

EDITORIAL

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Disha Foundation.

I love the Bougainvillea, which is a tropical plant that bursts forth with colourful flowers for 11 months of the year if it's planted in the right climate. Requiring least maintenance, it grows all over the city of Delhi, India in all kinds of gorgeous colours – pink, cream, purple, red, yellow.

With much love I had planted a one in my home and for reasons not known, it simply refused to bear flowers. "But why my plant is not bearing flowers when every where in the city of Delhi, it is blooming?" I asked the gardener who had no explanation to offer whatsoever. Months passed and I grew so disappointed that I even stopped looking.

Come summer vacations and to escape the heat of Delhi in May, we made good our escape to the mountains. On our return, a dust storm greeted us leaving behind in its wake a dusty house and atmosphere. I got busy with life.

As fresh rain fell one evening, bringing the temperature down, I took a stroll in my garden and looked up the bougainvillea plant and lo and behold, there were flowers all over. And there were so many of them. I wondered at their beauty and thought about my nil contribution. Absolutely nothing had I done. In fact, I had not even been around to nurture them and yet here they were, gorgeous, beautiful, their heads moving in the cool breeze as if cheerfully greeting me.

Waiting is critical when it comes to the nature around us and also in our walk with Jesus. Many times long periods of waiting can disappoint and discourage us. We want to give up, but just as in the case of the bougainvillea, when we wait for God, He makes everything beautiful in His Time.

Keeping in line with our vision to Encourage and Empower, Disha foundation continues to engage with the context, some of which is visible from the news that has made headlines in the last couple of months. We are involved in an uphill task which seems insurmountable. With a teeming 1.2 billion people, a country which is a sub-continent in itself, the to-be-five-year old Disha foundation relentlessly pushes forward, waiting upon God and trusting Him to open doors and connect us to like-minded people.

In this edition of the Disha foundation newsletter, we make an attempt to showcase our activities in the last couple of months. Please pray for us as we wait for transformation of mindsets that are centuries old so that we do not get discouraged even as the flowering of our efforts take time.

God bless you and yours.

Vinita Shaw
CEO



NEWS HEADLINES

RISE IN ABORTION - ABORTIONS BY U-15 MUMBAI GIRLS UP 67% | Sumitra Deb Roy, TNN | May 14, 2015, 02.46AM IST

Health experts have called the trend of unwanted pregnancies alarming, while harping on the need for better sex education in schools and junior colleges.



AFP Photo of a reproductive health centre

CHILD TRAFFICKING ON RISE, CLAIMS REPORT | Ambika Pandit, TNN | Jun 12, 2014, 04.00AM IST | inShare5

The report, based on case studies, has been put together by the Global March Against Child Labour network and will be published on World Day Against Child Labour to remind the Union government that the business of trafficking is claiming children like never before and here, too, the girl child is the most endangered.

DOOMED BEFORE BIRTH - A major industrial zone, Salem, is a Haryana inside Tamil Nadu with its skewed sex ratio. Pinning hopes on astrology for sex selective abortions make it stranger still.

Radio Broadcasts

Through All India Radio FM

Khush Khabri - Gender equality and advocacy against abortion by creating awareness of physical, mental and emotional hazards to a woman's health. Every Tuesday 3:45 - 4:00 PM

Baat Pate Ki gets back on the air in response to the need of the hour. Every Monday 6:15 - 6:30 PM FM 100.1

Aashar Alo (Bangla) - Every Sunday 4:15 - 4:20 PM

Satya Vachan - Thursday and Friday 6:00 - 6:15 AM

Radio responses

Many listeners request for Bibles after listening to **Satya Vachan**.

Listeners of **Khush Khabri**, say the following:

Your program is one of its kind. It is rare to hear such programs. We listen very carefully to your program

A follower of the program **Aashar Alo** program that creates awareness about trafficking, Basudeb Sardar from Caning reported that almost a year back his niece Puja Sardar went missing who was 15-16 years old. But till now the police couldn't do anything.



An auto-rikshaw driver sharing his thoughts on the need to respect women in our country, and what he sees happening on the road as he drives in the city.



Disha Counsellor speaking with Radio program listeners.

Summer Camp

**St. Michael's Girls' Hostel,
New Delhi. Conducted by
Disha Foundation
From: May 11-15, 2015**

This year the Summer camp for St. Michael's Girls' Hostel was held in the month of May, with the aim of providing every child the multiple opportunity to hear the Gospel. Teaching them the importance of hygiene and cleanliness and encouraging them to adopt good habits related to eating, thinking, fitness, etc. Cooking and hairstyling sessions were the main attractions. The theme was 'The Living stone'. Apart from things mentioned above, the kids were also taught new action songs, choreography, stories and crafts, etc.





The St. Michael girls' hostel is a major beneficiary of Disha foundation. Ninety girls live here and receive education. We are indeed thankful to God for blessing us with the opportunity to conduct this camp for the girls of St. Michael's hostel. We believe that the seeds that have been sown within them will be fruitful and equip them to take a stand for themselves and lead a respectful life.

Vocational Skills

For Economically Weak Women
in New Delhi



Disha Foundation is committed to support the CNI SSG in its endeavour to train women and girls to acquire a skill.



More Girls get Certificates for successful completion of their Courses. These girls and women finished their training last year.

Disha Foundation helps

with St Thomas Church Summer Kidz Camp - June 11-14, 2015



Mrs Vinita Shaw and Mrs Asma Lawrence from Disha foundation directed and taught the Summer Kidz Camp at St Thomas Church. Mrs Vinita Shaw was invited to speak on Sunday to the congregation about the importance of children's ministry and the role of the church to build the children today as they will become the Church of tomorrow.

Prayer and Praise Points

- ✕ We praise God for a new office that we have moved into from April 1, 2015.
- ✕ We praise God for the radio programs and for the counsellors that minister to them
- ✕ We praise God for the new doors of opportunities and partnerships that are being opened
- ✕ Please pray for the forthcoming programs of Disha foundation
- ✕ Please pray for the visitors in July, August and September as we plan events with them
- ✕ We praise God for the generosity of our friends because of which we are able to help many.

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