

Editorial

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near! Do not be anxious about anything but in every thing by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

– Philippians 4:4-7

When St Paul wrote these verses, he was in prison.

Rejoice in every circumstance, in choices that we make as we continue to trust God and follow Him as He leads us.

With great rejoicing, we celebrated the fourth birthday of Disha Foundation on September 16, 2014. We praise God for the steady growth because we believe that it is God who gives the growth. One miracle after another has left us humbled. We had begun from ground zero and slowly and steadily God has connected us to donors, volunteers and beneficiaries.

It was an honor for me to participate in the Life International conference in July-end of this year in USA, followed by an invitation by the Jepson family in Canada for me and my daughter where we attended a week's foundation course called Fusion. Just sitting and listening to the Word of God and fellowshiping and praying with like-minded people was a treat in itself. We praise God for such times when I can take time away to refuel myself. Compassion fatigue has its way of getting to us and it is important to remember that as we make a difference, we do it one life at a time.

Since my return, we have had a steady flow of visitors, which has kept us on our toes as well as been a great blessing to me personally and to our beneficiaries. Please do continue to pray for us, our work, our volunteers and, most of all, the people whom we serve in India because we believe that as you pray, God moves.

Blessings,
Vinita Shaw
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New Radio Program - Satya Vachan (True Words)

For the first time in the history of Indian Christian broadcasting, Disha Foundation, in partnership with S.R. Media Academy, has started producing and airing SATYA VACHAN - a morning devotional program with Christian songs and the Word of God. The powerful rainbow channel beams through 33 FM channels all across India every Thursday and Friday at 6 AM. We praise God for this wonderful opportunity. We have already begun to receive text messages and phone calls from the listeners asking for more information on Jesus and the Bible.



First Few responses for Satya Vachan

- 🎧 “Hi, I’m Dawson from Chennai wanna tell some thing. I’m big fan of Sathya Vachan, simply superb. Praise the lord!”
- 🎧 “Mai Parmeshwar Yeshu me last year October se hun. Meri achi job ke liye pray karna - Rajneesh (I am following Jesus from last October. Please pray for a good job for me.)”

Khush Khabri (Good News) has been broadcasting gender equality messages for the last two years on FM Rainbow. Below is evidence to show the people are beginning to think and change their mindsets against girl children.

Periodically, real life stories of listeners are also aired on the program to encourage other listeners in their journey of hope and a self reliant future.

Listeners' Responses

- 🎧 “We listen to your program Khush Khabri very carefully, and not only once but many times. In fact, I must tell you that your program has changed our thinking to a great extent. Please continue this program because every time I go to my shop, which is a tailoring business, we listen to the radio most of the time because there are no other means and whenever customers come, they have to wait for a while, if not long. They also listen to your program and they listen to it carefully. Now that our country is changing, our thinking should also change. If we all head in this direction and change our thinking then the society will see the new direction in which our country is moving and will see a banner of amendment waving.”
- 🎧 “Hello sir. My opinion is that our thinking these days has become different and those who don't respect women are big fools. Because they should have thought that the one who brought them into this world is also a woman. If he can respect his own mother then why can't he respect somebody's mother and sister? Why can't he respect somebody's family? Just like having told every time in your program Khush Khabri that always girls and women issues are highlighted in this manner, after which they show sympathy for their pathetic condition. This type of mentality should be removed.” Every minute, every day, every month, we should immediately try to change this thought.



Gulabsha and Rita - Beneficiaries of Disha vocational training center in New Delhi, sharing their stories of struggle and hope with the radio listeners.

Meetings / Conferences

In partnership with Bible Society of India, Disha foundation organized a Women Leaders' meeting at St Thomas Church, New Delhi. The main speakers were Dr Leela Manasseh, Ms Nirmala Fenn and Mrs Vinita Shaw. A panel of doctors and advocates answered the questions raised by the participants.



In partnership with Evangelical Fellowship of India, Disha foundation organized meetings for youth and women leaders in Ludhiana, Punjab.

Also we visited schools in Ludhiana and created awareness about the practice of female feticide and encouraged the students to be aware of the adverse effects of abortion on the woman and the absence of girls on a society.

The girl students wept and boy students looked solemn as they heard about the adverse effects of female foeticide through our team. In front of the members of the village council, the senior boys and girls committed to do away with this



International Day of the Girl Child

With the 95 girls of St Michael hostel, New Delhi, International day of the girl child was celebrated on October 11, 2014. They were all taken to Kalinidi Kunj where they took a ride on the Delhi Eye and saw the whole city of Delhi. They had a great time of fun on the swings and in the water park



Vocational Training Graduation



Graduates with their certificates - 50 girls in Beauty Parlour training and 50 in Tailoring graduated on Oct 8, 2014, having successfully finished with their exams. They were cheered by a fresh batch of girls that have now joined the same courses. Apart from these vocational skills, they are given medical and legal knowledge as they journey on towards self reliance. Amidst tears of joy, they shared how difficult their journey has been and how grateful they are for the encouragement and skills that are now theirs. Some have got jobs and others are saving money by providing their newly acquired skilled services to their own family.

Mrs Vinita Shaw encouraging the graduates on their onward journey towards self reliance.



The graduates showcased their work



Bridal make up and hairdo



Fashion show - the girls tailored their clothes



Showing more of their handiwork

Prayer requests

1. Please pray for the last government permission that Disha Foundation is to receive. We have all the others.
2. Pray for Mrs Vinita Shaw and good health for her.
3. Pray for volunteers and staff of Disha Foundation.
4. Pray for the St Michael hostel girls as they prepare for their exams.
5. Pray for our Christmas outreaches.

Forthcoming events

1. Women and Youth meetings in Ahmedabad.
2. Youth meeting in Kolkota.
3. November – A day giving medical awareness to the beneficiaries of Vocational Training Center.

Donations can be made through cheque or DD in favour of Disha Foundation. All donations are exempt from income tax under section 80G