

# ST. GREGORIOS DAYABHAVAN

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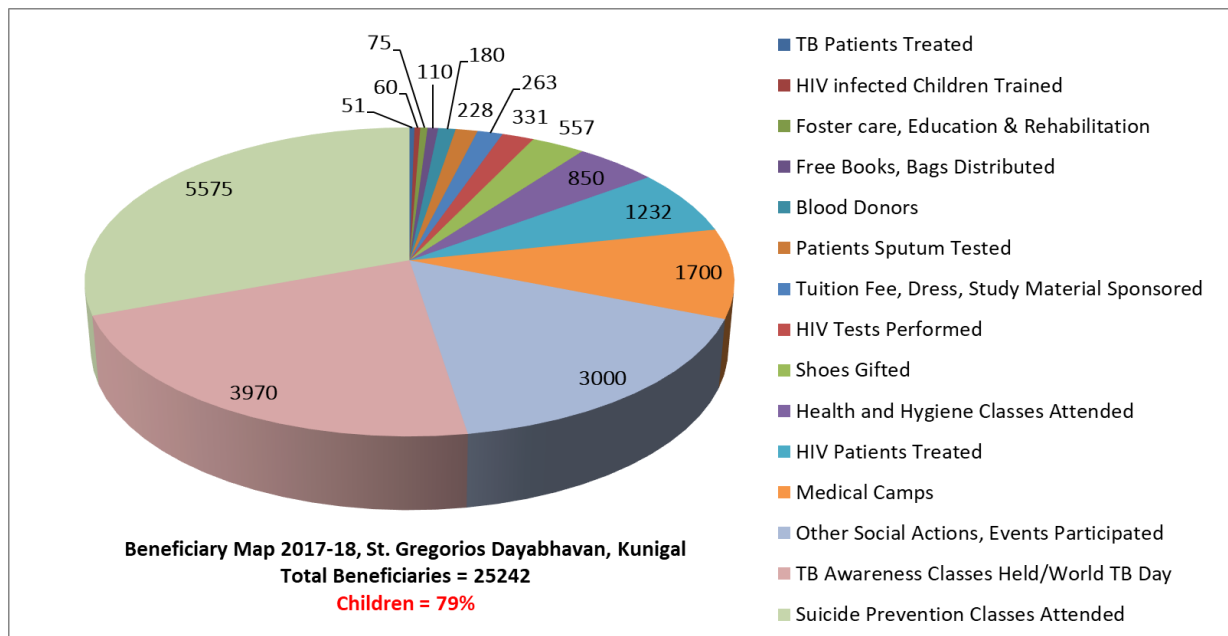
### Preface

St. Gregorios Dayabhavan is committed to health care, education, and empowerment of the rural population and communities of Tumkur district in Karnataka. It is a grassroots organization primarily serving children who are affected by disease. The NGO has the infrastructure and is a recognized child care institution by the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Karnataka for children of age 6 onwards. The organization sponsors the education of all inmates—primary, secondary level, and higher education—as also renders free medical treatment, inpatient and palliative care to HIV/AIDS-infected and HIV-TB co-infected patients in an exclusive hospital operating for such patients. Further, it steers health camps, awareness programs, blood donation—transfusion campaigns and outreach services in rural villages of Tumkur district.

St. Gregorios Dayabhavan has close allies in many healthcare and government sector such as Mother Teresa Children’s Foundation (MTCF), Karnataka Health Promotion Trust (KHPT), Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society (KSAPS), National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI), Directorate of Minorities (Govt. of Karnataka), Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programs (RNTCP), etc. who also provide tangible support to its activities.

In all, the organization strives to internalize the motto of its founder, Late HG Dr. Geevarghese Mar Osthathios, that charity would be the next best thing after worship and fulfil its vision of *instilling quality in the lives of the HIV/AIDS affected and infected through continuous rehabilitation, education and providing economic opportunities.*

The organization’s major areas of focus are: rehabilitation & education, health care, and capacity building/outreach programs. The main activities are highlighted in the outreach map of 2017-18 given below:



**A) REHABILITATION and EDUCATION**

**A.1) Dayabhavan (Rehab Home), Kunigal:**

Table-1 shows that the number of inmate children rose from a estimated 70 to 78 in the year 2017. The organization plans to rehabilitate 90 children in 2018 (increase occupancy by 15%). All the inmates were sponsored at different levels of school/college courses, among who 20 inmates are enrolled in higher education/professional courses. Besides, 253 non-residential children were sponsored from primary to high school level classes. The organization undertakes to assist the professionally qualified inmates in pre-employment and internship programs and this commitment will continue until each child is self-reliant and ready to commence a normal life.

**Table-1: Occupancy data of Dayabhavan Home**

Rehabilitation and Education	Number of Children		
	Plan 2017	Actual 2017	Estimate 2018
Residential	70	78	90
Non-Residential	265	253	265

{Degree/Diploma courses (2017): Engineering (5), Chartered accountancy (1), Dentistry (1), Nursing (1), Pharmacy (2), B.Sc./B.A./B.Com. (5), Computer Science (1), DMLT/X-ray Tech (4)}

There are 25 HIV-positive inmates who are monitored regularly and administered with medical treatment, nutritional supplements and also, psychological support. The prevalence of HIV-positive children is rising (30%, YoY); however, it is significant to note that the efforts of the organization have started yielding fruit. The most senior inmate of this foster home, Narayana, T., qualified the engineering degree course in first class in 2015, and now serves the hotel industry in Bangalore as an electrical engineer, earning and providing for his family. Ashok Kumar, B.C. embraced the commerce stream, completed the articleship in chartered accountancy (2017) and works as an accountant in Bangalore. Sudarshan B.S., a third-year doctoral scholar in pharmacy (2017), secured good grades in the university examination and shone in university sports events. Shiva Kumar topped the third-year dentistry course (2017) with distinction. They are looked upon as role models by the inmates. Such results are likely to create a positive impact on the affected families and community, and also propel the organization to greater heights of quality achievement, academic excellence and recognition.

**A.2) Kalarava-2018:**

In the *Kalarava* (District Orphanage Meet) program organized at the Dayabhavan campus on 3 February 2018, the popular film artist and social activist, Mr. Chethan, was the guest of honor. The objective of the meet was to reduce self-discrimination among children, develop personal and interpersonal relationship, nurture individual and group skills and to felicitate the meritorious students at school leaving level in all orphanages.

The program was presided by Fr. Jinesh Varkey (Secretary, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan). The Honorable Judges of the Kunigal Court, Justices Mohamed Moyinuddin and Kishore Kumar were the chief guests. Ms. Vasanthi Uppar (District Child Protection Officer, Tumkur) gave the introductory speech, and Mr. Sadashiva Shivacharya Swamiji (Tripuranthakeshwara Mata, Kunigal) said blessings. Other guests on the occasion were Mr. Loki Raj Urs (Madilu Foundation), Mr. Vasanth Kumar (President, Sevabhagya Foundation), Mr. Purushotham (President, Lions Club, Kunigal), Mr. Naganna (Social Activist, Kunigal) and Mr. Sathyan Parakadavil (Treasurer, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan). Seven institutions (Balkiyara Balamandhira, Tumkur; Madilu Seva Samasthe, Gubbi; Samadaana Makkala Mane, Kunigal; Sevabhagya Foundation, Kunigal; Navodaya Blind School, Kunigal; Tripuranthakeshwara Mata, Hittalhalli, Kunigal; and, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan, Kunigal) participated in the program.





### A.3) Dayasangama:

A get-together of the Dayabhavan inmates and families was held on 10 February 2018; the program, *Dayasangama*, consists of inhouse entertainment programs and facilitates familial bonding. On this occasion, three senior inmate students, Mr. Narayana, T. (for outstanding academic performance and eco-preservation), Srinivas, G. (for love, care, and nurturing domestic pets), and Sudarshan, B.S. (for seeking blood donors and assisting the needy) were honored by Sevabhagya Foundation, Kunigal for the exceptional services made for the society.



### A.4) Mysore Tour:

The inmates of Dayabhavan were on a one-day tour to Mysore on 23 October 2017 which was both refreshing and educative. All the Dayaboys enjoyed the trip immensely.



### A.5) Cheerleaders at Dayabhavan Home:

A.5.1) *Bangalore Cathedral Church Youth*: The Youth Wing and MGOCSM Unit of St. Gregorios Orthodox Cathedral, Bangalore, as in every previous years, supplied various study materials including notebooks, school bags, record books, pens/pencils, calculators (on 28 May 2017) for all the inmate children catering to their entire annual requirements. Their visits to the campus always evoke great happiness and is an occasion that the inmate children look forward to in their academic process.



A.5.2) *Lioness Club and Y's Men at Dayabhavan Home*: Lioness Club (Bangalore North) members visited Dayabhavan on 17 July 2017 in celebration of Environmental Day; they planted trees in the campus as also sponsored an afternoon meal for the children.



A.5.3) *Y's Men Club of Green Aster in Bangalore*: Members and their families visited Dayabhavan on 30 July 2017 an occasion which was quite endearing as they came with many gifts for the children as well as indoor/outdoor game kits and furnishings for the residence which were appropriate.



A.5.4) *Unknown friends in God*: In a unique initiative, the Sunday School students of the St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral in Dubai have started a *Friends Scheme* which has since become popular and brought a cheer to the inmates of Dayabhavan Home. On each birthday, a new dress is deposited in a treasure-cupboard in the church by the birthday boy/girl which is then posted to an inmate of matching age at any of the church missions as a gift. The giver and recipient on this occasion become unknown friends in God.



**B) HEALTHCARE (Treatment and Care Centre)**

**B.1) Dayasparsha Hospital (Tumkur):**

Although Karnataka ranks 5<sup>th</sup> among the highest HIV prevalent states in India (after Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur, and Andhra Pradesh), there are only limited hospitals operating exclusively for HIV/AIDS/TB patients. The organization’s Dayasparsha Hospital is the only one of its kind in Tumkur and in the adjoining districts of Chikkaballapura, Bangalore Rural, Ramanagara, Mandya, Hassan, Chickmagalur, and Chitradurga.

Dayasparsha Hospital organizes rural health camps, awareness programs, blood donation-transfusion campaigns and outreach programs dedicated to treatment, care and psycho-social services for AIDS and Tuberculosis patients. Medical management of opportunistic infections and side effects, anti-retroviral therapy, palliative care, TB services, and nutritional assessment are other facilities at the hospital.

There have been 17 new cases of HIV identified through Integrated Counseling & Testing Center (ICTC) during this year (2017-18) as against 24 in last year (2016-17). The number of bed-days was also lesser (5343) in 2017-18 as against that in 2016-17 (6221). Data is summarized in Table-2.

**Table-2: Occupancy and treatment data of Dayasparsha Hospital (2017-18)  
(HIV/AIDS/TB Treatment & Care)**

SN	Month	Total OP	Total IP	Total new Patients	ICTC	ICTC positive	Psycho-social Services done	Total Bed Days
1	April 2017	90	45	28	28	3	118	603
2	May '17	97	39	29	50	0	147	499
3	June '17	55	21	9	35	1	97	368
4	July '17	62	30	15	20	1	82	391
5	August '17	55	27	12	47	0	102	419
6	Sept '17	88	30	19	23	0	111	546
7	Oct '17	81	22	15	35	1	116	503
8	Nov '17	132	22	15	26	5	158	421
9	Dec '17	104	30	13	23	0	127	318
10	Jan 2018	80	22	12	23	2	103	449
11	Feb '18	72	28	18	21	0	93	375
12	March '18	73	34	11	21	4	94	451
	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1348</b>	<b>5343</b>

OP = Out-patient, IP = In-patient, ICTC = Integrated Counseling & Testing Center

The State Government and several health agencies (National AIDS Control Organization, Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program, Karnataka Health Promotion Trust, and Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society) have regularly supported the organization’s activities in the HIV/AIDS sector. Numerous outreach programs and health screening camps are organized for the benefit of rural communities.

**B.2) Tuberculosis Treatment: Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programs (RNTCP)**

As a service provider of the RNTCP wing of the government, the organization is actively involved in the service and care of TB patients. The District TB Department, Tumkur constantly provides assistance in monitoring, evaluation and guidance.

Medical services related to TB advocacy and treatment are carried out under the guidelines of RNTCP and in collaboration with the Catholic Health Association of India as listed below:

- a) TB Services: Sputum Collection & Transportation, Testing (SC, ST)
- b) Advocacy, Communication & Social Mobilization Program (ACSM)
- c) Directly Observed Treatment, Short Course (DOTS)

A consolidated report of various services provided in 2017-18 is summarized in Table-3.

**Table-3: Consolidated Report of TB-Control Programs (Dayabhavan) - 2017-18**

SN	Month	SC & ST Collection & Transportn	SP Positive	DOTS Started @ Center	X-ray done @ Center	X-ray Positive	Extra-pulmonary TB	DOTS started
1	April 2017	26	4	9	10	5	0	9
2	May '17	30	1	6	25	3	2	6
3	June '17	17	1	3	8	2	0	3
4	July '17	20	0	3	6	2	1	3
5	August '17	16	0	3	6	3	0	3
6	Sept '17	23	4	6	13	1	1	6
7	Oct '17	18	1	3	8	1	1	3
8	Nov '17	20	3	8	13	4	2	8
9	Dec '17	20	2	5	10	2	1	5
10	Jan 2018	17	0	1	6	1	0	1
11	Feb '18	21	0	4	8	3	0	4
12	March '18	17	1	3	7	1	1	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>245</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>54</b>

**B.3) Dayabhavan Medical Mission Hospital (Kunigal):**

The Dayabhavan Medical Mission Hospital (DMMH) in the Kunigal campus continues to provide service to the rural villagers and patients in the vicinity. During the year 2017-18, 4027 patients were screened and treated which include those served by rural camps. The patient data at DMMH is summarized in Table-4.

**Table-4: Patient data of Dayabhavan Medical Mission Hospital (2017-18)**

Sl No	Month	Out-patients	In-patients	Lab screened	Camp patients
1	April	186	3	0	0
2	May	183	0	0	0
3	June	195	1	0	0
4	July	472	10	55	0
5	August	398	6	37	0
6	September	440	15	23	196
7	October	287	2	14	115
8	November	234	2	17	185
9	December	249	2	14	0
10	January	245	0	14	0
11	February	213	0	14	0
12	March	278	0	17	118
<b>Total</b>		<b>3380</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>614</b>

**B.4) Designated Microscopy-cum-Treatment Centre (DMTC); Advocacy, communication and social mobilization (ACSM) for Youth:**

The organization was recently recognized as the designated microscopy-cum-treatment centre by Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program (RNTCP), Central TB Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt of India in the role of a PPP (Public-Private Partnership) Partner for TB control.

Here, the NGO would serve as a microscopy and treatment center for tuberculosis and will be provided a grant-in-aid (honorarium) for a part-time medical officer and for administrative and contingency expenses. The tenure of this award is 3 years from 01 April 2018.

The organization was also awarded a grant for advocacy, communication and social mobilization (ACSM) for tuberculosis control programs and for improving standard of care among children and youth by communication and early diagnosis. This will be carried out by engaging school children (10 schools) and college-going youth (1 college) in Tumkur district for a period of 3 years and will involve activities such as formation of school health club with focus on TB control, organizing quiz/elocution/poster/essay competitions, health talk shows and plays/rallies by involving college-going youth.

### **C) CAPACITY BUILDING & OUTREACH PROGRAMS**

Dayabhavan Home and Dayasparsha Hospital are nodal centers for rehabilitation and medical treatment. The key to community development lies in promoting awareness and accessing health care facilities among rural population. This is accomplished by:

- Door-to-door campaigns/mass health-screening programs for early detection of disease.
- Networking and awareness programs related to personal & community hygiene, dissemination of medical facts through residential and community advocacy programs.
- Counselling & medical support.
- Medical camps, blood donation/transfusion programs.

#### **C.1) District level adolescence skill development training for children living with AIDS:**

A program was held on 24 March 2018 at Dayasparsha Hospital, in collaboration with district AIDS prevention and control unit (DAPCU), STEP (an NGO in Tumkur), and Chirajeevana Network for People Living with HIV/AIDS. Nearly 50 children living with HIV (CLHIV) participated in this program.



#### **C.2) Ending child poverty:**

On the International Day for Eradication of Poverty (26 October 2017), we performed nondenominational prayers and took a pledge to end child poverty.



#### **C.3) World TB Day celebration:**

World Tuberculosis Day was celebrated on 28 March 2018 in Kunigal Town. The Dayaboyas performed several street plays at various locations in the town and rallied the town population. A blood donation camp was organized at the Holy Trinity College premises when 32 units of blood were collected. Fr. Jinesh Varkey (Secretary, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan), Mr. Josy Abraham Marett (Principal, Holy Trinity College, Kunigal), and Mr. Siddalinge Gowda (Vice Principal, Holy Trinity College) led the event.



A street play was enacted at Doddamadhure village in Kunigal Taluk, where TB prevalence is high, to create awareness and manage the disease medically which was well received by the villagers.

#### C.4) Nagesh Memorial Day & distribution of Excellence Awards:

In memory of its beloved inmate, Master Nagesh, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan has instituted an annual memorial lecture and an excellence award for social welfare students since 2015. The theme for this year's function was *Palliative Care* and was held at the Dayabhavan campus, Bhaktharahalli in Kunigal on August 31, 2017.

The memorial lecture on *Palliative Care* was given by Dr. Parashuram (Asst. Registrar and Chairman of Social Work Department, Tumkur University) who reiterated the significance, awareness, and need for this activity in Tumkur district. The ensuing discussion was chaired by Dr. Stanley Macadan (President, Indian Palliative Care and former Director and Consultant to Bangalore Baptist Hospital in Geriatric Medicine & Care) who pointed out that palliative care has now become a basic need in the society as many elders are left to themselves without care and medical support. This concern can be mitigated by inculcating a strong sense of social involvement and efforts by the youth in our community. A plan was conceptualized by involving students from social work and psychology streams who would represent different Taluks of Tumkur district as primary guides who would then be trained in geriatric and palliative care. They will serve as primary resource persons in their respective geographical areas and provide referrals. Prof. Shivalinge Gowda (Vice-Principal, Holy Trinity College, Kunigal) chaired another session and Mr. Jayasheela (Hon. Vice Chancellor, Tumkur University) distributed the excellence awards. Mr. Sadiq Pasha (Gurushree College of Commerce and Social Work, Tumkur) won the first prize of Rs. 5000 and memento for the first ranking student in BSW Course in Tumkur University. The program was attended and competed keenly.



The program was earlier inaugurated by Fr. Jinesh Varkey (Secretary, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan). Dr. Lizy Cherian (Medical Superintendent, Dayabhavan Medical Mission Hospital), Mr. Josy Abraham Marett (Principal Holy Trinity College, Kunigal), Mrs. Banashankari (Principal, First Grade College, CS Pura), Fr. Jijo Abraham (MTh Scholar, Snehasadan) and Mr. Sathyan



Parakadavil (Treasurer, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan) attended the function. Mrs. Banashankari released the first Kannada Brochure on Palliative Care.

### **C.5) Other outreach programs:**

Several classroom sessions were conducted by Dayabhavan staff in schools and educational institutions (40 schools and colleges) as well as for the benefit of company employees. Topics discussed were HIV/AIDS/TB, mental health, blood donation, suicide prevention, health and hygiene, modern diseases, exam fear and preparation which were mainly designed to create awareness among students and youth.

*C.5.1) Suicide prevention class:* On the occasion of World Suicide Prevention Day (26 September 2017), we observed an awareness program themed “Take a minute to Change a Life” at the Govt. Junior College in Bhaktharahalli, Kunigal with the objective to mitigate the suicidal tendencies among students and youngsters. Ms. Nazmunneesa (Headmistress) inaugurated the program. Mr. V.G. Ramesh (Program Coordinator, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan) was the main resource person along with counselors, Mr. Muralidhar Gowda and B.C. Ashok Kumar. Almost 250 students took part in this event. In his concluding remarks, Mr. Gangaraju (Teacher, Govt. Junior College) pointed out many suffered due to the loss of their loved ones who were the chief bread winners in the family and needed to be morally supported for the welfare of the society.



*C.5.2) HIV/AIDS/TB Awareness Classes (@Kitturu Rani Chennamma residential school, Hebbur, 21 Dec 2017; Govt. High School, Hebbur, 22 Feb 2018;* Mr. Muralidhar Gowda (Counselor, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan) spoke in detail and in a easily understood manner about HIV, symptoms, pre-screening, management & treatment of AIDS and prevention of transmission of the disease. Also discussed were ways and means to deal with the stigma and discrimination faced by people living with HIV in employment, education, domestic, and in public space. Several doubts and concerns on HIV/AIDS were clarified. Nearly 80 students participated in each session.



*C.5.3) Indo-Spanish Tasty Food Pvt. Ltd., Kunigal:* This program was organized by Mr. Jagadeesh Naik (HR Manager) and Mr. Sathish (Asst. HR Manager) at Indo-Spanish Foods for the staff on 25 May 2017 at the factory premises which was attended by about 200 employees. Key resource persons were Mr. V.G. Ramesh (Program Coordinator) and Mr. Muralidhar Gowda (Counselor) of St. Gregorios Dayabhavan. This dealt with several important topics concerning HIV/AIDS, such as basic symptoms, transmission, treatment, prevention, counseling, the role and responsibility of the organization, medical services provided in Dayasparsha HIV/AIDS hospital, management of stigma and its eradication from society, etc.



C.5.4) *HIV Awareness class at Nagavalli:* This educative program on awareness of HIV/AIDS and mitigation of suicidal tendencies among youth was conducted by Mr. V.G. Ramesh (Program Coordinator, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan) on 4 December 2017. Basic facts of HIV disease and its implications were explained in simple terms to students of Govt. Junior College, Hittalahalli Matt in Kunigal. Mode of transmission of the HIV, symptoms and diagnosis, vulnerability issues, stigma & discrimination surrounding the disease, treatment, prevention, social responsibility in mitigating myths and the role of students were explained. The 100-odd students who participated absorbed the information with seriousness and interest. Apparently, this was a relevant topic promoting social inclusiveness and harmony.



C.5.5) *World Mental Health Day:* A program to commemorate the World Mental Health Day was organized at the company premises of JP Distilleries, Moduru village, Kunigal on 20 October 2017 with the theme of *Mental Health in Work Place*. This evoked great interest and was keenly attended by the company employees. It was presided by Mr. Gopala Krishna Mohouli (General Manager) and the resource person was Prof. Siddalinge Gowda (Psychologist and Vice-Principal, Holy Trinity College, Kunigal). Mr. Muralidhar Gowda (Counselor, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan) participated in the deliberations.



## C.6) Community Services:

### C.6.1) Village Community Center (Dayavarsha)

C.6.1.1) *Tailoring Training:* Regular tailoring classes are held for unemployed village women at the Hebbur village community center and certificates issued on successful completion. The center was visited by HG Dr. Yuhanon Mar Chrysostomos and HG Dr. Yuhanon Mar Theodoros Metropolitans on 12 July 2017 who distributed tailoring training certificates and sewing machines.



*C.6.1.2) Purified drinking water supply:* The reverse osmosis water purification plant-cum-coin-operated dispensing unit established by St. Gregorios Dayabhavan is seen a blessing to the public and travelers in the town of Hebbur during all seasons; almost 600,000 liters of purified drinking water has been dispensed at nominal cost during the year.

### C.6.2) Medical Services

*C.6.2.1) Rural medical Camp at Mallasandra village:* Dayasparsha hospital team organized a medical camp at Mallasandra village on 30 October 2017 with the help of social work students of the Holy Trinity College, Kunigal. Dr. Shantha Kumar (Medical Officer, Dayasparsha Hospital), Mr. Naveen Kumar (Counselor), Mr. N.C. John (Administrator, Dayasparsha Hospital) and Ms. Elizabeth (Nursing staff, Dayasparsha Hospital) conducted the camp which was attended by several local residents who were screened medically.



*Medical Camp at Kamanahalli, Kunigal Taluk:* A medical camp was held at Kamanahalli on Aug 22, 2017 by Dayabhavan Medical Mission Hospital, Kunigal as a part of its outreach health services which was supervised by Dr. Anchami (Medical Officer). Mr. Jojo Alex, Asst. HR Manager and Ms. Megha, Staff Nurse participated in the operations. About 70 patients were screened and treated.



C.6.2.2) *Screening kidney disease:* St. Gregorios Dayabhavan has arranged regular screening camps for chronic kidney disease, diabetes, BP, and other illnesses in Hebbur Panchayat on a weekly basis since 1 September 2017. The initiative began after the local panchayat officials, Mr. Kinshasa, Mr. Rajamma, Mr. Thimme Gowda (President, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha), Mr. Govindappa, and Mr. Bojegowda met with the representatives of St. Gregorios Dayabhavan (Rev. Fr. Jinesh Varkey, Secretary; Rev. Fr. Jijo Abraham, MTh scholar; Mr. Sathyan Parakadavil, Treasurer; and, Mr. V.G. Ramesh (Program Coordinator) who agreed to hold the camp on every Friday for the benefit of the local population.



C.6.2.3) *Educational kits for girl children:* A function was held on 30 May 2017 to distribute free educational kits to HIV infected/affected girl children at Dayasparsha Hospital in Tumkur. Dr. Rafeeq Ahmed (MLA, Tumkur Rural Constituency) inaugurated program in the presence of Fr. Jinesh Varkey (Secretary, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan), Dr. Rangaswamy (District Health Officer, Tumkur), Mr. Ganesh Prasad (President, Children Welfare Committee), Mr. Sathyan Parakadavil (Treasurer, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan), Mr. N.M. Achenkunju (Internal Auditor, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan), and Dr. Rajakumar (Medical Officer, Dayasparsha Hospital). 60 children benefitted from this program.



C.6.2.4) *Blood donation campaign:* Commemorating the National Voluntary Blood Donation Day (25 October 2017), a blood donation campaign was organized by St. Gregorios Dayabhavan at the premises of Akshaya Engineering College in Tumkur. Here, an awareness of blood donation and its relevance was created among the students who voluntarily donated 69 units of blood. The collected blood was handed over to Government Blood Bank. Mr. Srinivas Rao (Principal, Akshaya Engineering College) and Dr. Veena (Pathologist and in-charge of Blood Bank, District Hospital, Tumkur) led the program.



### C.6.3) Government officials visit the campus

C.6.3.1) *District Minority Officer (DMO), Directorate of Minorities, Govt. of Karnataka*, Mr. Mohamed Pasha (DMO) and his team visited Dayabhavan campus on 20 May 2017 to evaluate the progress of the community hall project. The DMO pointed out that the community hall will serve as a village center where community meetings, functions, awareness programs, and training/orientation courses would be held for the stakeholder's benefit. This project is jointly financed by the government and the organization (St. Gregorios Dayabhavan).



C.6.3.2) *Program Officer, State Adoption Resource Agency*, Ms. Shylaja visited Dayabhavan Home for a preliminary assessment of the facilities. The proposed adoption center was conceived by the District Child Protection Officer, Ms. Vasanti Uppar, for care and protection of just-born/infants, orphaned and abandoned children in Tumkur district. If sanctioned, this would be the first of its kind in the district that will serve as a Partner NGO for Central/State Adoption Resource Agency under the Integrated Children Protection Scheme.

C.6.3.3) *Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Tumkur Zilla Panchayat* Ms. Anees Kanmani Joy (IAS) visited Dayabhavan along with Mr. Javid K. Karangi, District Minority Officer (DMO), Tumkur on 5 March 2018. They were appraised of the organization's activities and services. The CEO appreciated our coordinated efforts with government departments and services to the community.



### C.6.4) Learning site

St. Gregorios Dayabhavan is recognized as a learning site for field work and internship for students of social work by several colleges: University college (Tumkur), Siddharth college, Gurushree college, Hemadri college, Vidya Vahini college, and Holy Trinity college. It is also host to seminary interns (@ Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kottayam and St. Thomas Orthodox Theological Seminary, Nagpur) for outreach/field activity. The interns are found to be very responsive and this tenure serves well to enhance their vision. We acknowledge the support of college and seminary faculty in sending them to our organization as part of the curriculum.

## C.7) Appreciation, recognition for St. Gregorios Dayabhavan

C.7.1) *Thanal Charity Award*: St. Gregorios Dayabhavan is the recipient of the fourth Thanal Charity Award instituted by Mar Gregorios Orthodox Maha Edavaka Muscat (MGOME) for its involvement and contributions in rural community service in Kunigal, Karnataka. Fr. Jinesh Varkey was felicitated on this occasion by the Ahmedabad Diocesan Metropolitan, HG Pulikkottil Dr. Geevarghese Mar Yulios Metropolitan at St. Thomas Church, Ruwi on 9 March 2018. The function was graced by HG Dr. Yuhanon Mar Diascoros Metropolitan, Holy Episcopal Synod Representative, Madras Orthodox Diocese and Assistant Metropolitan Kottayam Diocese.

C.7.2) *St. Stephens Award*: The sixth St. Stephen's Award instituted by Kudassanad St. Stephens Orthodox Cathedral was presented to Fr. Jinesh Varkey for his services to the community and HIV/AIDS children and patients in Tumkur district by HG Dr. Yakoob Mar Irenios, Metropolitan of Kochi Diocese on 27 January 2018 at Kudassanad Orthodox Cathedral.

C.7.3) *Felicitation*: The Hon. Minister of Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Govt of Karnataka, Mr. Jayachandra, felicitated Fr. Jinesh Varkey on behalf of the District of Tumkur on the eve of Tippu Jayanthi, 10 November 2017. Mr. Muddahanume Gowda (MP), Mr. Rafeeq Ahmed (MLC), Mr. BEML Kantharaju (MLA & Dy Commissioner), Mr. Mohan Raj (CEO) and Dr. Divya Gopinath (SP) were present on the occasion.

C.7.4) *Certificate of Appreciation*: In recognition of its community development activities in Tumkur district, the Polestar Foundation presented a Certificate of appreciation to St. Gregorios Dayabhavan at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Polestar Awards Function on 27 October 2017 at Chennai.

C.7.5) *Marian Puraskaram-2017*: Was awarded to St. Gregorios Dayabhavan for its services to community, in the rural villages of Tumkur district in Karnataka by H.H. Baselios Marthoma Paulose II, Catholicos of the East and Malankara Metropolitan in the presence of Marthoma Metropolitan, H.G. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Marthoma Metropolitan and H.G. Dr. Yuhanon Mar Chrysostomos Metropolitan on 13 Aug 2017 at the Kalllooppara Valiapally in Niranam Diocese.

C.7.6) *Order of St. George-2017*: Fr. Jinesh Varkey was honored by the St. George Orthodox Maha Edavaka Arathil, Pandalam, Kerala, India for his contribution to the community and children, especially in dealing with HIV/AIDS disease. He was felicitated by HG Dr. Thomas Mar Athanasius (Metropolitan of Diocese of Chengannur) on 7 May 2017. Other dignitaries present on the occasion were: Mr. Oommen Chandy (former Chief Minister of Kerala) and Mr. Anto Antony (Member of Parliament).



**D) FUTURE PLANS**

*D.1) Geriatric and Palliative Care Center* has been planned at the campus of St. Gregorios Dayabhavan with a view to enrich the lives of elderly citizens and those who need medical/nursing care. The facility has been designed and equipped to meet the physiological, social, and spiritual needs of senior citizens. Named as *WINGS*, the center will be served by experts in palliative care and geriatric medicine on its board, and also guided by The Bangalore Baptist Hospital. The facility will be assisted by a team of nurses, aides, doctors, physio-therapist, nutritionist, kitchen/janitorial and administrative staff and is expected to commence functioning in this year onwards in the premises of Dayabhavan Medical Mission Hospital in Kunigal.

*D.2) Establishing a foster care facility and adoption resource center* at the campus of Dayabhavan in Vanigere Village in Kunigal: This proposal has been initiated at the instance of Child Protection Officer, Tumkur district to enable care and protection for just-born/infants and orphaned and abandoned children in Tumkur district. The organization's status as a recognized child care institution with medical facilities and services of experienced staff are advantages. A first of its kind in the district, this center will also focus on providing orphaned baby/infant care and adoption services. This is in the final stage of assessment as Partner NGO for Central/State Adoption Resource Agency under the Integrated Children Protection Scheme in Tumkur.

*D.3) Creation of a new habitat for HIV-positive children* in Vanigere village, Kunigal to provide focused health care, nutrition & quality fostering. A proposal was forwarded to the Grassroots Grant Project (GGP), Japan which was approved by the Indian authorities and is under assessment by the Government of Japan. The infrastructure was planned in the same campus as that of Dayabhavan Home with additional services (medical/sick room, nutritional care, counselling) for children who are HIV-positive. This was mooted because the growth rate of such children in the rehab home is high (presently 25 among 78 inmates) and this demands attention and responsive measures.

*D.4) St. Gregorios Dayabhavan is now a Partner Organization to Deutsch-Indische Zusammenarbeit.V. (DIZ) for the Weltwärts Voluntary Service program*, which is supported by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany. This allows students and youth in Germany to work full-time on assignments at Partner (host) Organizations in activities that will facilitate and foster volunteer service in community development, health, education, and global learning. While the volunteers learn to face diverse challenges such as culture, language, and developmental issues, the partner organizations gain from their involvement and new insights that contribute to progress. The first volunteer from Germany is expected to serve the organization for a tenure of 8 months from May 2018 in the role of a child mentor and educationist. A pre-assessment of our facilities and preparedness for hosting the volunteer was completed on 3 March 2018.



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*Let us uphold one another in prayer.*



Fr. Jinesh Varkey  
Secretary, 1 May 2018