



Dear friends and well-wishers of DAIA,
Greetings in the matchless name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ. We are happy to contact you again through this newsletter. We thank each one of you for your valuable and continued support for the work of DAIA. In this newsletter, we share with you the events undertaken in March 2018.

Bringing Brightness through gift boxes among blind children



Today's children are tomorrow's future. That's one of DAIA's core beliefs when working with children – all children including those that are mentally challenged, physically disabled and are children of lifetime prisoners and victims of crimes, without bearing any limitation of the children, parents and community. We adopt methods, approaches and interventions based on the context and situation in the community.

With the support and partnership of Samaritan's Purse, USA, we have been receiving gift box donations to distribute among children living with HIV/AIDS, orphan children, children of lifetime prisoners and victims of crimes, disabled and special children. These gift boxes contain toys, school supplies and hygiene items.

In November 2017, we partnered with "Bright Full Life for the Blind," in Salem to reach out to children who are visually challenged. Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel, Founder and Director of the organization, gathered children on the nineteenth of the month for the distribution of gift boxes. The emotional, physical and social needs of these children are seldom met by their parents as most of them are daily wage laborers and barely have either the time or the resources to care of these children as they deserve.

On this special day in November 2017, 98 visually impaired children and their parents gathered in Salem where the DAIA volunteer team, gave an encouraging and motivational talk and distributed gift boxes. These boxes were packed by children from 13 *giving countries* which made these gifts all the more special. Nestled in each of these gift boxes were school supplies, play items, clothes, hygienic items and one "WOW" item – A football for boys and a toy for girls. Though they could not see the gift boxes, they were able to feel the love of gift boxes and shared with their friends. They were very happy to receive the gift boxes and play with the items in the gift boxes. We are thankful to Samaritan's Purse for regularly donating gift boxes that we can give to needy children in India.

Medical Camp



A medical camp was conducted on 10th of March 2018. 47 patients participated. Medicines for opportunistic infections, tonic and 60 kgs. of nutrition powder were distributed.

Care and support



On 16th March 2018, a care and support program was held in the premises of DAIA office. Around 15 HIV/AIDS affected patients attended. They gave positive feedback saying that their health had improved with the care and support of DAIA. Grocery items in addition to nutrition powder were issued to them as well as to elderly people too.

Rehabilitation



Mrs. Lakshmi hails from a village Thalamuthunagar, Tuticorin district. She got married with Mr. Manickam in 2006. He was a labourer. Lakshmi gave birth to a male child in 2008. During her antenatal check-up, blood test revealed as HIV positive. Mr. Manickam was falling sick often and passed away in 2009. Mrs. Lakshmi is on A.R.T. (Anti-Retroviral Therapy) since 2008. Her health condition has improved now. She has been given two goats to enhance her income. She is thankful to DAIA.

Youth Awareness



On 17th March 2018 Youth awareness program was conducted at Annanagar church with focus on developing and maintaining good relationship with family and others. 35 youth attended.

Embracing old age people



Needs of DAIA :

DAIA plans to organise a medical camp at Kovilpatti in Tamil nadu for patients affected and infected with HIV/AIDS in the beginning of June 2018 as a large number of patients come to Tuticorin each month. We are currently looking for sponsors who would be willing to help us reaching this goal. We expect a monthly financial need Rs. 30000/- (Approx.US\$500). Kindly support us.

We are giving our bank account numbers below for easy transfer of money.

Bank Name	A/c name	A/c No. S/B	IFSC code
CUB Tuticorin	Development Association for Integrated Activity	085001000097607	CIUB 0000085
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Regular activities during March 2018

During the month of March 2018,79 PLHAs were counselled. A medical camp was conducted on 10thMarch and 47 patients were treated. We also provided nutritional powder to HIV/AIDS patients and their children. Life Skills Programmes, HIV /AIDS awareness were also organized. Students who attended found the programme highly informative and interesting. They gained useful knowledge in the concepts important for them, in their daily lives.

Activities from April 2017 to March 2018

S. No.	Activities	Apr-17	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan-18	Feb	Mar	Total
1	Medical camp - patients	44	48	50	104	58	46	47	57	Nil	26	53	47	580
2	House visits	49	43	79	92	92	89	78	69	66	37	35	79	808
3	Psycho social support									315				315
4	Awareness programs (AP)	1		5	2	2	1	4	3	1	5	6	7	36
5	Participants- AP	15		96	22	36	13	90	47	20	175	310	277	1101
6	Waste management	4	3		4	6					5		6	28
7	Educational support		1	2	107	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	121
8	Natural medicine training			50		10								60
9	Care and support						15	15	15		15	15	15	90
10	Rehabilitation									1	1		1	3
11	Adult literacy						5	5	5		5	5	5	30
12	Embracing elders									25	6	5	6	42
13	Tuition centre,Participants										30	30	30	9

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