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A Passion for Love

We have already said Good Bye to year 2022. We all are thankful to Almighty for all His blessings .It is high time to reflect what are the things you and I could have done better. “Have I ignored the people who are in real struggles and in pain? Let us consider 2023 as a gift that God spreads before us to use well for the better service of the people, especially in the tribal land of Bastar. All the human beings have got a time-line that no one on this earth can change. We cannot borrow either a minute or a day from someone else. So it is important that we have to work each moment for the betterment of the world. St. Chavara has said “There should not be a day in our life without doing good to people” There is a need of figuring out what each one of us can do for the humanity. When we look on our lives, it is cluttered with multiple activities, and we feel like we are spinning round and round. To create a good vision each one has to come out of this mess. Let us look into the situation that is prevailing in our Bastar Division. There is a need of change in our work attitude. From the first week of this year itself, Christian people in this area suffered a lot, for the sake of their Christian faith. Even now it continues. It is difficult to ignore their pain and anxieties. This is the time to give a hand of support to people. BDKS the Social service wing of Nirmal Province is with them for all kinds of emergency support. At the same time, it is the time for all of us, for showing Christian solidarity and love.

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KNH Programme

KNH and Christ university projects resumed again. The training programmes are going on well. On first February 2023, a project evaluation was done by the Project Director.

Literacy Trust of India

Literacy Trust of India supported BDKS by providing tailoring machines to the students who completed the six months' tailoring training. Fr Joseph Pazhoor was present on this happy occasion.



Candidates' Get-together

On 14th January 2023, around 73 priestly and religious candidates, and their superiors, gathered together at Sangam Bhavan, and conducted a one day training programme. It was an enriching occasion for all the participants.



One Day Training for NGO's

A one day training programme was conducted for all the NGO's working in Jagdalpur area. Around 38 people participated in the programme. Advocate Sister Remya Thomas conducted the classes.



Sports Day for Children

On the occasion of Christmas, a Sports Day was conducted for the Tuition children at Bhairamgarh area. I thank the Sisters and Fathers of Bhairamgarh community for the whole hearted support'.



Christmas Celebration

Christmas celebrations had been conducted at different places, such as Jagdalpur, Kapsi and Mardoom.



Kinder Mission Project

Our Tuition Centers at different places are going on well. At present, around 250 children are being benefitted out of it.

CARD

BDKS is in touch with the **Chhattisgarh Agriculture Resources Development** group for the betterment of service for the suffering Christians in Bastar region.

KKS

We are happy to inform you that KKS and BDKS signed MOU for next four years, for implementing a new project at Bodal area. We are very thankful to all of you for your support and guidance.

Skill Training Center at Sangam

BDKS made an agreement for collaboration with the National Payment Commission of India for the next one more year. Our target is to give a Skill Training to 800 students from Jagdalpur area.

Life Skill Training

Two of our staff members attended a Life Skill Training Programme in Goa.



Anni Koller Foundation

Anni Koller Foundation from Switzerland is supporting the Computer Education Programme at Sangam Bhavan and Junawar. In the first week of January 2023, Bishop Joseph Kollamparambil inaugurated the training Programme at Junawar.



Manos Unidas

The Manos Unidas Community Development Programme is going on well. On 26th January 2023, BDKS conducted sports meet for all the SHG groups. Around 170 women participated and enjoyed the sports. The final phase started in the month of January. We hope that we will be able to finish it successfully in the month of July 2023.



Tailoring Center at Sangam Bhavan

We plan to start a new Tailoring Center at Sangam Bhavan in the second week of March. It will be beneficial to 20 women in the locality.

Educational Support and Medical Help

During the last two months we have given educational and Medical aid to a few needy people.

Item	No of persons	Total Amount
Education	2	Rs. 20,000
Medical	4	Rs. 30,000

Support for the Studio

BDKS supported the purchase of equipments for the proposed audio-visual studio at Christ College Jagdalpur, for the Department of Pastoral Ministry of the Nirmal Province of Jagdalpur.