



# The Buds

*Society of Daughters of Mary Immaculate and Collaborators*



**Children are the hands  
by which we take hold of heaven...**

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## Editor's Blog...

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I am very delighted to meet you all through "The Buds" the 22nd Issue.

### MAKE THE EARTH NEST IN THE STARS

Do we know our actions and thoughts affect people and the environment around us? Even our prayers towards altruistic goals also affect humanity and the universe. If they do, and I believe they do, then Earth Day provides a great opportunity to halt humanity's rush toward disaster and create a global state of mind that will foster global peace and Earth's rejuvenation.

The Earth Day is one of the largest and widely celebrated environment events that occur on 22nd April every year. The Earth Day is the day that fosters positive attempt on safeguarding the earth's environment and to make awareness in the peoples on the issues that challenge it. People all over the globe celebrate the day with major efforts to make their surroundings greener and safer for plants, animals and ultimately human beings like us.

The Earth Day can be made successful by doing very simple attempts like cleaning up trash around our houses, electricity consumption, making recycling efforts, planting trees and getting involved in other activities that help in keeping the air clean. May be, Walk or ride a bicycle instead of taking the car to reach the nearby store, to school, office or to meet friends.

Conserving nature is just a modern consciousness. It is an age-old Biblical precept.

### "Enrich the lives"



In Genesis 2:15 man is given the responsibility to "tend" and "keep" the place in which he dwells.

Genesis 1:26 "let them rule over all the earth and its living creatures."

Romans 1:20 states that **God's qualities are discernible through the evidence in creation, and so the studying of nature can lead a person to God.** That's why eco-consciousness could be a spirituality that purifies not only the outside but also the inside of a person.

Earth Day is not the only day, when the whole world should celebrate for the planet we all share, but such activities should be done every day to make a better future. Future that is not only ours, but that belongs to our children's future also. So it is each of our duty to care for the same.

The day spring begins provides a special opportunity to deepen awareness of nature and our commitment to think and act as trustees of Earth. In our daily life, let us resolve to make choices that will nurture life and eliminate pollution, poverty and our addiction to war. While all people can never meet at the same place, on Earth Day our hearts and minds can all meet with one another and with God at the same time.

**I Remain,  
L. Arul Seeli.DMI,  
DMI- Child Development Programme**

**Dear sisters**

**Reading and viewing the Buds push us to love more, care more and nurture more the children to whom we give life and education. Our children in our care homes are another sister, another brother and another loved ones who resemble God in their own way. So let us admire them and relive the childhood so that we can give what they want to be and how they want to be in the future. God bless you!**

**M.K. Teresa DMI**

**Dear sisters**

**Thank you for the "The Buds 21st".**

**It always inspire me to live positively. I specially interested following items.**

**From NANZAN UNIVERSITY, 12 students from various departments were involved in Volunteer Network Programme called CAN HELP ASSOCIATION FOR INDIA (CHAI) - JAPAN was organized by Rev. Fr. Sagaya Raj SVD, Department of Anthropology and Philosophy.**

**Thank you**

**With Love and Prayers,**

**H.Ito**

**THANK**



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# MEDICAL CAMP

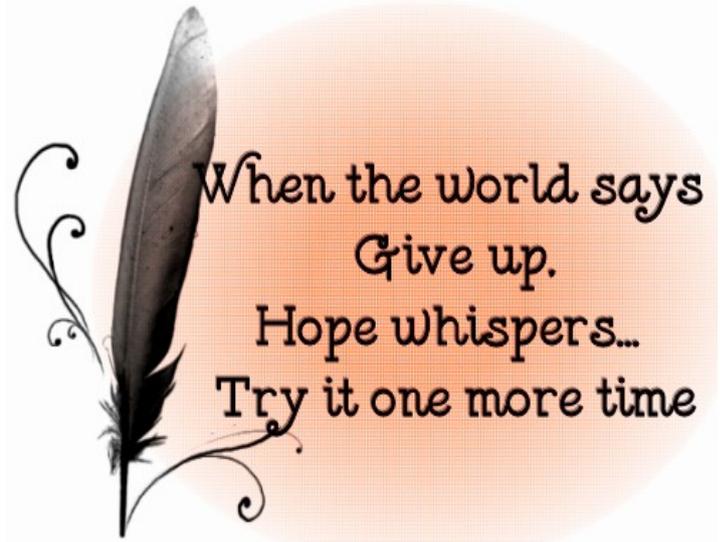


**Medical Camp was conducted on 19.04.2012 at Elupatti  
and 30 children benefited.**



**Medical Camp was conducted on 01.04.2012 at Annai Nagar  
and 45 children benefited.**

# ANNUAL EXAMINATION

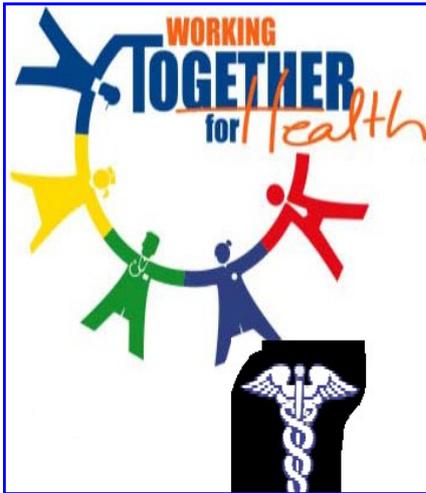


"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world".



Education is an ornament in Prosperity and  
refuge in Adversity—Aristotle.

# Awakening



Good health adds life to years

WORLD HEALTH DAY



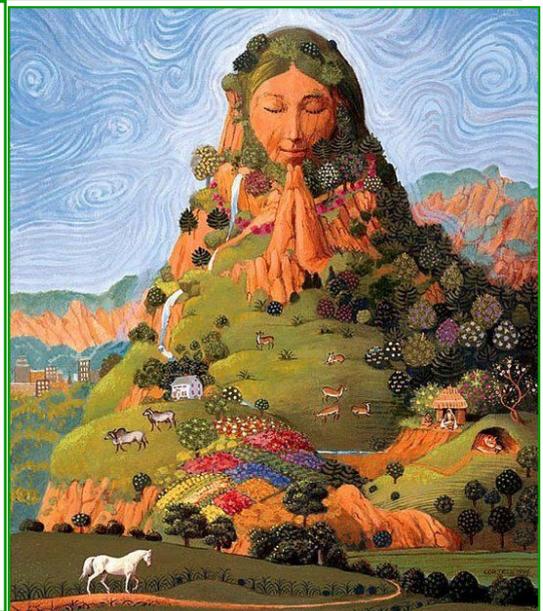
World Health Day (WHO) 2012 is celebrated on 7th of April as anniversary of the World Health Organization. The foundations of World Health Organization were laid down on this day in 1948. Every year a specific theme is selected to draw attention to the foremost concern of World Health Organization in that year. Global campaigns are conducted on this day. Leaders of their respective countries come to the public to aware them about the greatest health challenge with its global impact. World Health Day endow with an opportunity to take a communal action for a better health and life.



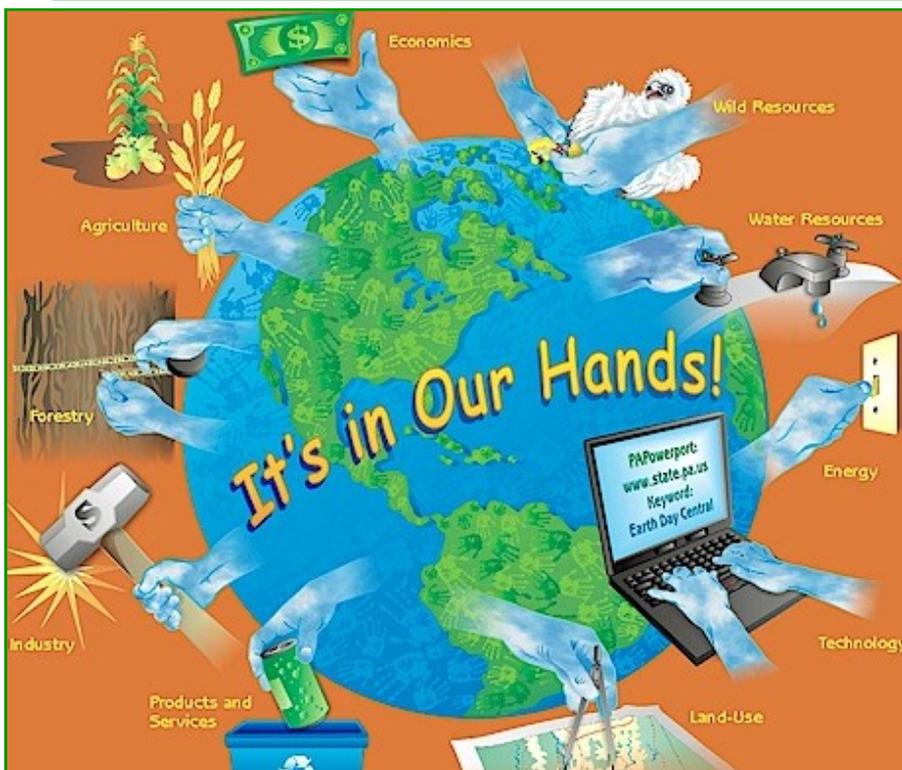
**SURROUND YOURSELF WITH PEOPLE WHO MAKE YOU A BETTER PERSON**

*Good health and good sense are two of life's greatest blessings...*

# earth day 2012



On April 22, more than one billion people around the globe will participate in Earth Day 2012 and help Mobilize the Earth™. People of all nationalities and backgrounds will voice their appreciation for the planet and demand its protection. Together we will stand united for a sustainable future and call upon individuals, organizations, and governments to do their part. The theme for 2012 is “Mobilize the Earth” to achieve the goal of saving the planet which as per a Native American proverb goes as – “We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.”



*Every Day Is Earth day.  
So Live It up, And Recycle.*



# THINK GREEN

# Anti - Child Labour Day - April - 30

The problem child labor stands as one of the most critical global challenges. Child labour includes Children prematurely leading adult lives, working long hours for low wages. They work under conditions damaging their health, physical and mental development. Sometimes they are separated from their families and are deprived of meaningful education and training opportunities that could open up for them a better future.

**"STOP CHILDREN'S  
EXPLOITATION"**



I  
too have  
the right  
to dream...

**Let's not steal their childhood!**

# Kids Corner



*A child is a beam of sunlight  
from the infinite and eternal with possibilities*



**Compass  
of Life**



**Makes our  
heart blossom**



**Living  
Messages**



**Fortunes  
of Life**



*Your smile makes my heart bounce!*



# LIGHT RECOLLECTION

**Name** : Ganga  
**Standard** : 5th standard

“I was helpless and could not afford childhood privileges like other children. But now, I am again studying. The care and support of DMI sisters are helping me to be confident,” says Ganga from Tirutani, Kancheepuram district, Tamil Nadu.



## Making a Difference!

Ganga is 11 year old tribal girl who was living in Keechalam, a remote village of Kancheepuram district of Tamil Nadu. She lost her parents 2 years ago and is now left with an elder sister. Forced to look after old grandparents, the 2 sisters were compelled to look for daily wage work and became the breadwinners of the family. Excluded from her peer group because of her helpless conditions, Ganga lost the innocence of childhood. She also became malnourished and suffered from frequent bouts of illnesses. To make things worse her grandparents were planning to get her married to a much older man. On becoming aware of Ganga's situation, the DMI sisters who do their social service in that area spoke with her and counseled her grandparents.

After much persuasion, Ganga's family was willing to send her to DMI Children's Home where she is taken care by sisters with motherly love and care. This helped her regain health and lead a happy life. For the first time in her life she got the much required nutrition that a child needs for a healthy life. As her health improved she was enrolled at the Helen's higher secondary School. Ganga is no longer malnourished and she plays and studies like any other healthy child. She takes great interest in all the activities at school and is today studying in Grade 6.

Together we can make Ganga and her dream come true. They deserve a chance as much as we do. Give them to get that chance. Join hands with us and make a difference!.