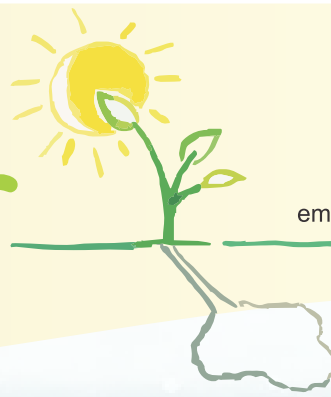


# premdan newsletter

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## The Corona that Saves!

The Corona virus pandemic has impacted the world more than ever before in medical history and who on this planet can claim that one has not been affected by it?

Directly or indirectly, we have all been impacted. Reaching not just the physical body, but also mentally and emotionally, the virus seems to have reared its ugly branches in numerous directions, crossing not just geographical boundaries but also affecting possibly every tier of society across the globe. From victims who have succumbed to this virus to the fear and paranoia experienced by all of us.

Closer to home, here in India, the worst affected are the marginalized who have experienced possibly the worst in their lives during this pandemic. From the loss of jobs and livelihoods to being pushed into extreme poverty where daily sustenance hangs

on what someone might term as 'sheer luck'. No matter how empathic one is, none can truly understand the emotional trauma and fear that lies beneath these struggling souls.

But a question that does come to the mind is, "Where is God in all this?"

And indeed one that makes for a deep reflection.

The reality is, that there is another 'CORONA' – another Crown (corona means crown too!) – worn by a fitting King who himself underwent pain and suffering for us!

So, we may not have solved COVID19 or succeeded yet in finding the perfect vaccine or solutions medically, but we certainly can put our hope and trust in a Saviour – one that is the Healer, one that was born to Save us, one that knew pain and suffering, one that takes our sicknesses and bears our diseases, one that promises to be with us even to the end of time.

The pandemic surely has made us tread inward spiritually and if we haven't yet, then we should not delay. We are vulnerable and mortal as human beings, but we cannot forget that we are children of a mighty God and one rightly said, "When faced with a problem, do not tell God how big your problem is, instead tell your problem how big your God is!"

## Activities held at Prem Dan SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER



In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, talk and demonstration given by Sr Asha rjm on how to make home sanitizer with minimum material.







**'Service to human kind  
is service to God'**



One of our benefactors Ms Zahra Morbiwala along with her team celebrated Children's Day at garden school.

They distributed t-shirts, sanitizers, eatables for the Diwali Festival and also brought gifts for the Prem Dan Staff.



## **'JOY OF GIVING' week**

was celebrated at  
PREM DAN

Food items, clothes are the  
the primary need of common  
people.

Many poor and under  
privileged have inadequate  
supplies. We reached out to  
footpath dwellers on Madam  
Cama road.



## **CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS |** 14 November 2020

Our children were invited in groups to celebrate Children's Day. The Staff and Sisters greeted them with a song and distributed eatables. The Children were overjoyed.





# Our boarders at Kharghar

After the eight months of long break due to Covid-19 children are back to the Kharghar Boarding. Below is their routine in pictures.



Attending online classes



Sisters assisting the girls with lessons



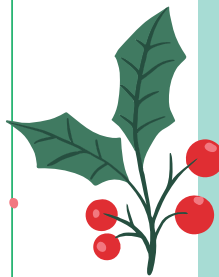
Cooking lessons



Exercise



Gardening



Bed-making and cleaning



Relaxing



Christmas decorations







Christmas is a time of joy, a time to reach out, a time of warmth, a time to strengthen our bonds, a time to share, care and love, a time to celebrate each others presence and be thankful.

Our big 'Thank You' goes out to;

Our TRUSTEES, SISTERS OF THE CONGREGATION OF JESUS AND MARY, staff and volunteers. our sponsors and benefactors without whom we would not have been able to accomplish much especially the people who co-ordinate and support the work in different countries i.e. Margaret Fievez of Australila, Peter Van Wijk of Belgium, Eddie Moore and Priya Bradshaw of Aquinas College, Manchester and Linda Manni of Italy, Annie Garambios of France, Thomas Feix and Wolfgang Spitschan of Germany, Stella Mengels and Anjali Mathrani. We thank God for being a part of this noble work. We are also grateful to Aquinas Group for all the art and other material donated to the School. Thank you for strengthening the bonds of the Aquinas-India partnership.

We have had a number of Friends, Sponsors, Benefactors, Well-Wishers and Ex-Students who visit Prem Dan Garden School from time to time donatind old clothes, toys and other useful items. Your visits give us a lot of joy and enrichment and we are very grateful for the donations and gifts received.

For the Students and Staff of St. Anne's High School, cjm Fort Convent, Hill Springs International School, Elphinstone College, St. Xavier's College and Nirmala Niketan College

To our Ex- Students of Fort Convent (Alumni), To the Team of SMILZ and ADF Foods, A.H. Wadia Trust, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CST, Dr. MEHTA, DR. DOSHI, Mrs. Mehta, PRESIDENT AND TEAM OF TAJ PALACE, TAJ VIVANTA and MRS. LEO for daily ration and medical service rendered.

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May all the joy of that glorious night,  
when the King of Kings was born,  
be a blessing to you all year long.



With much love, Gratitude and Christmas Blessings: Srs. Felicity Morris, Helen, Asha and all Sifers at Kharghar and Staff at Prem Dan.