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A silhouette of a person parachuting against a dark sky with a sunset or sunrise glow on the horizon.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off every encumbrance and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with endurance the race set out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. ...” (Hebrews 12:1-3)

There are times like I feel like I am hanging between earth and the sky. Midway; fearful; uncertain; doubt assails me. Grips me tight. Back against the wall. There I am all alone, hanging mid-way.

But as I gather courage and look around, I find myself with others around in similarly precarious positions. “I'm not alone”. That's a good thought! However, they are hanging in between as well. What help can they offer. I wonder as I look below deep into the valley of fear and the sky above which is still hopelessly distant.

India is a country on its way to economic development; yet the daily news of little girls being raped and girls and women being hounded by a patriarchy that is set in its ways for centuries, refusing to let go of the fairer sex towards their journey towards self reliance and independence, is dismal! With a billion people and more being added daily, is there any hope at all. Casteism, preferring the male baby to the female baby, The march towards independence is being met with stiff resistance. It is not uncommon for male drivers to glare at and bully female drivers in the capital city of Delhi, I notice with remorse.

On the other hand, the girls and women get offensive, surveys show a big hike in intakes of liquor and tobacco by women. Not to forget the laws that they are manipulating. Looks like war! Is there a way out?

We believe there is.

Through our radio programs that reach millions, we address all these issues that are common to a transient phase of a society. However, our approach is directed by the Holy Spirit and soaked in the truth of the Holy Scriptures, which is what makes our programs so appealing to the masses and makes them respond to us after which we connect them to our Bible based programs.

So, however dismal our society may look in the present, we have hope and that is in Christ Jesus. We continue to press forward, keeping my eyes fixed on Lord Jesus Christ, throwing off everything that attempts to slow my pace and trusting Him with every challenge.

Please do continue to pray for me and the team at Disha foundation.

With blessing to you and yours.

A photograph of Mrs. Vinita Shaw, a woman in a blue patterned sari, standing in front of a brick building with arched windows and doorways.

Mrs. Vinita Shaw, Founder/CEO
outside Golaknath Memorial Church,
CNI Jallandar, Punjab

Radio programs - in a new format

STUTI VANDANA (praise and Worship in Hindi)
Every Thursday at 5.45 a.m on AIR FM Rainbow at 102.6

Disha (Guidance)
Hindi broadcast every Friday 4-4.15 p.m on AIR FM
Rainbow 102.6

Phir Ashar Alo (Ray of Hope)
Every Sunday at 8.30 a.m from AIR FM –Kolkata

Listeners Response

Listeners from Goa, Sikkim, Triura and Chennai loved our Father's day special program

*Thank you for telling about parents and children relationships on Disha program. It is true what you said. Parents must talk to the children. Only then they will trust parents and kidnapping will not take place. Children should not fear parents. - **Sobnath Kumar from Ranchi***

*I am 18 and my girl friend is 16. We just found out that she is pregnant and that is when I heard your program on abortion and learnt about the consequences. We are very scared. Please tell us what to do – **Gaurav Kumar from Patna***

*I have studied only till grade 6 but I love Jesus and have invited him into my heart. Please connect me to a Bible college where I can learn more about Jesus. - **Dilip Khanna from Madhya Pradesh***

*In our country, if a woman is married, people come to know because of all the ornaments and red powder in her hair parting. What about men? Nobody can make out if the man is married. This is the reason they behave like bachelors. They should also be made to wear stuff that tells they are married. - **Rama Murthy from Dehradun***



Dr. Hemlata(left), a regular listener of our programs and a medical doctor from Uttar Pradesh was invited to give an interview on the 'Mental Health of Students and Role of Parents in Encouraging Them'



Young listeners recording Father's Day special program

Tuli Mitra, counsellor in Kolkota reports

“Satyandra from Rajarhat called and said his niece got married a year back with a boy who stays close by, but the boys family was torturing her. When Satyandra went to talk they even threatened to kill her, so he brought his niece back. He called us to know what he should do when neighbours are saying to send her back once at least. I advised to lodge a complaint for safety reasons. And if necessary lodge an F.I.R with the police.

St. Michael Girls' Hostel – Maths and Tailoring Teachers

Disha Foundation continues to support the St Michael girls' hostel where 80 girls find boarding, lodging, safety, shelter and education.

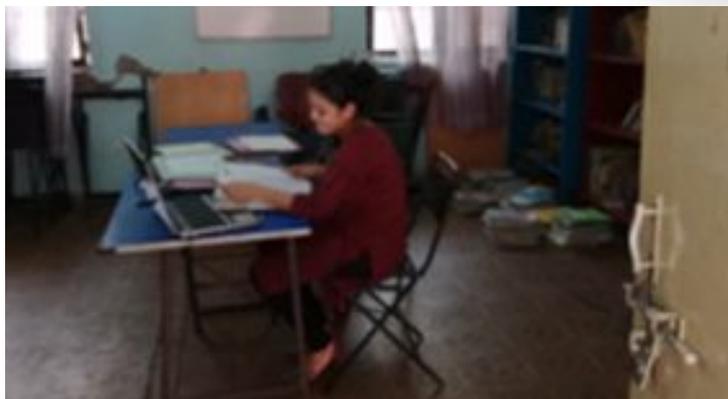
Value education, Bible knowledge, special sessions for traumatised children including special coaching in Maths and tailoring are being sponsored by Disha foundation.



The new comers – all are children of single parents- Traumatized, they are in the process of getting used to their new home



Special teacher for Maths for senior classes



A psychologist studying the case history of each new admission

Vocational Training Program, New Delhi

Coolers were provided to our Patparganj project in new Delhi where girls and women come to learn a skill.

The school vacation time was a wonderful time to learn more skills as the girls could spend more time at the centre.



Women leaders' conference, Jallander, Punjab

Mrs. Vinita Shaw was invited to minister to 250 women leaders who came from different churches of Punjab. The theme was “Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting but the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.”

Punjab is one state of India where female feticide is very high. She spoke on Deception and how the adversary deceives people to fall out of God's plan and cheats them of their wonderful destinies. She also spoke about fearing God. Both the sessions were a big blessing to the women leaders.

Mrs. Vinita Shaw gave away booklets on 'Life in the Womb' to all the women leaders to share in their respective churches.



Developing Church Leadership

Mrs. Vinita Shaw who teaches the Teens at Church regularly directed the summer camp again this year at St Thomas Church, Diocese of Delhi, CNI. She took a special session during the camp on the relationship that each teen with Jesus.



Health Seminar on reproductive health, Old Delhi



Prayer requests



1. Please continue to pray for our teams and all our radio listeners as they listen to the Word of God.
2. Pray for the Kolkata schools where Mrs Vinita Shaw has been invited to speak in August, 2016.
3. Pray for the October 11, 2016 –International day of the Girl Child as events are being planned around the day to create awareness about the crimes against gender in India.