer Hospital, Chennai, Tamil Nadu as a staff. He is able to support his family with his earning. They are happy and well to do. He is grateful and we are proud of him.

RekhaGopal was born to a poor family on 5th March, 1997. She lives with her parents and her younger sister in Chitha Parai village in Andhra Pradesh. They live in a small tiled house. Her father is an agriculture laborer and mom is a house wife.



When she was 10 years old, her parents admitted her at Sherman Memorial Home for girls in Chittoor. She was very shy and timid when she joined the home. Later, she got along with the environment and was very friendly, smart and one of the brilliant students in her class. During her leisure time, she likes to cook, read and sing.

She used to be very helpful at the Home for Girls and at her own home whenever she would go for vacation. She successfully completed her 12th grade from Sherman Memorial girls High School, Chittoor.



Later, she completed her studies in B.Sc Nursing. Now she is working as a General Nurse in Blossom Multi-Specialist Hospital, Bangalore. She is happy and is able to support her parents regularly and helps her younger sister-Elizabeth financially as she is pursuing her B.Com. We are proud of her.