

This newsletter contains various different items of news from Jim Jesudoss at Vidiyal, along with a report from the recent visit of John and Brenda Sturgeon.

***Achievers' Camp. Jim was accompanied by Jess and Priya, his son and daughter, who went along as volunteers.***

We have been having a great time at the achievers' camp at Mangalore. The camp site is located at beautiful location in a village called Pavur. There is a huge church with other facilities. We are collaborating with the catholic institution called Donbosco Pavur. 30 of our kids are participating with 52 local kids. We work in Tamil and Kanada - two languages.

It has been wonderful to see the healing process of our kids and it's amazing to see their growth in the past three days. We'll have the camp fire today. Our volunteers are doing a great job. It has been a great learning for Jess and Priya.



***Some exciting A-level results, including 4 girls which is a real encouragement.***

I am very happy to share this wonderful news that all our children sat for the +2 exams ( A level) have passed. This will be a breakthrough in their lives and also would bring great impact in their communities. I take this opportunity to thank you very much for your support, prayers, sponsorship and so on. We are having a planning meeting tomorrow to plan college admissions.

(OUT OF 1200)

1.MEENA	-	689	PASS
2.PRIYADHARSHINI	-	540	PASS
3.PREETHI	-	836	PASS
4.BHARATHI	-	915	PASS
5.ANBU	-	982	PASS
6.SHANMUGA	-	692	PASS
7.JOTHIMANI	-	641	PASS

Anbu has secured 200 out of 200 in Economics

***This e-mail confirms the high esteem in which the Vidiyal project is held.***

I would like to share this story with you. Day before yesterday there was a news item in the dailies that a Mexican women got murdered here near Madurai by her own husband. They have a little girl called Adela. Police called day before yesterday to hand over the child to us. We were awake till 11.00 pm but they didn't bring the girl. We were told at 11 pm that they would bring her the next day.

Yesterday Adela was handed over to us for care and protection. It was a overwhelming experience for us but we have taken this very serious to give best care and protection to this girl. Of course you know that we give this to every child but being a foreign national child it became a bigger responsibility. Every one in Madurai was in praise of our work but we kept a low profile just to keep the child safe from media intrusion.

It took some time for us to build rapport with her and it was painful to see her in tears. Sharmi spent a lot of time till very late in the night and consoled her and made her to sleep. Today morning she looked much better. Preethi (one of the older girls) also supports Sharmi in looking after the child. Today Mr.Veladimir from the Mexican embassy came and spent about two hours talking to me. He also interacted with Adela. His testimony " Adela is in the right hands. We were very anxious about her safety but now we know that she is in the hands of good people and with a good organization" Great! Praise be with the lord.

Kindly remember us in your prayers as this is a new situation that we are in. We are proud for given this responsibility but at the same time stressed with the safety of the child. May God give us the wisdom to provide the best appropriate care to Adela.

Thanks again for being very close to our hearts to hear our anxiety. Adela's grand parent is travelling from Mexico to take her grand daughter back home. But this requires lot of legalities. Kindly pray for the smooth process of the legal formalities so that the child can go to her home country without any delay.

About a fortnight later Jim wrote:

It gives me great pleasure sharing this happy news with you. Adela the Mexican girl who was given in our custody has been restored to her paternal grandmother Monica. It was such a moving occasion for every one of us including our children. I and Sharmila had a great satisfaction and over whelming joy on this occasion. Thanks for your prayers. Every one was in praise of Vidiyal and its work. Praise be with the Lord.

### ***10th Standard examination results***

This is the First board exam children write which is equivalent to GCSE exam in the UK. This exam is conducted for a total of 500 marks (Each subject carries 100 marks). This is the first batch of students who studied under the equity education syllabus in Tamil-Nadu.

SIVARANJANI .M	355	PASS
BHUVANESHWARI .M	305	PASS
VIJAY. K	277	PASS
UMA MAHESWARI. G	275	PASS
INDHUMATHI. R	273	PASS
MUNEESWARI. R	270	PASS
MARIAPPAN .A	253	PASS

I have mixed feelings about the results as 5 of our children got failed this year. We have done an analysis of the cause for the failures and found that these children were unable to attend the special coaching arranged by Vidiyal.

We are motivating those who have failed to reappear again immediately so that they can join higher secondary course with in this academic year.

### ***Pongal (harvest) and the Alumni***

Today is Pongal and the entire Vidiyal family is just bubbling with lot of activities. Our alumni ( Radiant faces) is organizing a Pongal celebration in a remote village which I attended this morning. It was such a joy watching them playing leadership roles in this event. They are showing keen interest to work as a group and carry the light to many people.



### ***Fun at the Jolly Camp***

Jolly camp went well and all children expressed their gratitude for organizing this camp. We remembered you all and felt so good. Children shared the experiences and performed colourful dances.



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### **SPONSORSHIP NEWS**

We have about 150 sponsored children at present who benefit from the regular contact and encouragement of their sponsors. We know from visits how important the contact is to the children as the first things they say are "Do you know my sponsor? How is my sponsor?" Just a few lines on a postcard on occasions through the year mean so much. We now have more children looking for sponsors so if you are interested in sponsoring please contact 01473 311148 or e-mail [cefn-coed@keme.co.uk](mailto:cefn-coed@keme.co.uk) for more details.

We would like to thank those who have increased the level of their sponsorship to help us in these difficult times. We would be very grateful if any other sponsors were able to increase their regular contributions to help us to cope with a financial shortfall. We want to be able to maintain our present level of support to Jim and the children.

### **GIFTS**

Please remember our Virtual Gift Brochure which can be accessed on our website: [www.newdawnindia.org](http://www.newdawnindia.org) There is a whole range of gifts which can be bought for that special occasion and will benefit the children of Vidiyal.

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