

## Monthly Report of May 2017

“What we think, we become” says the Buddha. The ability to think and thank is something that makes human unique and different. We were thinking and planning for the summer camp from March onwards. We were able to succeed in what we planned. Besides the summer camp we had monthly meetings of SHG, account writing training, account opening and filling the forms for new schemes for women in the Canara bank, marriage function of the twins of a SHG and a SHG woman becoming a small entrepreneur. The interactions we had with children and women, and the value we inculcate in them, the relationship we built with them and among them and teaching them to thank God for what they are, enabled us to build a human community, thus to make the society a better place to live.

### Summer Camp:



Presence of three Xavier students added the magnificence of our summer camp. We started our summer camp from April onwards. This was an occasion to give an opportunity for the less privileged students during the holidays. Due to so many marriages and other functions children had gone to their relative places and few were not able to come for the camp. One of the agenda of the parents for the summer camp was to teach their children spoken English. We gave emphasize for it and children pick up in speaking English. We were able to bring out their talents and abilities through classes and various activities. Their imaginations are more than what we think. Since it was so hot we arranged a rickshaw to bring the children from one village. One day the rickshaw man could not bring the children, then we

went to that village for the activities also visited their families. This was an eye opener to our Xavier students. These college students too built a kind of relations with the less privileged students.

### **Computer Classes:**

Computer classes were an attraction during the summer camp. Besides learning new lessons of computer we were also given them the opportunity to play computer games. These children never get the opportunity for it in their home and when other children speak about computer games they too can share about it and thus feel dignified. Children simply wait for the computer classes. Besides the children few college students were too coming for the computer classes. We were able to give them the taste for the computer studies.



**Various Activities:**

The various activities conducted by the Xavier students helped the students to improve their way of thinking, imaginations and creativity. Children were happy about the whole classes.



### **Dance Classes:**

Sr. Geeta being a dancer she took dance classes for the children besides the computer classes. Few among the children were good at dance and they picked up few more steps of the dance.



### **Account writing training:**

This month too we were able to give the training of account writing. This training is conducted in Tokpada where we have four SHG's and the fifth one is one the way to form the group. Since it was a very hot day, we took the training under a tree. Everybody felt comfortable under the tree. Women even though were studied; they are not ready to write the account. By giving the training we want to reduce their fear about account writing at the same time learn it by doing. While they were learning we used the examples of their own group problems without mentioning anybody's name or village. Thus they were taught how to calculate the interest when one is not paid the installments and the reasons to reject an application for a loan. While teaching to write account we also made them to aware of other rules and regulations of an SHG. The interesting thing is that those who understood the account writing

started asking the questions and we clarified it. We gave them home work and they supposed to bring it for their next monthly meeting. By doing they will learn it properly. In each group one or two is confident about account. Women found the session very useful.



### **Women at Canara Bank:**

This is the after effect of Canara Bank manager's class. Women rushed to get the special loan of 15000, which they have to pay back within three years. Many of them started their personnel account in the bank. Few deposited money for pension plus insurance. Women were asked to come back after one week to get the money.



### **Monthly Meeting:**

We had the monthly meetings as usual. Due to marriage season few meetings were postponed. This particular meeting, Xavier students too took part and asked few questions about SHG and its benefits to the women. Questions were asked for their own information and query. One member of this particular SHG was died due to cancer in this month. We spent few minutes praying for her soul. We paid visit to her family and gave an amount of money as a help to her family.



**Marriage of twins from our SHG:**

SHG women have become part of our family and we participate in their joys and sorrows. Gita and Sita are the members of SHG and we went to partake in their marriage celebrations. We felt content by being with them.





### **Small Entrepreneur:**

Mrs. Sunita had finished her tailoring course at our place in last year. Due to financial problems she could not able to buy a machine. Now she took the loan from the group and bought a sewing machine. At her home itself she started stitching and doing well. Her Perseverance led her to success.



End of this month we realized that we are social beings who need each other for comfort, support and interaction. It's important to cultivate and value all of our relationships and engage in activities that promote goodwill and make the community, the country and ultimately the world a better place.

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