



Dear friends and well-wishers of DAIA,
Greetings from DAIA! We are thankful to God for your gracious support to us in our work throughout 2017. 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 December 2017 and January 2018.

Annual Day Program 2017



On the 9th of December DAIA's one of the very important events of the year, the annual Christmas program, was conducted and approximately 315 people attended. The program began at 10a.m., with an opening prayer, followed by the presidential address by Dr. Joe Prabarakan. An activity centred cultural programme was then conducted. Dr. Mummoorthy delivered a motivational speech emphasising the importance of vigilance in the face of adversity. His speech also centred around a theme of **"World Aids Day"**. Two attendees shared the positive impact DAIA had on their lives. Their testimonies boosted the morale of participants, as well as warmed the hearts of DAIA staff. Christmas gifts were distributed to all the participants. The events came to an end with lunch. They happily dispersed.

Medical Camp 2018



A medical camp was conducted on 13th of January 2018. Medicines for opportunistic infections, tonic and 60 kgs. of nutrition powder were distributed. We were able to provide monthly support to 50 patients during 2017.

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DAIA has started an Aged Care Program in October 2017. We have contacted 25 seniors, who have been abandoned by their families. We have started work among them and plan to meet their physical and spiritual needs in the days to come. We had invited them to the Christmas programme on 9th of December 2017, embraced them and boosted up their spirits. Please uphold them in your prayers.



Vardarajapuram is a remote village situated 60 km away from Tuticorin city. DAIA staff visited the village where living conditions are extremely poor. There are hardly any livelihood opportunities for the inmates of the village and they are economically weak. This has resulted in many children not attending school. DAIA therefore, is preparing plans to start a tailoring centre in the village and hope to conduct programs to teach children and young adults techniques in life skills.



Youth awareness

On the 11th of January 2018, we were invited to conduct youth awareness program to the students of Caldwell College in Tuticorin. A total of 80 students attended the program.

Care and Support Program



On 19th January 2018, a care and support program was held in the premises of DAIA office. Around 15 HIV/AIDS affected patients attended. Patients gave positive feedback and their health has improved with the care and support of DAIA. Grocery items in addition to nutrition powder were issued to them.

Visitors



Mr. Mariappan, a health inspector from the Tuticorin municipality along with his co-staff visited DAIA herbal garden. They were taken to the garden and explained about the medicinal value of each plant and how to use the material of medicinal purposes. They were delighted to see the garden and decided to implement in their own places. They also expressed their desire to bring other workers of municipality to visit DAIA garden. They appreciated all the efforts taken by DAIA to help the people in such specific needs.

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Please pray and support us. Your personal help or introducing to someone will help us to carry on DAIA's work.

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