

DON BOSCO ANBU ILLAM

Rehabilitation Centre For Street Boys

Salem-636 007.

REPORT OF THE YEAR-1992-93.

Several children leave their parents and home, and live on the streets, for various reasons. Don Bosco Anbu Illam was started with the objective of rehabilitating such boys. Many are the achievements of Anbu Illam during the past four years.

Since the second Director of Anbu Illam had to leave for Bangalore for his higher studies, Fr. Edward Xavier took charge as its third Director on 7.6.1992, the solemnity of the Holy Spirit.

Collaborators:-

Many others share the responsibilities along with the Director. Bro. Amala Jeyarayan is the Assistant Director. Mr. Joseph, the teacher has been teaching the boys for the past three years. Mr. M. Simon has been serving as Clerk and Typist the last year. Mr. Irudayaraj are serving as full timers. Mr. Karthic and Mr. Ramesh, though Boys of Anbu Illam, work as part timers.

The previous Asst. Director Bro. Thambu raj and Bro. Aruldoss have gone to Bangalore and Madras respectively for their higher studies.

Change of Name:-

So for the Don Bosco Anbu Illam was functioning under the name as Rag-Picker's welfare project. But this year it was changed in to street boys Rehabilitation centre, with a wide perspective of helping all the boys on the streets.

Ten Features of Rehabilitations:-

To reach the goal of Don Bosco Anbu Illam ten point programme was implemented. Accordingly about 28 boys were entrusted to their parents. Some parents claimed their sons from Anbu Illam. At times the boys were entresrtea to the parents in their home itself. No words to expalins the happiness of the parents at such occasion.

This year about 500 boys were contacted by Anbu Illam. They include inmates, regulars, irregulars and contact boys, who are kept in touch through our Animators.

About 18 boys were placed in jobs through the help of few good hearted people. But many did not persevere.

Basic education provided for all the inmates and other boys who are interested in the evening for our 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Good manners is being taught to them. Three boys were sent to Boarding Schools, but two have come back. Some are being prepared to write 5th, ~~6th~~ and 8th standard Examinations.

Medical facilities were provided through St. Mary's Hospital Nine boys received long term treatment and 22 boys received short terms treatment.

The boys are highly encouraged to save money in the Bank. About 33 boys have their saving account in the Indian Overseas Bank. Three boys have Recuering Bank Account.

New Life:-

To regularise the life of the boys, a project called "New Life" was implemented. It has to be daily filled in by the boys themselves. It helps the boys to fight against their bad habits, and builds up character. It makes them good and truthful citizen of India.

Training Centre:-

Mr. Baskar and Mr. Kumar, students of M.A. Social work from Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur visited Anbu Illam for their field work experience. They were at Anbu Illam on every Friday and Saturday along with them leaving experience they helped our boys to grow. We wish and thank them heartfully.

Renovated Hall:-

Since the Hall where the boys stayed did not have sufficient the hall was renovated at the cost of Rs.4 Lakhs. The renovated hall was inaugurated by the previous Director and Pioneer Rev.Bro. Meril on

31.1.'93, and it was blessed by Rev.Fr. Vincent Durairaj and was graced by the presence of 65 priests and Religious. More than 60 collaborators and contact boys. In the renovated Hall, there are facilities to sleep for big and small boys separately.

Excursion:-

The special feature of the year was the tour. Every year summer camp was conducted for about 10 days on some hills. But this year, instead there was a tour for five days. The boys visited Tiruchi, Thanjavur, Veilankanni, Sivagangai, Rameswaram, Madurai, Kuttalam, Nagercoil, Kanyakumari and some other places. Many were the happy experiences of the boys during the tour. We thank heartfully all the Salesians and others who helped us to enjoy the tour.

Besides the tour, boy had picnics to Mettur, Salem Zoo and Yercaud.

Governments Participation:-

Though the Anbu Illam is a Voluntary Agency the Government had helped in so many ways. The Police Superintendent Mr. Subramaniam visited Anbu Illam and promised his help through Hasthampatti Inspector of Police. Whenever needed the Police help us.

The Deputy Collector of Salem Mr. Varma visited Anbu Illam and encouraged the work by his words of assurance of his help.

The Superintendent of Observation of Home and its other Officers help us by coming for our inmates.

Others Collaborators:-

There are also many others who have helped us in the past year. We thank and appreciate all of them. Some of them celebrated their Birth days, and others Celebrated their relatives death anniversary among our boys. Some of them celebrated Diwali, Christmas, New years and even Marriage Anniverseris with our boys. They provided meal or clothes at times even money some of them even provided them with jobs. May god bless all of them.

At end of four years, we thank God, Mary Mother of God and St. John Bosco for all their help. God has helped us through many benefactors. We thank all our benefactors, collaborators, the Salesian Society, the Government and the Police Officials. We thank and appreciate Mr. John Joseph for having accepted our invitation and presied over this function. We thank one and all who are here with us to celebrate this occasion. May almighty God continue Bless us.

Salesians,
Collaborators &
Inmates.

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