



ISHOPANTHI ASHRMA PURI Easter 2010

Dear Director, staff and students of Berufschule Borcken,



HAPPY EASTER

The image of the Risen Lord with the empty cross at the back of him is one of the most meaningful representations of Jesus. Our children joyfully take to the child Jesus. They feel sorry to see the Lord crucified. They are awe struck with the image of the risen Lord.

I join the people of Karunalaya and the children in our school to wish you **Happy Easter**, the Peace and Light of the Risen Lord. We celebrate Easter with hope and gratitude. We unite ourselves with you to celebrate Easter with gratitude and hope. We remember you and pray for you and your dear ones.

We are happy to share with you some news from our side.

Fr. Marian's Birth anniversary & Beatrix's School Foundation day

On the 30 of January we paid tribute to the Father of our nation, Gandhiji and the founder of our school Fr. Marian. On the occasion of the martyrdom day of Gandhiji, the birth anniversary of Fr. Marian and the foundation day of Beatrix school a prayer service and cultural program were organized in the school. Ms. Krystyna Olszewska, the first secretary at the Polish Embassy in Delhi was the chief guest.



Marian Memorial High School

We are in the process of seeking permission from the Government to raise Beatrix School to the level of a High School. Officials came for an inspection of our facilities and the documents. We have presented all the documents required. Hope everything is in place and the department will move soon. We are closely pursuing the matter and hope to get the necessary permissions and open class VIII in June this year. We need to get the permission by the middle of April to be able to start it for the coming school year.

The annual exams

60 Class VII Students appeared for the board exam. If we are able to open class VIII by June they can continue their studies in Father School.

The annual exams for the children are over by the 15th of March and they will get their results by the end of the month. The new school year will begin from April 2. The children will have summer vacation from May 1 – June 20.





Mercy Kitchen

Eighty persons, average a day, is served three meals everyday from the mercy kitchen. They are mostly destitute patients, who are restricted to their rooms with various handicaps, unable to do any work. Many of them have to be served the food in their rooms and some of them have to be fed. Besides, those admitted to our hospital are also served food from the mercy kitchen. .

Karunalaya Disabled Persons Cooperative Society was started to help those who were able to do some work and earn a part of their lively hood. This was aimed at dissuading our people from going for begging. It has three units, choir, jute and tailoring units. In all these units they give training and they produce various articles like ropes, doormats, bags. Initially they were provided with food and other necessities, besides some pocket money. Till last year they got some food items from CRS.

Now we are facing a serious difficulty with this self help program. The maximum a person can earn for a whole days work is Rupees 40/- that is about 1/3 of the minimum wages one would earn from unskilled labour. Hence many of them are not willing to continue their work. They prefer to go back to their begging profession or to some other work. We are looking for assistance to give them a subsidy so that they won't go back to begging.



Completion of the Spirituality Center Building

Spirituality Center was Fr. Marian's last dream. He had completed most of the construction of it. We are trying to complete the second floor and the small additional building. During the past two years we were able to run many programs and many groups made use of the Center. The work is in progress and we hope to complete it by July this year.



Thank You to each one of you of Jeevodaya.

I am very glad some of you have been with us here and I had an opportunity to visit you. I have very pleasant memories of our togetherness. My appreciation and thanks to each one of you who have made Father Marian's Ashram and mission a part of your home and mission. Wishing you very happy celebration of Easter and the presence of the Spirit of the Risen Lord and praying for the same|

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