



# The Buds

*Society of Daughters of Mary Immaculate and Collaborators*



***“Children are our most valuable natural resource”***

**- Herbert Hoover.**

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# Editorial...

## Greetings from the Department of DMI- Child Development.

**"We will not enjoy security without development, we will not enjoy development without security, and we will not enjoy either without respect for human rights."**

—UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan

I am blissful to meet you in this 6<sup>th</sup> Issue of **"The Buds"**. First of all I wish you all a very happy New Year 2011! Here in this issue, we illustrate about Human rights.

"Human Right is **"A right is not what someone gives you; it's what no one can take from you"**. True prosperity comes from fully developed a country's greatest resource, its people. Human trafficking, Child Labour, Slavery occurs both within countries and across international borders. It is not limited to one gender, faith or geographic area, but it impacts individuals and societies across the globe.

**"Enrich the lives"**



**Estimated number of children involved in Child Labour is 218 million. Estimated number of children in hazardous condition is 126 million. "Mindful of each affected child around the world," said Ambassador,** "we must act together with a fierce urgency to find new and innovative solutions to tackle this crime. We need to redouble our efforts to fight modern slavery. "We must understand the role of human rights as power of individuals and communities. I believe we can build it only by ensuring respect for all human rights."

A right delayed is a right denied. So let us take resolution to eradicate discrimination and empower every person with the ability to enjoy all of the benefits of society regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, disability. Let us also pay tribute to the human right activist who had sacrificed their lives to ensure human rights.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

With love and Prayers

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## International Day of Disabled Persons—3rd December

*I choose not to place "DIS", in my ability.*

World Disabled Day is observed every year on 3 December. It is also known as **“International Day of Persons with Disabilities”**. The dedication of the day aims to promote an awareness on disability issues and about the rights of persons with disabilities. It is important to integrate disabled persons in the main stream of society. Disabled persons are often discriminated against and that is never an ideal condition. Society must take adequate steps to involve persons with disabilities in the main stream of social, political, economic and cultural process of their communities.

United Nations has taken several steps to empower disabled persons. It is essential to inculcate confidence in disabled persons in their own abilities to lead self-dependent lives. World Disabled Day provides an opportunity to initialize action to reach the target of full and equal share of human rights and contribution in society by disabled persons. UN General Assembly had launched World Program of Action for Disabled Persons in the year 1982. UN seeks equal rights for all humans irrespective of their religions, caste, economic conditions and physical abilities. Social justice demands identical fundamental human rights to all the persons. According to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, each person has "the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.”

The day seeks measures to assist physically challenged persons in their own decision making. The year 1981 was proclaimed as “International Year of Disabled Persons”. Several plans were launched with a mission of providing similar opportunities, rehabilitation and prevention of disabilities. These campaigns were launched at regional, national and international levels. Let us join hands to replace the **‘dis’** from the disabled and treat them as differently abled.

# Achievements of the disabled child in DMI

"A wounded oyster mends its shell with pearl."



**Disability "God's Own Creation " to attain Determination to dislodge the Disability.**



**Physically Challenged children pursuing their Higher Education**

## CASE STUDY

Name: Guna Sekaran

Qualification: MBA

I am **Gunasekaran** from a village called Basupathi in Tanjavur district. My parents were poor and found it very difficult to meet out daily means and ends. I have three sisters and I am the only son in my family. Unfortunately I was born as a with polio affected child. My parents were poor but took care of me. One day, during evening I was sitting in my house. Two sisters of DMI came to meet me in my home. They asked me to come to their home where children were given care, education and medical treatments.



My parents sent me to Oosila home for the disabled children. I was taken care of by the sister since my third standard. After some time Oosila home was closed. So I was shifted to Ottanthangal, Marco home, which is in the direct control of DMI sisters. There I got operated for my leg and now I am able to walk with calipers. I stayed there for eights years and continued my studies. Sr. Alangaram was like my mother who cared for me. Later I stayed at Karunai Illam St. Thomas mount for my studies. For about ten years I have been staying in DMI homes and I cherish the love and affection of the sisters. Then I went to Velankanni for my 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> STD and the hostel was not like the house of DMI sisters. After completing my studies I approached the DMI sisters to support me for college studies. They were ready to support and I was able to complete my B,Sc Computer Science at Trichy which I could not have imagined, if I had not met these sisters in my life, I might have remained idle at home spoiling my life.

My life was transformed by the intervention of the DMI sisters. I was able to achieve my dream because of the sisters only. After my studies I was privileged to work for a year. I am ever grateful to the DMI sisters especially Sr. Alangaram, Sr. Jehani who helped me and cared for me in all my needs. ***I also thank Fr. Arul Raj OMI for his generous heart to support me with his blessings. Now with great joy and pleasure I am doing my MBA, 2nd semester at DMI, St. Joseph's Engineering College at Thanjur.***

## CASE STUDY

**Name: T.Latha**

**Qualification: B.Com (Bachelor in Commerce)**



### **My sponsor changed my life**

My name is **T. Latha**. I am from Cuddalore. My parents are daily wage earners. I have an elder brother named Murukesan and a younger brother Uthamaraj. I was born as a handicapped person and was away from people in my village, hiding myself within the four walls of my house. But today I am known to everybody in the college and I want to show to people that I am not handicapped mentally. This courage and strength was fed to me by DMI sisters .

I was introduced to DMI sisters by one of my neighbors in my village in 1992. The Sisters wrapped me with their love and care and took me to Marco home where I was given a good treatment for my legs and better education in a safe environment. But these sisters Sr. Mary Xavier, Sr. Alangaramary, Sr. Daisy and Sr. Gnanamalar brought me out of my cocoon to show my real self to others.

I was known to many others but today students recognize me when I perform in competitive cultural programs like singing, drama, oration etc. I have won many prizes. It was DMI sisters who nurtured my talents when I was in Marco home. My aim is to become an I.A.S officer to prove to the world that disablement is not a bar to reach any goal in life. To achieve this aim, I too work hard and the sisters especially Sr. Jehani supports me. At present I have completed my final year B.Com in Melresapuram. And I am working as Social Work Staff in DMI society and earning Rs.5,000 as my monthly salary excluding food and accommodation. I strongly believe that I can achieve my aim with the support of the Society of DMI. I am very much thankful to the Sisters who show their unconditional love and affection on me forever.



**The main aim behind the observance of Human Right's Day is to protect the rights of the human beings. It is observed on the 10th of December all over the world. Every year the 10th December marks the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of the Human Rights (UDHR) in 1948.**



# Happy New Year 2011!



*Wish you all A prosperous New Year, May the Joys of the season  
Fill your heart with goodwill and cheer.*

*May the chimes of glory, Add up more shine and spread  
Smiles across the miles, To-day & In the New Year 2011!*

**Karunailam children celebrated their New Year with Fr. J. E. A rul Raj OMI at AmalaBhavan and received blessings.**

