REACHING NEWS

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Greetings from all of us at Reach Shillong Ministries. We once again bring to you the Quarterly updates on the activities of the ministry. We hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas, and may you experience God's loving presence in your life this coming year.

The many actitivities were made possible because of the generosity of all our donors and sponsors. We expressed our gratitude to all our sponsors for the continous support. At the end of every year, I do two things, look back and reflect and look forward and recalibrate. We look back , by thanking God for all the special moments, success, happiness, miracles and more. Then I look back and face my failures – which are often many – I seek His forgiveness and reflect if I could have avoided some of them.But I also look forward to New Year because it creates an atmosphere for renewal. To recalibrate can happen at any time of the year, but perhaps New Year is a celebration of the possibility to embrace transformation. As I close this editorial column, I can't help but look back and thank God and look forward to your continued support.

Have a great year, and huge God bless!

Rev Reuben G Laloo

OUR IMPACT

1. 3 Open Day Shelters: 145
2. RSM School: 149
3. Children Home for Boys: 17
4. Children Home for Girls: 11
5. 24 Hours Crisis Centre: 09
6. Swadhar Greh: 17
7. Specialsed Adoption Agency:2
8. ESP: 37

Total: 387

EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

- **Programme/Activities:**
- Organised a Get together for the sponsors and children on the 6th Oct at the 24 Hours Crisis Management Centre- Total number of children – 27.
- **Statistics:** Total No of Sponsored Children: **37**
- **Total No. of Sponsors**: 13

CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOYS HOME

- **COMPLETED:** Construction of the first phase which include Civil works, Plumbing, Electricity, etc of the Boys' rooms, mothers' rooms, kitchen, dining hall, recreation room, library, sickroom, Second phase started.
- **WORK IN PROGRESS:** Painting,Construction of the Administrative block which include the reception, Office, class rooms, Hall, counsellors' room, etc
- **AMOUNT RAISED TILL DECEMBER 2022:** Rs 1,18,33,370/-
- **AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR THE SECOND PHASE:** An amount of Rs. 70,00,000/- required.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS

Total no of Homeless: 13 New comers: 3 Visitors: 1

Programmes: Listening Ears, Food & Clothes Distribution, Counselling.

- A special Christmas programme was organised on the 22nd December, 2022. Mrs. Ibalin Lyngkhoi and students from the Bible Theological College, Nagaland presented songs and Mr. Debojit Sarkar share the message on Christmas. A total No of 93 Homeless/Slum residence attended the programme. Food was distributed to all. Gifts were presented to the regular attendee. We expressed our gratitude to MCrown for sponsoring the Food.

RSM- SCHOOL FOR THE UNDERPRIVELEGED

Programmes and activities:

- Parent's meeting was conducted on the 25th November, 2022.
- Final examination was conducted for classes Nursery to class 7 from the 1st to 9th December, 2022,.
- A cleaning drive was organised on the 9th December, 2022.
- A Children's Day Celebration was organised on the 13th December, 2022.
- Distribution of progress report and special prizes for students who secured 1st , 2nd and 3rd position on the 14th Decemeber, 2022
- Christmas Carol Celebration on the 15th December, 2022.
- Unwrapping of Christmas Shoebox on the 16th December, 2022.
- School picnic to Connell's Park on the 17th December, 2022.
- **Statistics:** Total no of Students: 149

OPEN DAY SHELTER IEW MAWLONG

- Open Day Shelter Week from 23rd – 28th Oct 22. Total number of children – 31.
- Mass Annual General Birthday Celebration on the 9th December, 2022. Total number of children – 30.
- Post Children's Day Celebration at RSM School on the 13th December, 2022. Total number of children – 40.
- Christmas Carol Celebration at the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on the 15th December, 2022. Total number of children – 40.
- Pre-Christmas advance celebration at Govt. Children Home Mawkasiang organised by District Child Protection Unit on 16th December, 2022. Total number of children – 20.
- **Meetings/Training attended:**
- Meeting held at D.C.P.U yo plan for the Christmas Advance Programme to be held on the 16th December.
- Capacity Building Training organised by the office of Reach Shillong Ministries on the 10th October, 2022.
- **Visitors:**
- Sunday School Police Line Section,Mawkhar Presbyterian Church on the 10th December.
- **Statistics:**Total No. of Children: 39 **Age Group**: 2-18 yrs.

SWADHAR GREH- A HOME FOR DESTITUTE WOMEN

- Family counseling was conducted 6 times during the Quarter.
- Inmates are engaged in Group Session twice a week.
- Video Documentaries on Uniqueness, forest/tress and its value, Reflect and change.
- Through the Vocational Training Centre - Inmates are daily engaged in Tailoring, cooking, pickle making and in Baking.
- Recreational activities twice in a week (indoor/outdoor games)
- During the quarter, legal aid has been done as an when needed.
- Participated in the Jumble Sale of RSM on the 12th Nov.
- Observed an International Day for the elimination of violence against women on the 30th Nov.
- Christmas Day Celebration on the 9th December.
- Outing-Picnic to Mawlynnong on the 10th December.
- **Visitors:**
- Jingiaseng Kynthei Laitumkhrah District and JIngiaseng Kynthei Shillong Ri Lum Presbytery.
- **Statistics:**
- **No. of Sisters restored:** Women – 2. Children - 1
- **Total No. of Sisters at the Home till 31 December 2022:**
- Women – 16. Children – 1
- **New Admission** - None

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OPEN DAY SHELTER MAWBLEI

- Educational trip to Don Bosco Museum and to Phan Nonglait Park on the 4th October, 2022. Total number of children – 41.
- Picnic at Collnel Park Umsning on the 7th October, 2022. Total number of children – 44.
- Children's Day Celebration at RSM School on the 13th December, 2022. Total number of children – 50.
- Christmas Carol celebration at Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on the 15th December, 2022.
- Attended Christmas Carol Programme at Mawkasiang Government Observation Home organised by DCPU on the 16th December, 2022. Total number of children – 20.
- **Meetings/Training attended:**
- Capacity building training at Nongmensong on the 10th October.
- **Vocational Training:** Bamboo Cane – 13, Tailoring – 14
- **Statistics:**Total No. of Children:71 **Age Group:** 5-18 years

OPEN DAY SHELTER NONGMENSONG

- Picnic to Connel's Park on the 5th October. Total number of children - 38.
- Launching of the 3rd version of Christmas Shoebox Outreach Programme on the 11th of November. Total number of Children: 50.
- Medical check-up at Children's Home Mawkasiang on the 6th December, 2022. Total number of children – 18.
- Art Competition in the centre organised by NEN on the 9th December. Total number of children – 23.
- Children's Day Celebration on the 13th December at RSM School. Total number of children – 51.
- Pre-Christmas Celebration on the 15th December, 2022. Total number of children – 52.
- Pre-Christmas Celebration at Children's Home Mawkasiang on the 16th December, 2022. Total number of children – 26.
- Distribution of Christmas Shoebox with a visit from the students of Meghalaya Police Public School on the 17th December, 2022. Total number of children – 58.
- **Meetings/Training attended:**
- Capacity building training on Understanding Children Growth and Development at Nongmensong on the 10th October, 2022
- **Statistics:** Total No of Children**:** 35 **Age Group**: 3-18 years
- **Vocational Training:** Bamboo Cane- 10 , Tailoring-10

LAWEI BAPHYRNAI CHILDREN'S HOME FOR BOYS

- Celebrated Poshan Ma on the 1st - 7th October, 2022.
- The elder boys participated in the Youth week of the Pohkseh Presbyterian Church from the 3rd- 9th October.
- Organised a Fun-Fair in collaboration with the 24 Hours Crisis Management Centre on the 29th October, 2022.
- Participated in the Jumble sale of RSM on the 12/11/22.
- Celebrated Pre-Christmas Celebration on the 9/12/22.
- Attended the Pre-Christmas Celebration organised by the DCPU on the 17/12/22 at Mawkasiang.
- **Birthday Celebration:**Dappura Nongpluh- 8th Oct, Anthony Kharkongor - 12/11; Pynbiang Khongwir -6/12, Samuel Dkhar 6-/12, Kularskhem Binan-12/12, Boystarwell Dkhar 6/12.
- Attended a Christmas dinner on the invitation of a family at Mawlai Nonglum on the 25/12/ 22.
- **Meetings/Training attended:**
- Attended a Capacity Building programmeat ODS Nongmynsong on the 10 /10/ 22.
- **Visitors:** Groups – Jingiaseng Samla Laitumkhrah District, Intermediate Department Sunday School, Mawkhar PC, Jingiaseng Samla Balang Presbyterian Nongkwar.
- **Individuals –**Regain Lyngdoh, Lasiewdor Lyngdoh, Mattikordor Nongsiej, Mrs. Rika Borah, Mrs Ann Malngiang, Mr A. Gatphoh & Mrs S. Warjri, S.Roy.
- **Statistics:**
- **Total No. of Children till December, 2022:** 17
- **Age Group:** 3-16 years

LAWEI BAPHYRNAI SPECIALISED ADOPTION AGENCY

- The Adoption Committee was conducted for the Reservation of PAPs for the children's.
- Dr. Jagannath Pati. Director Central Adoption Resource Agency , New Delhi visited the Agency on 7 /10/22.
- A Christmas Celebration on the 14th December, 2022. Mrs. Suklin Warjri shared a Christmas Message.
- **Statistics: Total Number of infants as on 31st Dec: 2.**
- Placed for Pre Adoption Foster Care: 1

ADMINISTRATION

- Organised an Annual General Meeting of RSM Society Members on the 5th November, 2022.
- Organised an Annual Staff Retreat on the14/10/22 at the Horizon. Dr Balajied Nongrum, concluded the session with his inspirational speech.
- A Capacity building programme on the "Understanding Children Growth and Development" was organised on the 10/10/22.Dr Marbabiang Syiem,MLCU facilitated the sessions.
- A Fund Raising Jumble Sales cum Food fest was organised on the 12/11/22. A total amount of Rs 498855/- was raised for the construction of the Boys Home.
- A Christmas Shoe Box was launched by Smti M Lytan MCS on the 11/11/22.

24 HOURS CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTRE

- Celebrated National Nutrition Month on 7th October, 2022.
- Participated during the Celebration of 25 years Service of Mr A.L. Hek (MLA) on the 22/10/22.
- Participated in the Jumble sale cum food fest in collaboration with Lawei Baphyrnai Childrens Home for Boys on the 29/10/22.
- Birthday celebration of Vikram Sharma and Garry N Lyngdoh on the 9/11/22.
- Participated in the launching of the Christmas Shoebox on the 11th November, 2022.
- Distribution of Christmas cakes to Nongmensong Police Station, the neighbours and to the house owner on 15 and 23 /12/22.
- Participated in the Pre-Christmas Program conducted by the DCPU in Mawkasiang on the 16th December, 2022. Total number of children – 11.
- Distribution and unwrapping of the Christmas Shoe Box on 14/12/22.
- A farewell program for Eamon Mynnar and Garry Lyngdoh was organised on the 19 /12/22.
- Free Haircut for the children by Slick Men Saloon, Mawroh on the 21/12/ 22. Total number of children – 9.
- A Special Christmas Program conducted at the 24HCMC. Kong Manbha Kharpran shared the Christmas message.
- **Visitors:**
- Student and teachers of Hill Chrest School, Rynjah.
- Shillong Cycling Group.
- **Statistics: No. of children restored: 2**
- **Total No. of children till 31/12/22**: 9 **Age Group**: 10-20

LAWEI BAPHYRNAI FOSTER HOME FOR GIRLS

- Organised a Food fest cum Jumble sale on the 8nd October.
- Birthday celebration of four girls on the 26th October, 2022.
- The girls during holidays were engaged in knitting.
- Christmas Celebration at the home on the 12Dec. Dr S Khonglah shared a Christmas message.
- Unwrapping of Christmas Shoebox in the Christmas shoebox programme on 14th December, 2022.
- Participated in the Christmas Programme organized by the District Child Protection Unit in collaboration with all Child Care Institutions on the 16th December, 2022.
- Attended Christmas dinner on the invitation of a family at Mawlai Nonglum on the 25/12/22.
- **Meetings/Training attended:**
- Attended a Capacity Building Training at ODS Nongmensong on the 10th of October, 2022.
- **Visitors:**
- Weizy Kharsati, Iarohlang Nongpluh, Carryfield, Jingiaseng Samla Balang Presbyterian Lawsohtun, Asa Warjri and family, Patricia Kurkalang and family, Raplang Thangkhiew and friends, Racheal Lyngdoh.
- **Statistics:** No. of Children till Dec: 11 **Age Group:** 6-17.

- A Reach Family Christmas programme was organised on the 19/12/22 at 24 Hours Crisis management centre.
- RSM through its Vocational Training Centre organised an Certificate Award ceremony for the 22 Trainees who completed their hair cutting training

PHOTOS GALLERY

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