

DAIA NEWSLETTER

Dear friends and well-wishers of DAIA,

Greetings! We thank and praise God for His abundant grace and guidance that has helped us to carry out this work. God has continued to use DAIA in helping patients and their families who are affected by HIV/AIDS. Here, we share with you what we did in November and December 2016.



Enthusiasm inevitably filled the air on the 26th of November. Because for around 120 children from the tuition centres and their teachers, the entire day was spent in Panchalamkurichi Kottai, basking in the sunlight and engaging in the most fun activities. Everyone had gathered together by 10 o'clock, and after a cup of tea and enjoying the pleasant day, a guide arrived to take us around the fort. The children enjoyed

A HIGH-SPIRITED PICNIC On a great day to be outside

as they learnt the history of Tamil Nadu. Then, singing and drawing competitions were conducted. There was also a speech contest on the topic "Clean India". A monoact competition was then conducted for the teachers. In this, not only the teachers participated, the children, too, showed great interest. The winners were awarded prizes towards the end of the day. Mrs. Punitha was awarded for her dedicated service in the tuition centre. Another round of snacks and tea was served and the picnic ended on a very high note.

GUEST VISIT

On the 8th of December, R. Senthurapriya and Stefena, students aiming to achieve their Bachelor of Science, visited the Herbal Garden and waste water management at the DAIA campus. They were very pleased to see the immense effort Mr. Gell Joseph had put into the garden, and were surprised at how well kitchen and bathroom waste was recycled and re-used. The processes utilized and the ideas regarding waste management, as well as the importance and health benefits of the herbal garden inspired them to do a project on those processes in college.



LEFT: MRS JEYA GELL EXPLAINING THE
NATURAL MEDICINES

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2016

On the 10th of December 2016, 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. Lotus Selvaraj.. Mr. Francis welcomed the participants. In total, 300 people were present, and Mr. Visvasam M.A, and Mr. G.S. Austin DSP (Retired) were the chief guests

Dr. Mummoorthy gave a speech on 'World Aids Day', and focused on 'Zero point' HIV/AIDS in 2030. The president of the positive network, Jeevan, shared that

DAIA had helped great deal when she was sick and in critical conditions. Then Mr. .Rajan delivered a beautiful Christmas message and Christmas gifts were given to all the participants. Mr. Elijah conducted games for the children, and some of the supporters offered sarees, dhotis and plates for them.

The event came to an end with a prayer and blessing, and a good lunch was served. All the participants enjoyed the fellowship.



ABOVE: THE PARTICIPANTS ENJOYING THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

TUITION TEACHER'S MEET

And regular ongoing activities

A Tuition Teacher's Meet was arranged on the 21st of December at the DAIA office, Kirubai Nagar, and also posed as a Christmas get together function. All the teachers in all the tuition centres participated. After an opening prayer, Mrs. Jeya Gell talked with the teachers, and asked for feedback about the picnic experience and the children's opinion. Mrs. Grace, a teacher, said that four 10th Grade students recently joined the centre in which she works. A health talk on dengue fever was given.

During the course of November, 89 People Living with HIV/AIDS) were counselled. A medical camp was conducted on 12th of the month, and 53 patients were treated.





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Please do not forget our needs for the medical camps.

Your personal help, or introducing someone to our work will help DAIA carry on doing what we do. We seek and thank you for your prayerful and continued support.

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