



# The Buds

*Society of Daughters of Mary Immaculate and Collaborators*

“Children are the brightest treasures of the world”



**Rev. Fr. J .E Arul Raj with Children from Karunai Illam after the Holy Eucharistic Celebration on the Feast of Our Lady of Good Health on 08.09.14 .**

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Dear Readers, I am very happy to let you know through 42nd issue of The Buds.

## HELPING HANDS

I am very thankful to the readers who continuously give me the feedback and encouraging the work of this department.

Before I enter into the message, I would like to quote with a thought goes like this **“your goals are the road maps that guide you and show you what is possible for your life.** Yes, when you are open enough to look the world with open arms, you find your way. Understand, **God always lends His helping hand to the man who tries hard.** Read this incident and you will know the rest,

A mother, wishing to encourage her son's progress at the piano, bought tickets to a performance by the great *Polish pianist Ignace Paderewski*. When the evening arrived, they found their seats near the front of the concert hall and eyed the majestic Steinway waiting on the stage. Soon the mother found a friend to talk to, and the boy slipped away. At eight o'clock, the lights in the auditorium began to dim, the spotlights came on, and only then did they notice the boy - up on the piano bench, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." His mother gasped in shock and embarrassment but, before she could retrieve her son, the master himself appeared on the stage and quickly moved to the keyboard.

He whispered gently to the boy, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in the bass part. Soon his right arm reached around the other side and improvised a delightful obligation. Together, the old master and the young novice held the crowd mesmerized with their blended and beautiful music.

## “Enrich the lives”



**In all our lives, we receive helping hands but some we notice and some we don't.** Equally we ourselves have countless opportunities to provide helping hands, sometimes we would like our assistance to be noticed, sometimes we don't.

Little of what we all achieve is without learning from others and without support from others and what we receive we should hand out. As the sisters of DMI working for these little children for their growth from the age group of 5 and above 21, we need helping hands as said above. Your helping hands in any forms are welcome to prosper the lives of these little ones who totally depend on the providence of God and our helping hands. You are most welcome to take part in lending your hands in this great mission.

**My values and your values, aren't about pointing fingers. They are about offering a helping hand.**

There are people who help you in life. I've been given a helping hand, and that's why I feel it's my duty to help younger ones who are our future. Believe the nation is waiting for its own prosperity.

**Let us join together to fulfill the dream of Mother Theresa “If you can't feed hundred people, then feed just one.**

**MAKE EVERY CHANCE TO SHINE OUT!  
LET YOUR HEART BE NOT FAINT!!  
BE HUMBLE ENOUGH TO LEND YOUR HANDS!!**

**I Remain,  
L. Arul Seeli. DMI,**



**Dear Sister,**

**Thank you, I really enjoy "the buds" Best wishes,**

**-Jo ,USA**

**Dear and loving Sister Seeli,**

**How are you. Thank you very much for the Buds with all this good information. Thanking you**

**Becker Günter , Germany**

**Dear Father Arul**

Thank you so much for this beautiful newsletter you sent regarding the wonderful work you do in Chennai. As I now know the circumstances better after visiting Chennai last year, it makes it even more special to see and can relate to it more. My prayers are with you and your team and I wish you just the best for the future. What you accomplish there is so precious. Keep up the good work!

**Henrietta Schoeman  
ACWW Secretary and Board Member**

**Dear Sister,**

Thank you for your information. I pray for all the children in our homes and in the world. May God be with them.

**Sr. Antony DMI , Pune**

**Dear Sister,**

Thank you for sending me "The Buds". I have thoroughly enjoyed reading about your activities and all the good work carried out by DMI.

**- Margaret Yetman  
ACWW Deputy President ,London**

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# CELEBRATION

Rev. Fr. J. E Arul Raj had an meaningful celebration on September 8th The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady of Good Health . Karunai Illam children participated in the Holy Eucharistic celebration and their Joy doubled.



Children from all homes had the special ROSARY to the Our Lady of Vallankanni for the Good Health of our Fr. Founder ,DMI , MMI , Well Wishers, Benefactors and all who are cared for our children.

Mary our model was carried by our children during Rosary



Children kneel down and pray for the Good Health of " All"



Our Lady of Velankanni was taken into Procession

# VISITS

Rev. Sr. Victoria the Southern Provincial visited Elupatti children at Thanjur on 07.09.2014 and distributed stationary items to them. They are highly happy and joyful



Sports has been conducted in Keechalam .



Physical competitions has been conducted in Chettiyapatti .



Medical Camp has been conducted At Annai Nagar Home on 17.09.14 .All together 22 children benefitted.

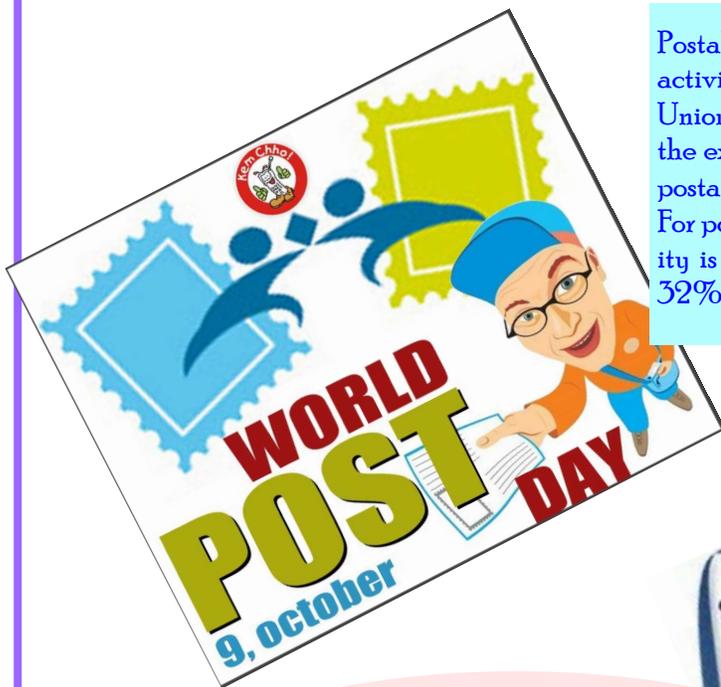
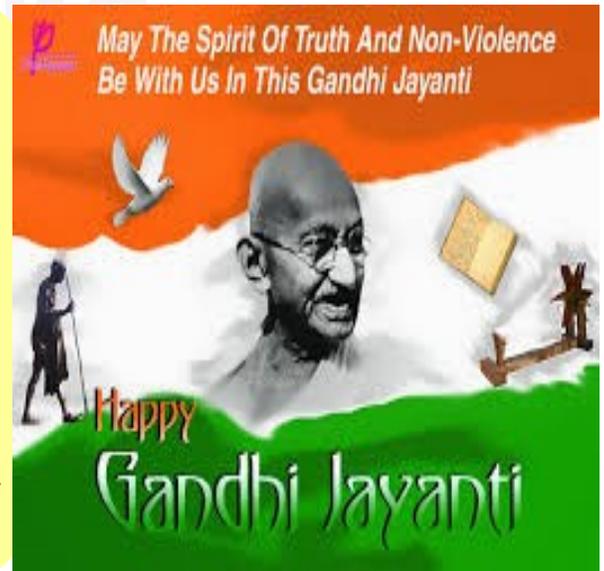


Mr. Visuvanathan had conducted seminar to Karunai Illam children on 14.09.14 about "Future Living".

# AWAKENING

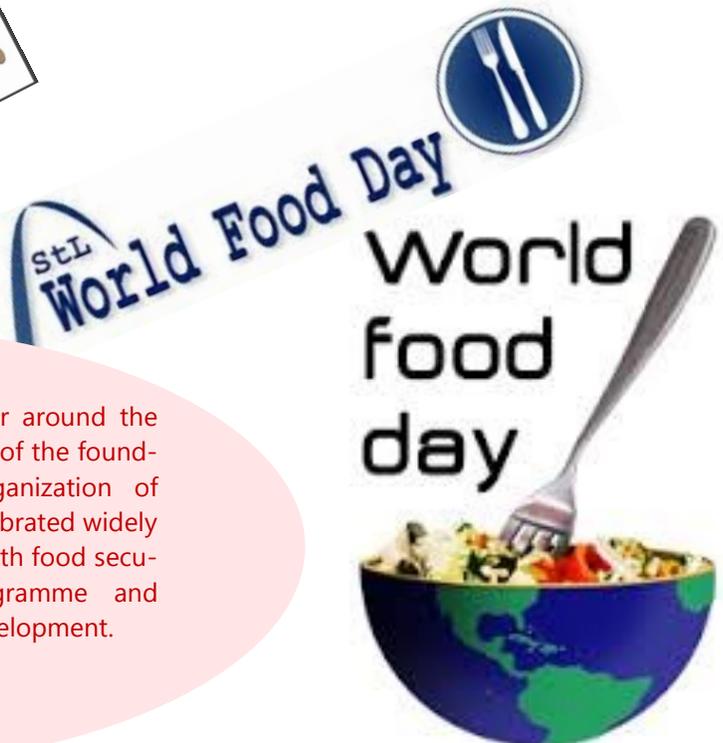
Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, more famously known as Mahatma Gandhi, was the leading light in India's freedom struggle against the British rule. The uniqueness of this freedom struggle was that it was essentially based on Ahimsa (Non Violence) & Satya (Truth). Mahatma Gandhi was born on October 2nd 1869, in Porbandar in the Gujarat state of India. His father was a Diwan, a high official, in the princely state of Porbandar.

He was assassinated on January 30th 1948, by Nathuram Godse, a Hindu nationalist, who thought Gandhi was sympathetic to the Muslims. *Mahatma Gandhi's birthday on October 2, is celebrated as Gandhi Jayanti, a national holiday.*



Postal services have always been important motors of economic activity and growth. The very creation of the Universal Postal Union 140 years ago established a multilateral framework for the exchange of documents and goods across borders. It helped postal services pave the way to globalized trade and commerce. For postal services to flourish, electrical and Internet connectivity is essential, especially in developing countries, where only 32% of the population has access to the Internet.

World Food Day is celebrated every year around the world on 16 October in honor of the date of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1945. The day is celebrated widely by many other organizations concerned with food security, including the World Food Programme and the International Fund for Agricultural Development.





# Thought Provoking

## A Small Story With Powerful Lesson

Read this small story; **Hope that makes a BIG change in YOU**

The Professor began his class by holding up a glass with some water in it. He held it up for all to see and asked the students "How much do you think this glass weighs?" 50gms!'..... 100gms!' .....125 gms' ...the students answered.

"I really don't know unless I weigh it," said the professor, "but, my question is: What would happen if I held it up like this for a few minutes?".... 'Nothing' .....the students said.

'Ok what would happen if I held it up like this for an hour?' the professor asked. 'Your arm would begin to ache' said one of the students. "You're right, now what would happen if I held it for a day?"

"Your arm could go numb; you might have severe muscle stress & paralysis & have to go to hospital for sure!" ..... Ventured another student and all the students laughed

"Very good. But during all this, did the weight of the glass change?" Asked the professor. 'No'.... Was the answer. "Then what caused the arm ache and the muscle stress?" The students were puzzled. "What should I do now to come out of pain?" asked professor again. **"Put the glass down!"** said one of the students. "Exactly!" said the professor.

Life's problems are something like this. Hold it for a few minutes in your head and they seem OK. Think of them for a long time & they begin to ache. Hold it even longer & they begin to paralyze you. You will not be able to do anything. **It's important to think of the challenges or problems in your life, But EVEN MORE IMPORTANT is to 'PUT THEM DOWN'** at the end of every day before you go to sleep. That way, **you are not stressed, you wake up every day fresh, strong and can handle any issues, any challenge, any disappointment, any doubts that comes your way!**

You learn from this small story is:-

So, when you start your day today, Remember friends to **'PUT THE GLASSES of worries, anxieties, misfortune DOWN TODAY!**

**May God bless you with the water of life to prosper. Put up your trust, faith, hope and joy to the creator who is looking for**

**Your change of heart,  
Change of attitude,  
Change of mind,**

**Change of all what is possible today.**

**Dear Readers, remember, Change is painful but it is not fatal.**

# KIDS CORNER

Winners at R.M.Thurai



Drama was demonstrated at Chettiyapatti



Children talents are exhibited through their different activities.

One of the Traditional Dance at Nagapattinam was Performed



Delivering the Speech at Ottanthangal



Tree Plantation at Annai Nagar

