

Covid -19 Relief Work

Auxilium Girls' School – Agartala

Due to Covid - 19 many people are affected very badly especially the poor and the vulnerable ones who otherwise too, are struggling in their daily lives. The Covid - 19 is a serious threat to many lives and livelihood besides this, the lockdown which lasted more than a month has rendered many people especially the poor staying without food for many days. Many poor people in the villages areas who lack even the basic necessities of life are those are being affected more than the others. In the midst of this crises caused by the pandemic, Auxilium Girls' school, Agartala and some youth volunteers, identified some of the poorest families and reached out to them in different villages.

On April 5th and 9th, we reached out to about 30 families in Sadhiram Para, Krishna Madhu and kaintakobra villages. On the same day, another group went to Twimairang, Sonairai, Segun and Gangrai villages rendering help to 60 families. We distributed 12.5 kg of rice, 2kg of dal, 1 kg of salt, 1 piece of soap and masks for each family, as well as some milk powder and Horlick to some families who have little babies. Since it was not possible to go to every house, the people came to one village to get the provision. The Salesian co-operators and the village youth have been a great support for this noble work by helping to identify the families who needed help.

April 11, is another day where we were able to share our love and service through our little contribution with the less - privilege along with Don Bosco Peace Centre where the identified families gathered from Isma area to receive our little sharing and contribution. 120 poor families(60 help by Don Bosco Peace Centre and 60 families by Auxilium) the families were helped with- 12'5 kg of rice, 2kgs of potatoes 2 kg of onion, 1litre of mustard oil and a piece of soap.

Added to the menace of Covid - 19, the threat of natural disaster such as storm and heavy rain aggravated their sufferings as many of them were left without shelter and the little they owned had been completely destroyed. In solidarity

with these unfortunate people our community extended help and care to them.

Duty towards the state and the nation is one of our priorities. At this time of crises we contribute our widow's mite towards the Chief Minister's Fund in order to reach out to those who are in need. Sr. Celine D' Cunha the Director of the school, Sr. Albrida Pyngrope our Principal and Sr. Margareth Kharmuti went to meet Shri. Biplab Kumar Deb the Chief Minister of Tripura on 24th April and handed him Rs 1,500,00.00 Lakh cheque for which he received with thanks and appreciated the contribution made by Auxilium..

On 25th April Auxilium School in collaboration with the Aitorma club of Jampuijala arranged some provisions for these very poor and neediest families who are affected in so many ways. The Aitorma club provided 10kg of rice for each family where as our community provided 2kg of dal, 1 litre of oil, 1kg of salt, 1packet of soya beans and two pieces of soap.131 families hailing from 15 villages benefited from the free distribution. The community is grateful towards the village authorities and Mr. Bharat Jamatia, one of our co-operators for making all the arrangement under whose help it was possible to reach out in service.

On April 29, in collaboration with Don Bosco Peace Centre we went to Mohini Nagar ADC Village, south Tripura, a three hours journey from Agartala.106 families were eagerly waiting for us to receive something. 53 families were sponsored by the Don BoscoPeace Centre and 53 families by us. The families came from the two villages of Tokka and Bolipara. Each family then received 10kgs of rice, 300 gram of fermented fish, 500 gram of oil and 300 gram of Soya bean.

April 30 was yet another day for us to reach out to some very poor people at Ashok colony Laitacherra Bishramganj, under Shipaijala District Tripura. The relief work was the joint venture of our staff members and the community. We were able to help 50 poor families by distribution 10kg of rice, 1kg of salt, 1kg of dl, 1 litre of oil, 1kg of salt1packet of soya bean and two pieces of soap.

We couldn't help but putting ourselves in their shoes, feeling their pain, the more we met them, the more we felt for them. On 8th our teachers and sisters gave some relief materials to 107 families of five villages – SridamKobra,

Kalisankar Thakur Para, BoidhyaKobra, Lalit Bazar and Sonamanisipai. The Auxilium Teachers have done a commendable work in raising fund to reach out at the time of need. We distributed to each family 10kgs of rice, 1kg of dal, 1 kg of salt and a litre of oil, soya beans and two pieces of soap. Many people came from very poor families and we contributed and gave them the necessities.

We are grateful to God for his providence with the help of which we were able to reach out to almost 500 families.