



NEWS LETTER

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JAGDALPUR, BASTAR, CG**

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A Celebration of Togetherness

The Christmas season is a time of warmth, joy, and goodwill, celebrated with unmatched enthusiasm across the globe. Beyond its traditional religious significance, Christmas has come to symbolize unity—a season that bridges divides and strengthens bonds among families, friends, and communities. In today’s world, the message of Jesus is more relevant than ever. Jesus envisioned not a unity of ideas or physical strength, but a unity of hearts. This unity brings true joy and peace to the world.

Christmas fosters a spirit of togetherness that transcends cultural and social boundaries. From shared meals to communal caroling, the traditions of the season emphasize collective joy. Streets adorned with lights, homes filled with festive decorations, and the exchange of heartfelt gifts serve as reminders of humanity’s interconnectedness. Whether it’s gathering around a tree to exchange presents or volunteering at a community event, the season inspires acts of kindness and compassion, reinforcing the belief that we are stronger when united.

Looking around the world, we see many people struggling to survive. Our acts of kindness kindle joy for them. Christmas is a time to bring the light of hope and happiness to everyone—just as poor shepherds and wise men were welcomed by a young mother and a dutiful father into the presence of Jesus. Similarly, Jesus invites us all to embrace the joy of Christmas.

One of the most beautiful aspects of Christmas is its ability to bring people from different walks of life together. Both religious and non-religious communities find meaning in the season’s message of hope, love, and peace. Celebrations often extend to interfaith and multicultural activities, where diverse traditions come together in harmony.

In an increasingly divided world, Christmas serves as a reminder of the common values shared by all—generosity, forgiveness, and love. It inspires the breaking down of barriers and fosters understanding and acceptance. The season also promotes unity through acts of giving. From donating to charities to helping neighbors in need, Christmas reminds us to think beyond ourselves. These acts of kindness not only benefit the recipients but also nurture a sense of shared humanity.

At BDKS, we are privileged to be part of this mission of kindness. This Christmas season, we have planned several activities, especially for the poor and needy. Christmas reminds us that the greatest gift we can give and receive is love. As we celebrate this festive time, let us carry its message of unity in our hearts and lives, making the world a brighter place. Wishing you a New Year full of fresh beginnings, endless possibilities, and wonderful adventures. May the Child Jesus bless you abundantly with health, happiness, and success in the year ahead.

Fr. Tiju Mankottil CMI

Kinder Mission project

Our Kinder Mission Project is going well. Currently, we are providing tuition classes for children and organizing various activities for both children and their families in 24 villages. Around two hundred children are benefiting from this initiative.



The Choice foundation Project

On the 13th of November, Mr. Vivan Issac from Hyderabad and Mrs. Susheela from West Bengal visited our project area and motivated our staff. In the past month, seven programs were conducted in three villages of Bastar. The Choice Foundation has been a great help, particularly in raising awareness about trafficking.

We are extremely grateful to Sr. Kanti Lakada, whose initiative helped save the life of a teenager who had been trapped by traffickers in Rourkela. The police officers and other NGO members also supported her commendable efforts. BDKS is deeply thankful to Sr. Kanti for her dedication.



KNH Project at Kapsi

"On the 19th of November, the project evaluation was conducted at Kapsi. We are planning to carry out an internal audit, with a special focus on the SHG accounts. The project is in its seventh year, and we are planning to establish a federation for the benefit of the people in the project area."



Kuwait Catholic Association

"We are very grateful to the Kuwait Catholic Association for their support of our boarding facilities at the Jagdalpur Diocese. They are primarily supporting our Hindi medium boardings. Let us especially pray for them during this Christmas season."

FVTRS Skill Project

FVTRS is supporting skill training. Currently, five trades are being offered: GDA, Basic Computer, Tailoring, Beautician, and Electrical. Ninety students are receiving training. We also strive to provide placement opportunities at different centers. The FVTRS team visited our center and motivated our students. The evaluation was also conducted by the agency in the month of November.



BOSCH Foundation

The auto sales training by the Bosh Foundation is progressing well, and we are in the final stage of the project. Our target for the current batch is 25 students. The field experience is also ongoing. BDKS is extremely grateful for the support provided, including educational items such as t-shirts and school bags for the students.



SHCIL Project

SHCIL has made an agreement with BDKS for one year. They have agreed to support the education of children in the village. The project period is one year, and it will begin at the end of December.

Andria Rasso, Switzerland:

The Andria Rasso Foundation has made an agreement with BDKS for computer training for school dropout students in Jagdalpur. Our project will begin in early January 2025. We are very grateful to the foundation for their support of the children in our locality

One Day Youth Camp

A one-day youth camp was conducted at the BDKS center by the CRI Jagdalpur Unit. Around 130 youths participated in the program. Thanks to CRI for the wonderful initiative.



MANOS UNIDAS Visit

In the beginning of October 2024, the Manos Unidas staff visited the BDKS office and held a meeting with students at the training center. They also conducted an evaluation of the completed project. Thanks to Manos Unidas for their support and guidance.



Asha Ashram Palligoan

Miva Netherlands and the Lilianne Foundation from Austria helped Asha Ashram by providing a four-wheeler. We are very thankful to both organizations for supporting our center.



Study Material Distribution at Gorgottan Village

Educational materials were distributed in Gurgottan village with the support of the Bosh Foundation. On this beautiful occasion, Fr. Provincial and the village leaders actively supported our activities. Fr. Provincial also distributed gifts to the children.



Cultural day and Rangoli Competition

On the occasion of Deepavali, BDKS conducted a cultural competition and a Rangoli competition. Students actively participated in the competition. The prize distribution ceremony and the message were delivered by the women constable in charge of the Jagdalpur area.



Participation of Annual Skill Conference

Fr. Director and Mr. Prashant Benya participated in the National Skill Conference in Bangalore on November 27. BDKS received the Best Skill Training Center Award, and one of our trainers and three of our students also received awards and cash prizes.



Jiv Daya Foundation

The Annual Meeting of the Jiva Daya Foundation was conducted in Bhubaneswar on the 3rd and 4th of October. Representing BDKS, Mr. Prashant Benya participated in the meeting.



Children's Day celebration with Mentally and physically Challenged

On 14th November, BDKS celebrated Children's Day with mentally and physically challenged individuals. We visited Asha Ashram and Manovikas. It was a heart-touching day for our members.



One day outing

Our training center students organized a one-day outing to Tiria. All the staff and students participated in the outing, making it a joyful occasion, especially during the Christmas season.



Winter cloth Distribution

BDKS Distributed winter cloth to villages peoples in Odisha where our CMI members are working.

