



FIDES

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FIDES

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NEW STAFF FOR FIDES

Mr. Jose Paul, MSW was appointed as the new staff for FIDES on 09th May 2016. As a professional social worker he perfects his skills through practice and inserts himself into any platform and undertakes the tasks entrusted. We welcome you.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS FOR DB TECH

Ms. Nagarshini and Mr. Wilson were appointed on 06th May and 23rd May respectively as new vocational training staff for the DB Tech in FIDES. The involvement of staff is necessary for the continuation of the training. The presence of staff is indeed vital in bringing the youth together in a common platform. We welcome you.

DISTRIBUTION OF ADOPTION

The distribution of sponsorship money for students of Kaverinagar, Ulsoor and other villages started on 28th May 2016. We cater to around 250 children for their educational need through the sponsorship scheme. Indescribable is the significance of education in today's society, especially for the children, to build up families, the society and the world, and so by assisting the poor children to pursue their education, the sponsorship programme plays an exceptional role in their growth.



AUDITING OF THE SHG

The auditing of the SHG groups was done for the year 2015 with the help of animators of the agency. Each SHG group was audited and essential inputs were given to increase the income of the group and to keep the records in order.

FAREWELL FOR THE DB TECH STAFF

Mr. Keerthi, Ms. Jisna and Ms. Sandhya were the vocational trainers for the DB Tech training center in FIDES. Trainer's effort to raise the capacity of the youth through the vocational training was fruitful. Trainer's efficacy in connecting people, conducting sessions, building networks and placing the youth for job needs to be placed on record. Trainers were being working for the past one year as vocational trainers for the youth in FIDES. Ms. Sandhya resigned on 23rd March-2016, Mr. Keerthi, and Ms. Jisna assigned their resignation on 7th May 2016.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SPONSORSHIP MONEY

The sponsorship money was provided to students of Kaverinagar, Ulsoor and other villages on 4th and 5th June 2016. Approximately 150 children were present along with their parents for the same. The gratitude of the beneficiaries towards the benefactors was obvious from their beaming faces. It was indeed a lesson and inspiration for the students to do the same while they benefited from many benefactors and FIDES, a social welfare project of the Salesian Sisters.



MONTHLY PLANNING

A monthly planning meeting was held on 2nd June, 2016 for the FIDES staff. The objective of coming together for planning was to assess the previous activities and to plan new activities and programmes. The planning included discussions on programmes for children, women and youth. Sr. Anna Chacko, the Animator of the Sacred Heart Convent, gave an exciting talk on the importance of time and to be proactive than reactive.

MEDICAL HELP

A girl child whose legs were paralyzed was helped by a benefactor through the involvement of FIDES. Her inability to walk or move by herself drew the attention of FIDES. She is from Kaverinagar Slum, whose financial



condition was poor. The efforts of Sr. Sumi and FIDES enabled to admit the child in the



hospital for further treatment. She underwent a major surgery at St. John's Hospital on 6th June 2016. The girl articulated her sincere gratitude towards the benefactors and she promised that she would be grateful to all.

FAREWELL FOR SR. MARY CELINE MARIASELVAM

Farewell is not an end in itself. It is a commencement for yet another mission. On 30th June 2016, FIDES Staff together with other sisters from the Sacred Heart Convent community bid farewell to Sr. Mary Celine Mariaselvam on the occasion of her departure to Italy to undertake new mission. The work done by her for the poor people in the communities through FIDES was



well appreciated. Her generous attitude to serve the poor in multifarious ways was indeed an encouragement for those who chose to help others.

STAFF MEETING

On 4th July, 2016 a staff meeting was held for the FIDES Staff under the leadership of Sr. Sumi to plan the monthly upcoming programmes and to evaluate previous activities accomplished by the organization. Different activities and programmes were discussed and evaluated. It also included the celebration of the death anniversary of Sr. Nancy Pereira, the Foundress of FIDES, youth meetings, sponsorship money distribution, NCP children's programmes and staff picnic.



STAFF PICNIC



Days from 5th to 7th of July 2016 were memorable for the staff of FIDES and supporting staff as they set for a picnic to Vellankanni. The unity among the staff made the days pleasant and raised the feeling of oneness among them. The picnic

and the other facilities were sponsored by the Salesian sisters and the Directress of the agency. The occasion also enhanced with new experiences and information. The cooperation and collaboration of the Staff in planning and organizing the picnic added a unique flavor of harmony.



We also thank Sr. Sheela and provincial house community for their affection in taking initiatives and providing financial assistance and other aid that in one way strengthened the bond between the FIDES Staff and the provincial house community.



NEW STAFF FOR DB TECH

On 11th July 2016, Ms. Veena was appointed as a Staff for DBTech in FIDES. Necessary information and directions were provided by Sr. Sumi Joseph the Directress and other staff of FIDES and DBTech. The crux of the discussion and the appointment left with a hint that the future of the students depends upon the trainer.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF SR. SHEELA AND MR. MANJU



July 11th 2016 was a memorable and joyful day for the FIDES Staff. It was the birthday celebration of Sr. Sheela and Mr. Manju. The prayer lead by the FIDES Staff for seeking blessings from Almighty God for the B'day

celebrants added flavour to the occasion. FIDES also welcomed Sr. Mary Joseph as a new member to the FIDES community.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF SR. NANCY PEREIRA, THE FOUNDRESS OF FIDES

“I am the resurrection and the life” – said Jesus Christ. The 6th anniversary of the



demise of Sr. Nancy Pereira, the Foundress of FIDES, was remembered in prayers at Sacred Heart Convent and at Ulsoor community in the presence of people on 14th July 2016. The gratitude for the blessings received from Jesus Christ through her was

shown on this occasion. The number of people turned up to this occasion would expound that she was a great social worker, an energetic and enthusiastic woman who had a great dream of helping the poor and liberate them from the triple evils of poverty, ignorance and illiteracy. The many graces obtained through her intercession increased the faith of the people. Filled with God's love and love for the suffering, she sacrificed herself to the maximum for their welfare. She remains a source of inspiration for everyone. More than 250 people participated on the day.



CELEBRATION OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE WITH THE FIDES STAFF



On 14th July 2016, the FIDES staff assembled to express their gratitude and to congratulate Sr. Jane Lewis on the Golden Jubilee of her religious profession in Salesian Family. She was a staff of the FIDES community. The FIDES Staff along with Sr. Sumi, the

Directress conducted a prayer service for Sr. Jane and the joy in having her was

shared in the gathering. This occasion was used as a platform to thank her for the services done by her for the people in different areas of society.

SPONSORSHIP MONEY DISTRIBUTION



On 16th July 2016, the remaining sponsorship money was distributed. There were around 40 poor families to receive the fund for the purpose of

education of their children. FIDES is convinced that only education of children can bring up the social, cultural and financial status of the poor people.



BOARD MEETING



Board meeting was held at Kaverinagar on 23rd July 2016 to put forward different proposals and to make decisions to accomplish different tasks in the village. The main objective of the gathering was to complete the incomplete projects with the support of people and to extend the information to all the members of the groups. Around 10 of the members participated.

DB TECH INAUGURATION

7th batch of DBTech was inaugurated on 23rd July 2016. The programme found different resource persons. The informative talks of the resource persons

stimulated the vitality of the youth to accomplish great things. The inauguration also enlightened the minds of people saying that skill development is an essential life partner to lead a victorious life. The aspiration of the youth in order to lead a life full of achievements could be directed through these kinds of vocational skill development



sessions. It is a path towards finding their future. The inauguration of this group with the motive of molding the character of the youth and helping them to achieve a stable life in the society was a step forward in the process. 23 students were part of the inauguration.

WEDDING SILVER JUBILEE

Mr. Naveen Raj and Mrs. Arbuthamary celebrated their 25th Wedding anniversary on 24th July 2016 at

Salesian Sisters' Provincial House.

The greetings and blessings brought many graces on the family members and that was noted on the occasion. Prayer service and the sharing of the joy



and happiness with the community awakened feelings of oneness among the members who had gathered. The celebration of thanksgiving to God strengthened the bonds of the family to sustain their relationship and happiness in their life.

VISIT TO KAVERINAGAR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION



On 27th July 2016 a visit was made to study the progress of the construction of the new building for people to gather together as a society in the slum. Its aim is achieving good among the people and the society. Some of the dissimilarity of people were found

out and dissolved by proving the aim of constructing the building. The cooperation and collaboration of the people to continue the work encouraged further interest to move the work forward.

PLANNING AND EVALUATION



The FIDES Staff along with the Directress of FIDES had a meeting on 28th July 2016 for an evaluation of the past month and planning for the forthcoming month. The decisions taken were the role of FIDES in the inauguration of canonical visit, youth meeting and distribution of bank money for the people of the SHG groups and to conduct the Board meeting and

Apex Body meeting in different working areas.

MSW STUDENTS FOR CONCURRENT FIELD WORK



A student from Kristu Jayanti College joined for the concurrent field work in FIDES on 1st of August 2016. A session was handled by her for the vocational training of the students on the

topic "personality development. Different hints to develop their personality were explained to the youth. 34 students participated in the session.

INTERNSHIP

On 1st of August 2016 two students from BCM College, Kottayam, joined FIDES for their one month internship training with the intention of studying about the organization and its functions. It



aroused the interest of the students to commit themselves to the social work activities. It was a time for the trainees to acquire knowledge and experience for their profession in future. The session for the youth on different personality development skills inspired the youth towards a great goal. More than 20 students were part of the training.

MEDICAL FOLLOW UP

Sushmitha, 13 year old child was taken to hospital on 2nd of August 2016 for the follow up session. The recovery from her disability gives confidence to the child to have a hope in her life. The desire of the child to walk like others in the society is going to be fulfilled through this surgery and the follow up sessions.



OBSERVATION VISIT



Masters of Social Work students along with professors from Kristu Jayanti College visited FIDES on 3rd of August 2016, as part of their curricular requirement. The

interaction and meeting with the Directress and other Staff of the organization opened a door towards networking with many aspiring professional social workers.

APEX BODY MEETING AND BANK MONEY DISTRIBUTION



The Apex Body meeting of the SHG groups from villages was conducted on 06-08-2016 in FIDES. The different SHG members, Animators and the Directress of FIDES were present. The aim of the meeting was to discuss different aspects of the SHG, for the better running

and collaboration of the groups and to distribute the remaining money of sponsorship to the members of groups. Different leaders, animators and the Directress addressed the gathering to improve the functioning of the SHG groups. Around 20 of them were part of the meeting.

JEEVAJYOTHI BOARD MEETING



A meeting was held on 18-08-2016 in FIDES office by JeevaJyothi group members to discuss and arrive at a conclusion for the repayment of loans taken from the group by a group member. It was decided by that person that she would repay the loan after

two months and each month Rs.3000/- would be paid to complete the repayment. Different activities of the groups for the development and the growth of the groups also were discussed. About 10 of them were part of the meeting.

APEX BODY AND VOLUNTEERS MEETING IN ULSOOR

The APEX body assembled on 14th September 2016 in Ulsoor with the agenda of planning in detail the visit of Sr. Lucy Rose Ozhukayil, visiting councilor of the Congregation of Salesian Sisters. The focus was given to the involvement of the people to put up a cultural program during her visit in the slum. FIDES staff enlightened the rest of the members to get complete cooperation from the people.



The APEX body meeting was followed by the meeting of the Volunteers who have been working for the betterment of the people of Ulsoor and other villages. The readiness of the volunteers to carry out the responsibilities for the reception of the Visiting Councilor gave lots of satisfaction to the organizers. 6 of them were part of the meeting.



VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS MEETING

A village board members meeting apprehended on 15th September 2016 in FIDES office in the presence of all the society board members and the FIDES staff. The



members were encouraged to keep the focus on the better participation of its members. They were convinced of the importance of taking loan and paying it back as early as possible taking into consideration the needs of other members. In certain instance the failure to pay back the money which was taken from the group confused and affected the functioning of the group. This meeting was an occasion to solve the confusion of the group members on different occasions and to build a strapping relationship among them. 10 of them participated.

MEETING WITH COUNSELLOR SARAVANA IN ULSOOR

On 15th September 2016, Meeting the Counselor of Ulsoor Mr. Saravana in person was a remarkable occasion for the FIDES staff and the Self Help Group women (SHG). He assured a full pledged support in the common development of the people of the locality. He guaranteed his collaboration and sustenance during the visit of Sr. Lucy Rose Ozhukayil, the Visiting Councilor.



VISIT OF SR. LUCY ROSE IN HALSOOR

Sr. Lucy Rose the Visiting Councilor of Salesian sisters from Italy visited the social work region of FIDES in Ulsoor on 17th September 2016. It was a golden opportunity for her to see and



experience the fruits of the social work among the poor people of Ulsoor. FIDES was the brain child of Sr. Nancy Periera of holy memory. The presence of Sr. Lucy Rose brought new vigour and enthusiasm among the people who were gathered in the community hall. It gave much confidence among the people and staff. Sr. Lucy



Rose exhorted them recalling the dream of the founder of FIDES, Rev. Sr. Nancy Periera. The women gathered expressed their gratitude in continuing the social work for the betterment of the poor even after the death of Sr. Nancy with much precision and care. In her message, Sr. Lucy Rose, encouraged the young and old to become leaders who can solve the problems of the society. She underlined the need of praying every day, aiming high in life, overcoming the hardships with determination and to build a better world around us. As programmed earlier, the children and young people entertained the assembly with their talents of rhythmic steps. There was a huge crowd of about 600 people participated in the function.

SOCIETY GENERAL BODY MEETING OF VILLAGE

A general body meeting of village was held on 18th September 2016 in FIDES office. The representatives and the members of the group from village assembled together to discuss on different aspects for the better involvement and functioning of the members in the group, making bylaws for the society and especially to select a



local auditor for the maintenance of the account of the group. In the same venue, sharing of a miracle that had been received by a woman through the intercession to Sr. Nancy made the gathering aware of the powerful presence of Sr. Nancy in the lives of the people. Around 100 had gathered on the day.

VISIT OF SR. LUCY ROSE IN FIDES

Sr. Lucy Rose visiting Counsellor from Italy had a fruitful time with the FIDES staff on 20th September 2016. This was indeed a beautiful occasion to meet and share the aim and functioning of FIDES. **Sr. Lucy Rose** was very much interested in knowing the details about the particular works of Sr. Nancy Periera who died in 2010. She encouraged Sr. Sumi Joseph FMA who is now continuing the work of Sr. Nancy and the Staff to continue to do the good work begun by Sr. Nancy. **Sr. Lucy Rose** exhorted them saying, “Here we have a second mother Teresa.”



BIRTHDAY OF MS. VEENA

The DBTech trainer Ms. Veena celebrated her birthday on 20th September 2016 with the FIDES staff. The juncture was adorned with the prayers and blessings for Ms. Veena on the occurrence of her birthday. It was a time of joy and happiness for all the people gathered for the celebration.



GENERAL BODY SOCIETY MEETING IN KAVERINAGAR

A society meeting of SHG group was initiated in Kaverinagar on 22-09-2016 under the leadership of Mr. Ashwadhiahaand and Mr. Samuel. There were about 90 of them who attended the meeting. The active participation of the groups

promoted a warm decision making within the group regarding raising the fund and changing the bylaw for the society. The fruitful information and awareness given by the leaders on different aspects of the group solved various confusions of the members in the society. The discussion also paved the



way to keep the bank account safe and to begin an independent bank account in order to make transaction of money within the groups. The reason is to produce more capital within the society and to develop the community with their own assets.

YOUTH MEETING OF VILLAGE AND KAVERINAGAR



“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future”. (Franklin D. Roosevelt) Monthly youth animation was arranged on 25th September 2016 for the young people of Kaverinagar. The meeting was led by Sr. Josmy FMA with inspiring session on Mother

Teresa regarding the attitude and dedication of Mother towards the people in the society. During the session the youth were divided into groups and which helped them to discuss about the personality of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and how it would be applicable in the life of each of them. The youth expressed their views regarding it in different



ways. The active participation of the youth in the meeting prompted them to invite many more youth to the group to build a better society. There were about 26 members for the gathering.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF SR. MARY MANJIL



Life is the greatest gift from the Almighty God. The birthday of Sr. Mary Manjil was celebrated on 01-10-2016 by the initiative of FIDES staff. The moment was adorned with the prayers for the energetic and creative presence of Sr. Manjil on her birthday. The

invariable desire to support and promote the right of the poor in the society always keeps her shining like jewels. She is much appreciated for her dedicated work for the good of the poor children. The perseverance and the commitment that she has towards the service could be noticed in different junctures. The celebration shared the happiness and delight amidst the gathering.

APEX BODY MEETING OF VILLAGE

An apex body meeting of village was held in FIDES office on 01-10-2016 under the leadership of Mr. Narayana Swamy. In the meeting upcoming activities like youth convention and charity day were discussed. The volunteer acceptance of the members to participate and help for the booming of youth meeting was appreciated. In the meeting some of the improvement of the functioning was evaluated and shared by the members. Around 15 of them were part of the meeting.



APEX BODY MEETING

The women from different SHG groups gathered in Kaverinagar on 05-10-2016 for the apex body meeting. There were 20 apex body members for the meeting and the meeting was led by Sr. Sumi the directress of FIDES. The main focus of the meeting was on how to bring a safe and clean society in and through Kaverinagar.



It also concentrated on starting an independent bank account by the SHG group members. The meeting also facilitated to discuss on the scarcity of water in the village. It was concluded by anticipating the growth and developments needed in the society to establish a good community.

PLANNING AND EVALUATION-SEPTEMBER



Planning for the month of September and the evaluation for the month of September were collectively done on 06-10-2016 in FIDES. The staff and the directress of the organization joined together to take decision and to form a

fruitful planning for the coming month. The planning included many activities like, Karnataka Youth convention, birthday celebration of staffs, Kaverinagar building works and NLP training.

BIRTHDAY OF SR. MARY JOSEPH

Jean Paul Richter said, *"Our birthdays are feathers in the broad wing of time"*. On 13th October 2016 the birthday of Sr.



Mary Joseph was celebrated with the FIDES staff. The wishes of the staff and the people gathered for the celebration graced the occasion.

NEW DB TECH STAFF

Mrs. Amala was appointed as the new staff for DB Tech in FIDES on 27th October 2016. She will be providing training for the skill development of vocational training youths especially the development of English language and computer knowledge of the youths. We welcome you.

BIRTHDAY OF MS. SELVI

On 31st of October 2016 was a happiest moment for the FIDES staff to celebrate birthday of Mrs. Selvi. The celebration started with prayer service by the staff followed by sharing of joy and happiness among the gathering. The wishes and prayers energized the celebrant to feel the sweetness and oneness of the family.



MONTHLY PLANNING-OCTOBER 2016



A planning was made by the FIDES staff for the coming month's activities along with the Directress of FIDES on 31-10-2016. The planning involved many fruitful and meaningful actions like, career guidance for the youths, children's day celebration in the villages and

slums, youth meetings and SHG group meeting in different places of our working areas and sports day for the children

CAREER GUIDANCE WORKSHOP

A career guidance workshop was held on 05-11-2016 in FIDES for the job aspiring youths. The resource person for the day was Mr. R.K Prasad, the CEO and cofounder of Comm Lab, India. The session covered different qualities a person



should possess while doing and approaching a job, how to approach for an interview, and the commitment to be followed and certain guidelines to get into a job. The session was interactive and informative. There were 50 youth for the workshop. Many of their doubts were clarified regarding the job.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING



On 5-11-2016 the village board meeting of the SHG group was conducted in FIDES under the guidance of Mr. Samuel. In the meeting, upcoming activities and planning were discussed. The groups as a whole were informed about the

children's day celebration and youth meetings of the month. They also discussed on how to keep up the spirit of group to attain certain good results. A total of 14 of them were present for the meeting.

SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

A society meeting was conducted for the society members of Kaverinagar on 5-11-2016 under the leadership of FIDES directress and Mr. Samuel. The major discussions included the newly emerging bank for the SHG groups, new building work completion and children's day celebration in Kaverinagar. The initiatives taken by the group



members to maintain the decorum of the groups were appreciated by the FIDES officials. Around 8 of them were present for the meeting.

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION IN KAVERINAGAR



Children's day was celebrated for the children of Kaverinagar village on 14th November 2016. On the occasion different sports events were conducted for the children in government school. There were around 100 children to participate for the events and the celebrations. The active participation of the children and the committee

members to make the day a memorable one gained its effect through various moments.

KAVERINAGAR YOUTH MEETING

The monthly youth meeting was held in Kaverinagar for the youth on 27-11-2016. There were around 17 youths for the meeting. The topic of the meeting covered by the resource person, Sr. Selvi FMA and with the support of Sr. Licyon Leadership and team work promoted different views of current



situation among the youth. Further discussion which was led by Mr. Samuel for the Christmas celebration enhanced the youth and the groups to put up some programmes and to celebrate the Christmas in meaningful manner. In the meeting the youth also were asked to bring few interesting and useful topics to be covered in the meetings by the resource persons.

VILLAGE APEX BODY MEETING

An apex body of the village SHG group was held on 3rd December 2016 in FIDES office under the guidance of Directress and the staffs. There were around 30 apex



body members for the meeting. The meeting put forward different discussions about this year Christmas celebration, regarding the loan taken in the groups, left groups, children's NCP Mela and society members' election. The active participation of the group members in the meeting

enlightened the gathering to take responsibility to involve the left out members into the group to sustain the consistency of the group and the unity of the group members.

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION AND NCP MELA

The children's day and the NCP Mela were conducted for the children of Ulsoor, Kaverinagar and the Village on 04-12-2016. The complete involvement of the children for the programmes of whole one day helped the children. The efficient personalities from different



developmental and disciplined areas of children were invited as resource persons. There were different sessions and activities on human rights and skill development for the children. Competitions conducted for the children in Kaverinagar on the occasion of children's day reaped its fruit by receiving the prizes in NCP Mela. The prize distribution for the winners of different competition was totally a change



within the children to cooperate and involve fully in the forthcoming programmes. The total strength of the children was around 95 from different parts of the village, Kaverinagar and Ulsoor.

8TH DBTECH BATCH INAUGURATION

The 9th DBTech batch was inaugurated on 5th December 2016. 25 members for the vocational training started their journey towards achieving some goals in the life, was blessed on this occasion. The programme was inaugurated by Karnataka state coordinator of DBTech and other chief guests.



Varieties of programmes by the students under the guidance of the staff shared the happiness of moments in the inauguration.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN ULSOOR

The FIDES community along with the people in Ulsoor conducted the Christmas programmes on 17-12-2016. The Christmas message given by Sr. Anna Chacko and Sr. Kamala inspired the gathering to come into the mood of Christmas. The singing done by the people in the celebration enhanced the beauty of Christmas within the community.



All the volunteers and the SHG group members were present for the programme. The presence of more than 100 people made the day more festive.

BIRTHDAY OF SR. SUMI JOSEPH



On 19th December 2016 the birthday of Sr. Sumi Joseph was celebrated along with the FIDES staff. The prayer meeting conducted in this occasion energized the life of Sr. Sumi Joseph with gladness and joy. The support provided by the staff for the success of FIDES was remembered by her. The support given by Sr. Sumi

for the growth of FIDES was appreciated by the groups.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION OF VILLAGE AND KAVERINAGAR



On 20th December 2016 the Christmas celebration was organized by FIDES for the village and Kaverinagar SHG groups. There were around 100 SHG group members for the celebration in each place. The happiness and the messages of Christmas spread the love and joy within the members of the groups. Sr. Celvi and Sr. Anna Chacko,

the superior of provincial house blessed the occasion with their meaningful thoughts.

BIRTHDAY OF MS. AROGYA MARY

The birthday of Ms. Arogya Mary, our staff was celebrated on 31st December 2016. The moment of joy and happiness was expressed by the celebrant and the staff members. The day was adorned with the prayer service imploring the blessings of God on her.



PLANNING AND EVALUATION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY



A monthly planning was done on 31st December 2016 for the upcoming month's events as a sign of welcoming the New Year. The planning included, execution of many activities like adoption letter writing by all the beneficiaries, Apex body

meeting, society meeting, SHG meeting and family visit and celebration of Don

Bosco Feast. The talk by the Superior on loving the children motivated the members to do their duties very faithfully. After a successful discussion on how to develop interest in networking among people and with all the staff, the meeting was concluded.

APEX BODY MEETING IN ULSOOR



Apex body meeting was conducted in Ulsoor on the 2nd of January 2017. The meeting was led by Directress Sr. Sumi and other staff of FIDES to celebrate the New Year. The New Year wishes given by Sr. Sumi filled them with hope and joy. The days for writing Easter letters for the benefactors were decided after a discussion and were informed to the

members of groups. The gathering saw a crowd from 30 SHG group.

APEX BODY MEETING OF VILLAGE

An apex body meeting of village was held in the FIDES office on the 7th January 2017. The meeting guided the gathering on adoption letter writing, new initiatives to be decided by the members of the group and how to make easy bank transactions. 30 members attended the meeting.



PLANNING



The staff of FIDES along with the Directress planned the activities on 2nd February 2016 for the month of February. The main discussion included on how to distribute the adoption money, make the adoption list, make SHG group list and audits. Many creative ideas were put together by the staff

and directress. The planning also put the cornerstone for women's day celebration to be held in the month of March 2017.

APEX BODY MEETING OF VILLAGE

Apex Body meeting of the village group members was held in FIDES on 4th of February 2017 under the guidance of Directress Sr. Sumi and Mr. Narayanaswamy. The group leaders were given few thoughts to be examined and to apply each aspect in the group at an appropriate time. The meeting exhibited thoughts on how to collect the adoption, making SHG group list, society election and plans for women's day celebration for the month of March. There were 19 group leaders for the meeting.



BIRTHDAY OF MR. NARAYANASWAMY



On February 8th 2017, the birthday of Mr. Narayanaswamy, FIDES staff was celebrated. Through the prayer service and wishing, FIDES staff and Directress wished him a prosperous life in the future. His commitment and dedication were remembered on the occasion of birthday.

BIRTHDAY OF MS. AMALA

The birthday of Ms. Amala was celebrated on 20th February 2017 in the presence of FIDES community. As a community, the day was celebrated with joy and happiness. The prayer service was conducted for the celebrant invoking the blessings of God on the celebrant.



YOUTH MEETING OF VILLAGE



A youth meeting was conducted for the village youth on 26th February 2017. The session was attended more than 10 youth. The session was taken by Sr. Shiny FMA on the topic “self-confidence” which provided some idea for the participants on how to sustain the self-confidence. The youth were very happy to get such kind of resource person for their support.

APEX BODY MEETING

Village group apex body meeting was held on 04th of March 2017 under the leadership of Sr. Sumi Joseph, the Directress of FIDES. The meeting involved the discussions on women’s day celebration and the daily group meetings in the groups. It was decided by the group members that the people who are absent for the meetings would be imposed fines.



BANK INAUGURATION IN KAVERINAGAR



ONE of the dreams of Sr. Nancy has come true on 05-03-2017 in Kaverinagar. The inauguration of Bank started by invoking the blessings of the Almighty God. The inauguration of the Bank was done by Sr. Celine FMA, newly elected the Provincial of Salesian sisters Bangalore and Sr. Bridgit FMA, the former directress of FIDES. The

programme also was adorned with the presence of the current FIDES directress, Sr. Sumi Joseph FMA, superior Sr. Anna Chacko FMA, Sr. Manjil FMA and Sr.

Sheela FMA. All the staff from FIDES and the community members from Kaverinagar were the leading pillars of the programme. The staff of FIDES and the SHG community from Kaverinagar expressed their gratitude towards Salesian sisters for helping them to start up a bank for the welfare of the people. The long visionary Sr. Nancy FMA, the Founder of FIDES, had a great desire to help the poor



people to sustain themselves through different programmes and activities. It was a desire of Sr. Nancy to start a bank in order to make transactions of SHG group money in the group itself. The purpose of this process is to keep the women strong, independent, responsible and great achievers in the journey of life. The guests of the day in their speech clearly mentioned that the bank has started in the presence of invisible Sr. Nancy amidst the gathering. Moreover it was specified that the accomplishment of starting a bank is built by the blessings of Sr. Nancy. A ceremony of depositing the first amount in the bank by the SHG members also was done on the occasion of inauguration.

PLANNING AND EVALUATION- MARCH 2017

The programme and activities for the month of March 2017 were planned on 09th March 2017 with the cooperation of FIDES staff along with the Directress. They discussed on the upcoming events like



summer camp, medical camp, collecting the History of FIDES, adoption signature and auditing of SHG groups. The informative talk of Sr. Anna Chacko helped the planning to move in a meaningful manner.

DBTECH 9TH AND 10TH BATCH INAUGURATION



The inauguration of 9th DBtech batch was held on 11th March 2017 in FIDES. The Karnataka state coordinator of DBTech, Mr. Buvan along with other chief guests inaugurated the ceremony. The distribution of certificates for previous batch students was held on the same

occasion. The experience and achievement gained by a trainee, named Lingesh through DBTech, shared his experience during the function. In the inaugural function varieties of programmes presented by the trainees elevated the celebration more effectively. The resource persons reminded the audience that youth are the back bones and dreams of tomorrow, so no one should miss the opportunities they are supposed to get. It was also added by the speakers that through formation and pruning of personality one is preparing to bear the fruit facing the reality.

WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Woman is the light of the earth. The women's day was commemorated on 12th March 2017 in FIDES community with the theme "Be Bold for Change". The SHG members under the leadership of animators and Directress of organization gathered together to



celebrate the day as the day of raising women's voice for their right. The resource person for the programme, Ms. Jyothi, programme coordinator of Ashalaya flamed the hearts of the gathering with rich thoughts. Sr. Anna Chacko the superior of Provincial house gave a meaningful message for the gathering. In the addresses by the resource persons, they mentioned that the woman is light of the family and society. It was an occasion to remember many great leaders who had stood for the rights of the women. It was said that the women should have the equal rights as that of a man in the society. The celebration also was adorned with different programmes by the women.

DISTRIBUTION OF ADOPTION MONEY

The remaining adoption money was distributed for the students of village, Ulsoor and Kaverinagar in the month of 26th March 2017. The students who deserved the adoption came with their parents to the office and received it with grateful heart. Around 180 children were helped by the FIDES. The remaining students who were eligible to receive the money were asked to receive it in the center of FIDES.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Birthday of Sr. Selvi FMA was celebrated in FIDES on 28nd March 2017. The day was adorned with prayer service and birthday wishes. The staff of FIDES and the sisters wished her a blessed and joyful day. As a token of love, celebrant also wished the FIDES community a fruitful future. On this occasion the celebrant thanked

everybody gathered there for the sharing of happiness.

VILLAGE APEX BODY MEETING

Apex body meeting of the village was commenced on 1st April 2017 for the representatives of the SHG groups in the presence of Sr. Sumi. There were 14 apex body members to plan the programmes and evaluate on the functioning of the groups. The main



discussions of the meeting focused on objectives like society share investment and the visit of different groups for meeting the members and evaluating its functions.

GUEST LECTURE ON LIFE SKILLS EDUCATION

It was indeed a great day for FIDES. A three days' session on Life Skills (12/04/2017 to 14/04/2017) was conducted at our DB Tech center, Avalahalli. It was led by Dr. Jonas Richard, HOD, Department of Social Work, Kristu Jayanti College & Mrs. Elsa. There were 40 trainees who attended the training. The topics covered



were ten core life skills: Self-awareness, Empathy, Critical Thinking, Creative Thinking, Decision Making, Problem Solving, Effective Communication, Interpersonal Relationships, Coping with Stress and Coping with Emotions. The sessions were interactive with activities conducted that enhanced the understanding of basic skills and how to use them in times of need.

PLANNING AND EVALUATION

Planning the activities for the month of May was held on 30th April 2017 in the presence of all the FIDES staff. The topics deliberated were adoption letter writing (with the aim of gathering the parents and the children who are adopted to have



a meeting before the distribution of the money), attendance and holidays of the staff and the dental checkup camp in our working areas by Mission hospital doctors. The staff also discussed the birthday celebration of Sr. Anna Karuvelil, the farewell program for the provincial, the superior and other outgoing sisters who

were instrumental in the activities of FIDES. Some of the suggestions provided by the staff were to bring the tailoring center under the control of FIDES, that the NCP children should be given something to eat when they come for the meeting to increase participation and to start a NCP fund, education fund and medical aid fund for FIDES. The meeting also decided to organize a picnic for the youth and apex body members.

INTERNSHIP

A MSW student from Kristu Jayanti College, Bangalore joined FIDES on 16th May-2017 and BSW students from St. Joseph College, Kerala joined on 4th May-2017 for their internship of one month, with the aim of studying about the functioning and activities of the organization. The trainees were given essential directions and an explanation about the agency to accumulate knowledge and to obtain experiential learning through the internship.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF SR. ANNA KARUVELIL

It was indeed a joyful moment for the FIDES community to celebrate the birthday of Sr. Anna Karuvelil, who was in charge of the tailoring center in FIDES, on 25th May 2017. The happy occasion was adorned with prayer and good wishes.



FAREWELL OF SR. MARY JOSEPH



Sr. Mary Joseph, FIDES staff was given a fond farewell on 25th May 2017, on the occasion of her transfer from the provincial house to other working areas. The FIDES staff along with the Directress conducted a prayer service and wished her a prosperous future in

her area of work. Sr. Mary wished FIDES well, hoping that the initiatives would have good results. The FIDES community thanked her before concluding the meeting.

ADOPTION MONEY DISTRIBUTION AND LETTER WRITING



The adoption money distribution and Christmas letter writing of Kaverinagar and other villages was held on 28th and 29th of May 2017 in the Fides office. There were 170 children present along with their parents for receiving the money and writing the letter. A meeting was held for the parents and the children

before the money was distributed. The women who had not been attending the SHG meeting, children and youth who were not regular for the meetings and the people who were not co-operating for the better functioning of the organization were reminded to render their support. Details of the youth were collected for future development.

FAREWELL FOR THE PROVINCIAL AND OUTGOING SISTERS

30th May 2017 was an occasion of happiness and sorrow for the FIDES community. The former provincial, Sr. Crecentia as well as Sr. Anna Chacko, Sr. Sheela, Sr. Jesintha and Sr. Mariatha were given a fond farewell by FIDES. The sisters were given other responsibilities to accomplish and help many more souls in the world. It was a sad juncture for FIDES. Sr. Crecentia, in her talk, recalled the staff's commitment to services. She wished them to continue the task of FIDES and reach out to many more places where people are in need of help. The Directress



and the staff expressed their gratitude to the sisters for helping FIDES to grow. The sisters were wished success for their future endeavors.

WELCOME FOR SR. MONICA, THE NEW SUPERIOR

The FIDES Directress, along with all the staff, welcomed Sr. Monica, the new Superior of the Provincial house on 30th May 2017 to the FIDES community. The function was adorned with mutual good wishes. The members of the FIDES family were happy to have yet another capable and apt person as a superior.

