



NewDawn India Newsletter

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IMPORTANT

If you are happy to receive up-to-date news and these newsletters via e-mail please send us a working address. Also, if you change e-mail address please let us know. Postage and printing costs continue to rise and it is a big help if we can cut down on these. The cost of posting a newsletter to you would provide 10 meals for a child. Just send your address to s.e.davies10@gmail .com.

CURRY EVENING

We would like to thank all those who attended and contributed to the success of the curry evening. A total of £3800 was raised to support the work and this could not happen without your generosity both financially and in terms of curries and food prepared and donated. It was a most enjoyable evening with an up-to-date talk by Elly Evans who had just returned from two months at Vidiyal.



For those of you who were unable to attend the curry evening we include here:

JIM'S MESSAGE FOR THE CURRY EVENING

Our dear Sponsors, Supporters, Trustees and Friends of New Dawn India,

Loving greetings to you from the big Vidiyal family in India!

Vidiyal and NewDawn build bridges between the two nations England and India with love and friendship. It is amazing to see how love operates across 6000 miles and what it means to have someone who cares. Our children very much appreciate that they are loved and cared by their sponsors. Our children, volunteers, staff and community members join me in sending heartfelt thanks to you all.

We started our work with the Melavasal slum community but have now expanded to eight slums. Winning the trust of the slum dwellers is not an easy thing. They carry the scars of victimization throughout their life and building trust just looks impossible at times. But today Vidiyal stands as a trust worthy organization just because of the continuous support and prayers offered by you. Everyone, our children, parents, elderly in slums, volunteers and alumni feel that they are part of our organization and they all see NewDawn as an extended family of Vidiyal. We feel so much rooted which enabled us to stretch further and to travel an extra mile to reach children who are in need. Jesus told "The harvest is plentiful" (Luke 10:2) which is true even today. Thanks to our close band of supporters in NewDawn who are always there to support us through prayers and emails.

The Childline is another added strength in our work which connects us to different corners of the district just by a call. Yes... now children who are in need of care and protection can reach us just by dialing Ten..... Nine..... Eight. You will be happy to know that in the previous year we could help 384 children from various dreadful situations including chronic illness, run away from home, physical abuse, sexual abuse, child labour, bonded labour, missing child, child marriage, child begging and child trafficking. The Childline work places Vidiyal in high esteem and give us a statutory power to reach children in distress.

We are happy that Elly is the main speaker at the curry evening this year, as she had a divergent experience from the field. It's been wonderful that Elly stayed with us for a period of two months. We already miss her at home.

Once again my sincere thanks to you all. Your generous giving and encouragement make us strong in the field. We have walked together long distances in the past and the love that binds us will take us to further miles in protecting the rights of children. We are so much indebted to the love and compassion that you have for our children.

With immense thanks,

JIM



We devote the rest of this newsletter to a report and update from Elly following her working visit.