



NEWSLETTER:

September 2017

Dear friends and well-wishers of DAIA,

Greetings from DAIA! We are thankful to God that He has enabled us through your support to complete eight months in 2017 and to enter the ninth month. With His help, we look forward to continuing to effectively serve the PLHAs during the remaining months of this year. We are happy to share with you the through this newsletter, the events carried out in August 2017 specially about our new project ‘ Children to Children Project’ we have launched in 2016.



In 2016, DAIA in partnership with Samaritan’s Purse imported 3,300,000 gift boxes donated by children and families in the United States of America for their distribution among needy children in India. These children are from underprivileged backgrounds and often, the gifts they receive through this program is the first they have ever received. These boxes were distributed by us through our volunteer teams across India, in 48 locations in states of India through state regional volunteer teams. As the we were distributing these gift boxes in India, we came

across several heart-warming instances of how these gifts are impacting little children. One such story took place in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. A group of 200-250 children gathered together at a distribution centre in coordination with local partners and volunteers. All of the children were evidently from needy communities but there was one child we cannot forget. He came to me with a beaming smile clad in nothing short of a rag. He had no underwear on and looked like he hadn't bathed in weeks. With a hopeful expression on his face, he tugged on the sleeve of a volunteer and asked for a gift for himself. No sooner was a gift handed to him, he started jumping for joy. He held the box on his head and began leaping around in excitement. It took him a few minutes to settle down and open the box with a blissful glow settled on his face. In his box were school supplies; stationery, chalk, paper, and toys (ball, toy cars, etc.). Everything contained within the box excited him. He showed it to everybody around him. After he went through his box to his heart's content, he went into the street, and as he made his way home, he stopped periodically - every 50-100ft, opened his gift box, saw his items, spent a few seconds jumping up and down, packed up his box, placed it on his head and walked on.



This little boy’s happiness shows the great impact Samaritan’s Purse and DAIA has been making on underprivileged children in India.



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2017 we had a partnership meet in Chennai. DAIA, Samaritan's Purse (SP) and DAIA explore the ways to strengthen the partnership to help the needy children of India. Samaritan's Purse agreed to continue their partnership in the coming years.



It was a pleasant evening on 03-01-2017, Mr. P. J. Joseph, India Distribution co-ordinator of Samaritan's purse visited DAIA office. He has discussed with Mrs. Jeya Gell regarding the work of DAIA especially the distribution plan for the year 2017. Later he visited the herbal garden.



Distribution Program was held at Kirubai Nagar, on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July, 2106, Mr. Nattarji Member of Parliament (Lok Shaba) was invited as the chief guest, for the occasion. He also gave gift boxes to the 175 children who were present at the Distribution program.

*Vallanadu Brick Kiln laborers' Children received gifts*



*Physically Challenged child, Ranchi, Jharkand*

### ***2016-17 Gift box Distribution Detail***

1. Gujarat-	37,500 boxes
2. Maharashtra	52,500 boxes
3. Andhra Pradesh	52,500 boxes
4. West Bengal	60,000 boxes
5. Tamil Nadu	1,05,000 boxes
6. Delhi	15,000 boxes
7. Jharkhand	7,500 boxes
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,30,000 boxes</b>



Leprosy affected Children given Gift boxes in, Gandhinagar, Gujarat



One of the School Distribution progress in North India.

Donated boxes were well received by kids and families with love and affection. Their overwhelming and joyful response encouraged Donor, Samaritan Purse to continue to donate gift boxes to other poor & needy children during 2017 and beyond.

### **Training on Preparation of Washing Powders**



A training program was conducted on the preparation of surf washing powder, and the preparation of detergent for utensils, at DAIA campus on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Four staff members from Zion church

participated. They were delighted to learn the procedures and made decisions to implement them for their village people. They took part very happily and enthusiastically. The training was very useful to them.

### Visitors



On 2<sup>nd</sup> August, Mrs. Uma with her family from Tuticorin, visited the herbal garden, waste water, solid waste management and vermin casting project.



Pastor Sugumar, with his friends, visited the herbal garden, waste water, Solid waste management and vermin casting project at DAIA campus.

### Regular ongoing activities carried out during August 2017

During the last month, 92 PLHAs were counselled. A Medical camp was conducted on 12<sup>th</sup> August, with 58 patients being treated. We also provided nutritional powder to HIV/AIDS patients and their children. Life Skill Programmes were organized also. Students who attended found the programme highly educational and interesting in its content, and became much more aware of the concepts important to them, and their daily lives.

Date	Place	Topic	No. Of Students
20.08.2017	Anna nagar church	Money	26
21.08.2017	Child labour school	Money	10
Total			36

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