

KOLKATA MARY WARD SOCIAL CENTRE



NEWSLETTER

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Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open

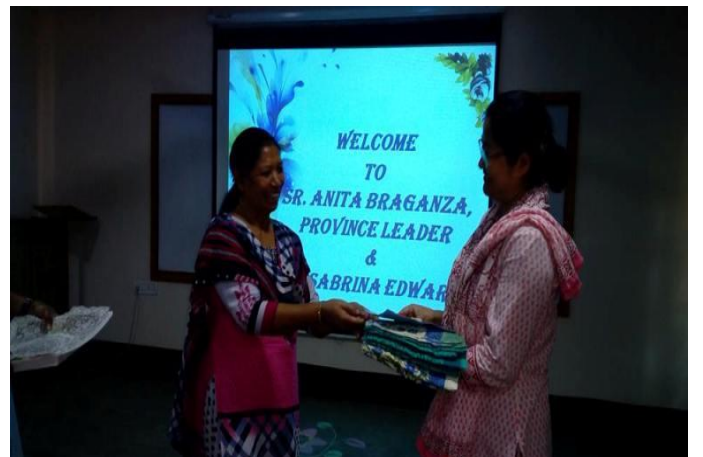
A great momentum spearheaded by an able leadership gains pace, to flourish and soar high.

Sr. Anita Braganza, Province Leader of Loreto South Asia and Sr. Sabrina Edwards, First Consultor and Director of Mary Ward International, who have been constant source of support and inspiration for us at KMWSC, were here with us.

It was a pleasure and honour for the entire team to welcome them and spend the entire day with them, sharing about the wee bit we try to do for all our beneficiaries. Their words of motivation have inspired us and we are zealous more than ever to stretch ourselves and reach to all the corners where the need is the most.

They visited KMWSC Sonagachi Red light project as well as Brickfield project at Akra. We believe that they have provided the leadership, credibility and a theoretical foundation for each and every KMWSC initiatives.

Visionaries dream big and quietly inspire others to do the same. Thank you Sr. Anita, Sr. Sabrina and Sr. Monica for encouraging us to dream big and for being the wind beneath our wings.



ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING

For a better Tomorrow

A 3 day training programme was held with 20 adolescent girls from Canning Block I to train them on Child Protection Issues and Child Tracking System under the guidance of Dr.Ashis Kumar Das (Resource Person).The training facilitated young girls to train their peers on safety issues. A safety net will be established as part of this training.

These young girls prepared a number of posters which highlighted some of the blazing issues like child marriage and child trafficking. Children performed two role plays. Both the days witnessed active and enthusiastic participation and interactive learning which was full of fun and frolic.



The First step towards change is awareness

On 7th April, 2017 community awareness campaign on Anti-human trafficking initiatives has been conducted along with Childline Canning at Nikarighata Gram Panchayat. at Matla-1 Gram Panchayat. Gopalpur Gram Panchayat. 240 mothers participated in the programme.



Connecting to the roots

A one day orientation programme on Anti-human trafficking initiatives has been organized for the fisherman community of Canning 1 Block at Itkhola Gram Panchayat. 60 Fisherman participated in the programme and Panchayat Pradhan facilitated the session along the project staffs of KMWSC.



Building child friendly village

Baseline survey was conducted at Gopalpur Gram Panchayat of 500 households in Devisabad village under Hatpukuria Gram Panchayat to analyse the situation of women and child protection issues. This village has been identified to create child friendly village under Sensitization on Anti-human Trafficking Project

For us Child safety comes first

Mr. Sankar Manna Field Associate of AHT project participated in a 2 days' workshop on strengthening child protection mechanism in Gosaba Block. The workshop was jointly conducted by Jayaprakash Institute of Social Change and District Child Protection Unit, South 24 Parganas. 15 NGO's participated in the workshop facilitated great sharing on information


We have the power to create a better future for children

KMWSC has intervened directly in 4 child marriage cases, and indirectly handled 12 cases along with Childline and Canning Police Station, handled 1 missing case of a minor boy from Patharpratima Block, handled 9 trafficking cases of minor children and out of which 8 have been rescued and 1 case is in processing in the last three months



ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING AT CANNING

Presence of mind saved a life.

One phone call  is all it took to save Riya (name changed) all of 16 years from early marriage. The phone rang at Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre, while we all were at work. The voice from the other end gave us brief information about a 16 year old girl being married to a 38 year old man in Itkhola Gram Panchayat area in Canning.

Further conversation with the unidentified caller revealed that the girl and the groom hailed from the same village. The KMWSC staff asked for further details about the child; where she belonged to, the nearest landmark of her home and relevant details. Field staffs were immediately informed, and they coordinated with the Canning Childline and also the Women's Police Station. The project staff reached the venue along with the team. Their timely intervention saved the girl from child marriage. The team ensured that Riya will not be married till she turns 18 and the team took that in writing.

Kudos to the Sensitization on Anti Human Trafficking team whose timely intervention stopped a child marriage.

Action against Human Trafficking

4 meetings were held at KMWSC with Core committee members of the Anti-Human Trafficking conference. 45 speakers and 9 moderators will join the conference for specific panel sessions. Speakers from Government departments, civil society organizations, Law schools will be addressing the panel discussions. The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences has officially collaborated as educational and technical partner for the conference. Other knowledge partners who have come together to make this conference a successful one are Vidyasagar school of Social Work, International Justice Mission, and Justice and Care.

We are looking forward for principal co partners who will collaborate with us for the conference and are in the process of approaching different leading organizations for sponsorship.

We are expecting around 350 participants will join us in our endeavour. We hope you all are there with us. Conference website and brochure is on its way and will be online very soon.

Today is the day to learn something new

17 candidates attending Vocational Training course at Canning visited KMWSC Beautician unit for an exposure visit..

The visit provided opportunities for the participants of Canning to interact and learn from each other. The exposure visit gave an opportunity to observe and learn the practical work of a professionals already working in the same field as of their future career. Trainees were very quiet excited with the opportunity to experience the things they learned during their training programme and practical session. The exposure visit ended with a higher note and great motivation for the trainees on gaining many helpful knowledge and tips required in the Beautician industry.



Poster Prepared by one of the Trafficking survivors



PROVIDING EDUCATION AND PROTECTION TO VULNERABLE CHILDREN AT SONAGACHI

Learning how to learn is the biggest skill in life

KMWSC believes children learn by playing, and life skill training can aid children's learning by introducing them to a world of fun, educational games that teach them how to better get along with others, respect other people's differences, and understand the importance of teamwork. Life skill sessions on a pilot basis have started with 15 children of the project with the aid of an aged resource person. The children are being accessed of their life skills after which they will get the necessary training.



Happy Girls are the Prettiest

As the tailoring and the Beautician batch have almost come to an end 2 auto campaigns were organized to source candidates for the training from extended areas in and around Sonagachi. The women from this area are being provided training on beautician and tailoring training so that its supports them in finding the alternative source of income. This trainings are also but building their confidence. They expected that this measure would strengthen them economically as well as socially. The training programme is free of cost. A certificate will also be provided after the completion of the course.

Bringing a Bit of Magic in Child's Life

A programme was organized for the children where common myths were broken and the children were encouraged to think scientifically. 22 children enjoyed the show very much.

Children from the marginalized section of the society were brought together through magic show in a very unique way.

Establishing routines, even around leisure activities is promoting positive values and is helping create continuity and a sense of stability in a children's life. Children love to play and they are certainly fascinated with things that can't be explained but brings immense joy. That is perhaps the reason why magic shows never get old with children.

Programmes like these are fun to watch, especially for children who view the world with open minds and overwhelming imagination

The real safety net of life is community

Community meeting was conducted with the leaders of the area with the intention to create a safe zone for children as well as for creating a community safety net. The idea was received with a lot of enthusiasm from the attendees. By bringing together a cross-section of viewpoints, community meeting gave the perfect setting to exchange ideas and information. In this successful meeting, a variety of active participants were brought together, information and opinions were shared. KMWSC realizes that's its equally important to recognize, appreciate, and utilize the community strengths. This in a way has helped participants in the community meetings to see the ways in which their participation is helpful and important.

BAREFOOT TEACHERS TRAINING AT WEST BENGAL

Great teachers help create great students.

We believe that an inspiring and informed teacher is the most important factor influencing student achievement, so it is critical to pay close attention to how KMWSC train and support through Barefoot teachers training both new and experienced educators. Support for beginning teachers is often uneven and inadequate.

Even if well prepared, new teachers often are assigned to the most challenging schools and classes with little supervision and support. Barefoot Teachers training mentors and coaches the trainees which are critical to the successful development of a new teacher.

Great induction programs created opportunities for novice teachers to learn from best practices and analyze and reflect on their teaching. During this period 74 Teachers were trained which has enabled teachers to achieve the fundamental purpose of education i.e. to draw the potential from within.



COMMUNITY AND ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMME at SOUTH 24 PARGANAS

Life is about Creating Yourself

Life skill training was organised at Sonapota and Chaulgola Education Center. 55 children attended the training in both the centres. The objective of this training was to create a Children's Group and build their capacity to manage the group. This group will act as a watch dog in the community for the protection of children.



Every summer has a story

A summer art workshop was organized at our education centre in Chaulgola. A bunch of 40 children participated in the workshop. Their enthusiasm was worth witnessing. They learned to make paper flower and candle stand. It was a day full of energy and learning for the children.



Let the summer shine with Workshops

A Summer Art Workshop was organized at Sonapota under Lotus Child Project. KMWSC aims are to entertain, connect, and inspire creativity and a sense of community through different creative learning experiences. The end goal was to broaden children's thought horizon and to make them think creatively.

Workshops got disadvantaged children within the folds of culture and meaningful entertainment through the skill building workshops. Total 25 children participated in the event. It was facilitated by Ms. Priyanka Sahoo. Children learned to make paper flowers and wall hanging. It was an eventful day for the children.

It's also encouraged them to voice their thoughts into constructive action. With each summer workshop, their skills are widening and progressing. It was wonderful to see children's perspective on things and it was a learning opportunity for the children.



LODHA COMMUNITY AT GANGA SAGAR

Health care for all is a basic human right

Our nature of work often reminds us that compassion to the poor and the needy is our duty to God. It's the word that inspires KMWSC Team to regularly organize medical campus in Lodha Project areas. Attending the camp, Doctors encouraged people to keep their bathrooms and toilets clean to keep away from sickness.

Hundreds of patients from far and near attended the health camp. Free health check up was done and medicines were distributed for free to at least 159 patients that include 113 male and 46 female. During the medical camp, doctors also gave suggestion on ways to maintain good health in the family.



Rebuilding Lodha

- KMWSC intervention helped three Lodha mothers to open bank accounts which gave mothers access to government schemes.
- 2 male and 6 female received Adhar cards identity cards issued by Government of India
- 3 expecting mothers were admitted to hospital and children's birth certificates were issued from the hospital.



Going Back to school

Education of socially marginalized children in the remote schools of West Bengal has been the focus area. KMWSC provides primary level education to the underprivileged children, ultimately mainstreaming them into nearby government and private schools. During this quarter KMWSC has mainstreamed 18 children that include 9 boys and 9 girls in the ICDS centre. The promise of a better future by getting education, supported by nutrition and a healthy environment has been motivating the children to attend classes regularly.

Day out with Lodha Children

Since 2011 KMWSC has supported the non-formal school for children of the extremely poor and marginalized Lodha 'tribal' community on Sagar Island located at the mouth of the River Hooghly. KMWSC team members visited Lodha community on a monitoring visit in the month of April.

Presently 100 children are attending the educational center having access to materials that are carefully designed to develop their literacy skills, as well as fostering excitement about learning. During the visit Team checked the standards interacted with community members, Panchayat Pradhan and teachers to discuss about the role of schools, communities and families in ensuring that they understand the importance of literacy and how they can play an important role in enabling students in achieving their full potential.



Tribute to the Poet

Rabindra Jayanti was celebrated by children and teachers by singing and dance performances based on Rabindranath Tagore's works at Lodha Project area. Around 106 participants including children and parents participated. Rabindra Jayanti is an annually celebrated cultural festival, in the remembrance of Rabindranath Tagore's birthday anniversary.



SOLAR ENLIGHTMENT AT SUNDERBAN

Community meetings bringing Lost issues on Table

12 community meetings were organized for 226 people. Although awareness is a key to achieving clean energy access, so too is building trust. The purpose of the meeting has been to discuss the role of child's education, with a focus on how the education system could contribute to further economic and social development within both that specific community and also others in the local area.



Solar lights our Future

150 solar lamps were made in the solar growth centre and were distributed amongst families who do not have access to electricity. 16 old solar lamps were repaired and assembled by the technicians. Solar Energy is emerging as a front runner amongst different sources of renewable energy because of its inherent advantages. This has been the opportunity for technicians to finally start making something with their own hands, and gain a little bit more independence by gradually taking charge of the lighting system in the community.

Smokeless Chullah showing the way

Solar Enlighten and Community Empowerment Project conducted a need based survey at Manmathnagar, Gosaba for new initiative of implementing smokeless chulas (cooking oven), with the help of an expert from SAMUCHIT Enviro Tech, Pune.

30 families were part of this survey from 24th to 28th May. Focus Group Discussion (FGD) was carried on in four directions.

The women folk took a step forward to make their lives better and with complete enthusiasm took part in the training.

That is why a survey was carried out to find ways to utilize and assess the need of local energy resources efficient for cooking and heating. The objective of the programme will be about efficient utilisation of local energy resources (wood, crop, residue, biogas and solar) for household cooking/heating. As its name indicates that it is not only to fulfil the basic necessities like fuel to cook food but also a step to the sustainable use of renewable energy resources. KMWSC in association Samuchit Enviro Tech is looking forward to bringing the desired changes

Childhood about playfulness and innocence

Children's day was celebrated on 18th of May 2017 at Dindargheri ground. All four centres children came to one place to celebrate the day. They danced, sang songs, recited action songs etc. There were around 45 parents present to grace the occasion. Colourful programme was presented by children of the center to celebrate Children's Day. Children sang, danced and enacted onstage to make the morning memorable. KMWSC staff addressed the children and encouraged them to dream big and work hard.

BRICK FIELD SCHOOL AT THREE DISTRICTS OF WEST BENGAL

While there's life there's hope

At 5, Rabi Sarder was unlike his boys of his age. He had no dearth of excitement; playing around, learning and engaging in all the activities in the brickfield school in Tona. They are residents of Minakhan. His parents work in one of the brickfields in Tona. Who so ever wondered that, this bubbly little boy took a lot of pain to chirp. Little Rabi was identified by one of our team members of KMWSC at Tona Brickfield during their visits. He took a lot of pain to talk his tongue was small since birth. Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre and Brickfield School Project sought help of Hope Hospital and Rabi was operated a few days ago. We are glad to say that, Rabi is recuperating and will begin to chirp very soon. For KMWSC changing the lives of children is a continuous process. KMWSC believes every child deserves a future and it gives children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn. KMWSC does whatever it takes for children – every day and in times of crisis—transforming their lives and the future we share. We thank all our funders and donors for their support which has made this possible.



Nawada Intervention

The relentless and united effort of the Brickfield team of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre has turned the lives of so many buds into blooming flowers. Brickfield team has completed 1st, 2nd phase of their visit to Nawada and will be completing the third one in July. Four of our dedicated members had been to Nevada twice to conduct a survey on the vacancies in the Kasturbha Gandhi Homes and visited 7 blocks offices to conduct awareness programmes in Nawada District—Nawada, Hisua, Narhat, Nardigaunz, Akberpur, Rajwali and Sirdala, Pakhribarawan. They conducted several meetings with the Block Resource Center Coordinators and Superintendents of K.G. Home and government primary Schools and collected the total number of available seats. They met the District Education Officer who gave them the criteria of admission in Kasturba Gandhi Home since it's time for the migrant workers of the brickfields to go back to their native villages. Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre has gone beyond teaching them in the brickfield schools only. The vision is to mainstream these buds of hope into schools. We are expecting this visit to bear some fruit in the time to come.

Its exam time at the Brickfields

Annual examination for the Brickfield children at Basirhat, Akra, Pujali, Tona, and Tarakeshwar were conducted to assess children's learning. Brickfield children belonging to Group B and C appeared for the annual examination. Report cards will be distributed amongst the children. Parents through these report cards will be able to children's progress and achievements

The exams conducted covered Maths, Hindi, Bengali Language, Drawing, General Knowledge, extracurricular activities, personal hygiene, discipline, Reading, Writing, and Speaking.

Exams were enjoyable, interesting and motivating, and are giving the Brickfield children the opportunity to show what they can achieve. Children were very excited to appear for the



Empowering vulnerable children as agents of change

Knowledge Increases by sharing

Two days Induction Training for the members (ward – 22, 23, 25, & 27) of Ward Level Child Protection Committee was organised by the District Child Protection Unit of Kolkata at Banwarilal Jaipuria Hall. The District Child Protection Officer of Kolkata, Ms. Seema Sarkar, representative from District Child Protection Unit, organizations like JABALA Hope Foundation, IRF, CINI, CHILDLINE along with the KMWSC were present to facilitate the training. It was an interactive session. As part of capacity building and empowering work, WLCPC regularly runs trainings and workshops for NGOs. The training covers a range of topics, all designed to help participants engage effectively with the Committee and other human rights mechanisms



Networking about planting relations

A meeting was organised at All Bengal Women's Union office to discuss about the Induction Training for the members of Ward Level Child Protection Committee. The DCPO Kolkata, representative from CINI, JABALA, CLPOA, Justice & Care, DAS, Right Track, PATH, Save the Children, All Bengal Women's Union, KMWSC, PRAJAK were present. DCPU will act as Nodal body for the integration of WLCPC was discussed during the meeting. The representative from the PNGOs will facilitate the training programme for the members as they got the Master Trainer Training organised by WBSCPCR before.



It takes a lot of effort to help and shape little minds

Six Multipurpose Activity centres are running in Ward no – 1, 4, 5, 6, 32 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation and ward no 3 of Baranagar Municipality. An initial meeting with the Councillor and the Club members was organized as a result of which an agreement was made to start off with the center. At first the facilitators conducted survey of the area and identified children who are vulnerable. They conducted meetings with the parents and motivated them to send their children in MAC. Presently every MAC has an average of 20 children. Children are happy to attend the centre

Where there is collaboration there is healthy interaction

Several meeting was organised during this month with the Club members of Ward no – 4 (Talah), Ward no - 44 (Bowbazar) under KMC, ward no-1 (Baranagar), Ward no – 5 (Chinikuthi), Ward – 3 (Rajabagan) under Baranagar Municipality. The objective of the meeting was start off with the new Multi-Purpose Activity Centre (MAC). A brief orientation regarding the organisation and project activities was given during the meetings. The club members assured to help the team for future work.



FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating The Foundation Day

The **3rd Foundation Day** at KMWSC was celebrated on 12th June with enthusiasm, fun and frolic. The staff got together and the energy and passion of the staff was visible. Our Director **Sister Monica Suchiang** graced the occasion and took part in the celebrations. Foundation day was also celebrated in all our Project field areas.

KMWSC also recognizes the contribution made by the staff. The Foundation days are very special. They are days where the vision and mission of the center are revisited and a solemn promise is made to renew the vigor with which they are pursued.

Not only are these joyous occasions to review the progress made so far but also a time for a note of thanks for the team behind the success achieved in the path.

It is towards this end that KMWSC celebrated its foundation with great joy and zeal .A special prayer was conducted wherein all the staff was briefed about the glorious history of the organization. Director of KMWSC congratulated the entire staff Celebrations are incomplete without sweets and food and games without which the celebrations were incomplete in every sense. The celebration came to an end with sweets distribution among the staff. We thank all of you for all your support, love and unending cooperation that you have always exhibited. It has been a remarkable journey dotted with everlasting memories and enriching insights which has shaped us.



VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES-BEAUTICIAN

Rebuilding hope and trust through campaigns

Auto campaign was organized in areas like Tangra, Motijheel, Chatubabu Lane, and Anandapalit for candidate mobilisation. More than 200 candidates have been enrolled in the last year through the campaign.

The continuous auto campaigns have had very good and positive response on the course. Home visits and follow-up visits have garnered trust, credibility and recognition about the course and have had an impact on the community. Sustainability audit for the beautician project was performed by ITC.



Confidence breeds Beauty

Networking with salons like Christine Valmy, Star and Style Salon, which is part of Dr. Paul's group, etc has been beneficial. This was a very professional exposure for the beautician trainees, as they observed a service which needs deft acumen. Their response after this visit was very positive. Positive feedback from the salon owners is a boost for the programme. They have acknowledged the quality training imparted at Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre. Their skills are sharpened and developed here. Being part of a variety of activities has exposed them to the various possibilities and has groomed them into fine and confident individuals. Almost 10 candidates have been successfully placed.

TAILORING

Beautiful things come together one stitch at a time

In view of the financial constraints that a family faces, this skill building Tailoring programme strives to empower the community women at large. It has been observed, that if some kind of stitching skill is imparted to the women it would give them more avenues for their living.

Hence, vocational training programme on stitching at KMWSC has enabled the women and girls to learn and enhance their skills, which in turn is enhancing their confidence level by making themselves reliant. KMWSC is reaching out to the potential beneficiaries through mobilization and outreach initiatives which is encouraging women and girls to join the training. This is a six month training which is going on in full swing. Approximately 60 candidates have been enrolled and trained in the last three months. Presently the unit is very busy unit with continuous orders streaming in.



BAKERY UNIT

Happiness is only a cupcake away

KMWSC Bakery is an education-centric social enterprise committed to empowering women. Women Trainees trained to work in these bakeries are equipped with invaluable and irrevocable skills.

These skills are a vital resource, providing an empowering security for their lives, health, education and employment. As the bakery matures, so too do the women's operations and business skills, deeming them invaluable assets for future bakeries.

The women trainees are receiving comprehensive training in recipes and baking, packaging and distributing, company communication. This training is enabling them to function autonomously and successfully.

- New machines have been bought in the bakery.
- The bakery is awaiting a new revamped look after it is refurbished and some more machines are bought.
- There has been an increase in the number of trainees over the past few months.
- We have extended our service beyond Loreto Schools.
- Loreto College and Julian Day school is also the latest addition. We have been immensely helped by volunteers of the Social Service Society of Loreto College in a sale initiative.



Appreciation can make a day

Happiness is a bag full of goodies, candies, chocolates, love and warm words of appreciation.

The Bakery team of KMWSC is touched, honoured and more than happy to share this delightful news that their hard work and efforts have paid off.

The best wishes and words of encouragement from the external evaluators who came to Loreto Entally School for correction have strengthened the confidence of the young trainees and have made them feel their worth.

Thank you for your love and appreciation.



VOLUNTEERING IS FUN with I VOLUNTEERS

Alone we can do so little together we can do so much

It was a day with a difference at Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre today. A bevy of volunteers from CITI Bank armed with paint brushes, shovel, spade etc came forward to beautify the surroundings at KMWSC. They were here to observe CITI Global Community Day and they were joined by TCS as well.

96 Volunteers marked the Citi GCD 2017 Volunteering Engagement – a very memorable experience. It was a day filled with fun N frolic

It was all smiles everywhere when the event kicked off with an interesting activity “Painting the walls”. Paintings by volunteers reflected the very old saying – no one can stop you from doing anything.

In another activity, fences along with the corner wall of the organization were to be painted. Volunteers’ zeal and enthusiasm was evident at the campus and simple activities turned the school ambience lively with sheer work of the volunteers.

The activity brought about the creativity in the volunteers to enable team work, build rapport to serve the purpose of spreading awareness about tree plantation by planting almost 100 saplings aside flex painting activity and paper bag making activity.

This was followed by a cleanliness drive to clear the mess created during the activities. The activity concluded with sharing feedback and capturing group snap. Volunteers enjoyed the experience thoroughly.

We thank CITI Bank and TCS for their generosity....and especially I Volunteer for linking us with them.



SPREADING FAR AND WIDE

Exchange of Best Practise

Besides strengthening its expertise, KMWSC believes in sharing of expertise can create wonders. With this belief KMWSC has extended its helping hand to DMWSC. Sr. Leena and two staff of DMWSC, visited KMWSC where they were oriented about Programme Cycle Management and Finance management. Documentation process was shared which will be helpful in developing their project management.

Holding hands with the team at Lolay for successfully implementing the health programme started off with training of 3 members at KMWSC. Training on methods to create awareness on various healths, child protection related topic was decimated to the Lolay staffs. It will help them in carrying forward their project with success. KMWSC is thrilled and ready to be of any assistance to in reaching out to people in changing in their lives.

KMWSC brings energy and enthusiasm for visitors

Esther who is part of Calcutta Rescue visited the Health camps at Basirhat and was delighted to visualize the changing face of health care in the Brick Fields.

Thanks to all our friends and well-wishers

KMWSC every month is visited by a volley of guests who encourage the good work being implemented by the organization. Well wishers across the world have showered their love to the reach of the beneficiaries.

Making new friends shouldn't mean losing old ones

Old friends Ms. Margaret Jansen and Ms Kim Podegar visited KMWSC with warm old memories. They enthused us to carry our effort in our areas of work. We thank them for being friend for long.

Happiness in the form of Visitors

10 visitors from Irish St. Munchins College were oriented about the programmes of KMWSC. We are thankful to Brother William CFC D'Souza for bringing them to KMWSC. They were excited to share their expertises of teaching with us which in future will be helpful in teaching children at our centres.



PEACE PRAYER

Prayer for Peace on 8th June

Pope Francis had appealed for prayers and international participation in the "One Minute for Peace" initiative to hold Thursday, 8 June.

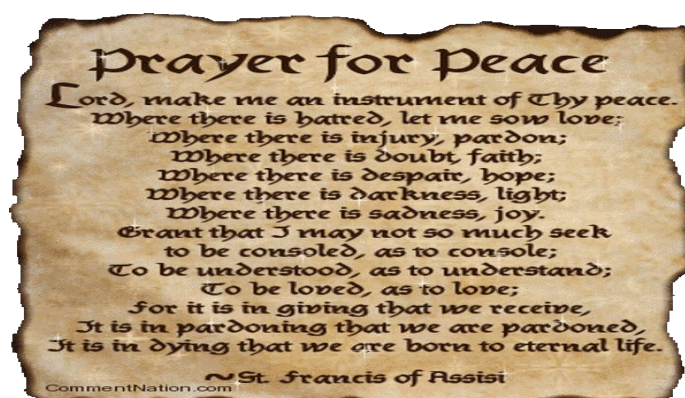
The 1-minute prayer for peace initiative by Pope Francis on June 8 highlighted the fact that solutions to all the world's problems lie only with God who uses human efforts and initiatives to carry out his plans.

The entire team of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre had gathered to observe the one minute for peace.

To mark the day the prayer of St. Francis Assisi for peace which was recited by St. John Paul II during world all religions prayer meet for peace in 1986, was read.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



We welcome Sisters to our Team

It is a pleasure to welcome Sister Edeline Kujur and Sister Rani Hembrom to KMWSC. We are excited to have them join our team. We hope that their experience here at KMWSC will be challenging, enjoyable, and rewarding. We believe that they both can contribute a lot for our KMWSC success and improvement. We truly celebrate for having them in our team. We would love their new ideas and insights that will contribute a lot for the growing organization.

"OUR LIVES BEGINS TO END THE DAY WE BECOME SILENT ABOUT THINGS THAT MATTER!"

SO LETS JOIN HANDS AND BREAK THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE BY JOINING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ANTI- HUMAN TRAFFICKING BEING TO BE ORGANIZED BY KMWSC & DMWSC ON 25TH AND 26TH NOVEMBER AT RTC, INDIAN COUNCIL FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS IN KOLKATA.

YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION, SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE WILL ENCOURAGE OUR INITIATIVES TO STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

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