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DAIA Newsletter January 2016

Dear Friends and well wishers,

Greetings from DAIA! We are thankful to God because He has enabled us, through your support, to complete 2015 and to enter into 2016. We take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and blessed new year. This year, we are looking forward to give an even more effective service to PLHAs, providing more training in natural medicine to the less fortunate, and raising awareness of HIV/AIDS in different colleges throughout the city. We are happy to contact you through this Newsletter for January 2016.



**Christmas celebration**

Date: 12.12.2015

Venue: Zion Church, Sathya Nagar

No. of Participants: 320



**World AIDS day**

Date: 1.12.2015

Venue: Network Office

On the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015, a Christmas get together was conducted for people affected by HIV/AIDS and their family members. It was held at the Zion church, in Satya Nagar. The opening prayer was offered by Mrs. Dorothy Manimuthu, and Mr. Francis welcomed the participants. In total, 320 people participated. Dr. Joe Prabakaran, president of DAIA, presided at the function, and a tribute was also paid to Mr. Gell Joseph (late) founder of DAIA.

Then the medical doctor, Dr.Mummoorthy, gave a speech on 'World Aids Day'. He focused on "Getting to Zero" HIV/AIDS in 2030 (referring to Zero new HIV infections, Zero discriminations, and Zero AIDS-related deaths). Miss Vijayalakshmi, and the President of the positive network, Jeevan, both shared that DAIA had helped a great deal when they were sick and in critical conditions. Then, Mr.Rajan delivered the Christmas message and Christmas gifts were given out to all the participants. To all the children's delight, Mr. Subash conducted games, and even included some of the adults, encouraging them to have some fun too. Dr.Kailasam (the Sterlite corporative social responsibility C.S.P), offered 75 blankets for the children and some well wishers offered sarees and dhotis for their families as well. 36 People received sewing machines.

The event came to an end with prayer and a blessing, and a good lunch was served. Without a doubt, all the participants enjoyed the programme.



Dr. Joe Prabakaran, president of DAIA, making his speech.



Dr. Kailasam (Sterlite C.S.P.) offering blankets for the children.



Mrs. Jeya Gell distributed the sarees.



The President of the positive network, Jeevan, sharing her testimony

### Regular ongoing activities carried out during December 2015

The following table shows the Life Skill Programmes organized during December 2015.

Date	Place	Topic	No. Of Students
05.12.2015	Tuition Centre	Money	12
16.12.2015	Child labour school	Money	12
20.12.2015	IPM Church, Anna Nagar.	Money	17

The TVET Programme has been a very valuable vocational training programme. The livelihood training programme through TVET has helped so many PLHAs stand on their own feet. Currently 36 PLHAs completed tailoring training and each one of them received a sewing machine during the Christmas programme.

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