



Shraddha Niketan, Ankleshwar
Opp. ONGC colony, Rajpipla Road, Ankleshwar 393010
Christmas 2015

Our very dear Friends and well Wishers,

Jesus the long-awaited Messiah and Saviour is here! "A child is born to us, a Son is given us."
(Is.9:5)

Jesus is God's gift of life to humanity. Christmas is sharing in this joy of the abundant life of Jesus. It's a celebration of the birth of baby Jesus and our own new birth along with him.

Today our world seems so far from experiencing Christmas joy when we learn from the media of the many wars and acts of indescribable violence in so many places around the world: in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, in several parts of Africa and in our own country India, most of them very real and very painful.

Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of mercy which began on the 8th December 2015. The motto of the Holy Year of Mercy, "Merciful like the Father," (Lk.6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the example of the compassionate Father. It is the need of the time to proclaim it a new with renewed zeal. We hope that little acts of mercy will make a big difference in life, and that in turn, will modify the society as a whole.

Christ is alive and as we celebrate Christmas 2015, the graces of the first Christmas become available to us. We the sisters and children at Ankleshwar wish you and your family members a Joyous Christmas and a grace-filled New Year, 2016.



As we come close to the end of the year 2015 I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your love, care and concern towards the tribal girls of our boarding for their education and welfare. I definitely count on your understanding and wholehearted financial support to carry on our mission. We are very much grateful to God for giving us the opportunity to love and serve the tribals, in particular the women and the girls. You will be happy to know that our girls have done well in their study and all of them are promoted with good result. They are happy to stay in the boarding because they get an opportunity to participate in many group activities. Many of them are good in Sports and extracurricular activities. We help them to develop their talents. The new comers are given coaching classes since they come from the villages and are poor in study. The sister in charge of them is a nurse and also cares for the health of the girls. Most of them keep in good health. We invite resource persons to conduct the seminars on subjects like Bal Panchayat, Leadership and health care. We are blessed with the committed and faithful employees and boarding helpers who share our responsibilities and support us in our works.



Our Balwadi children in the villages are enjoying their classes. They are happy to get some snacks during their break time. One of our sisters visits the Balwadi children regularly. This year we bought some charts and teaching aids for the Balwadi children.

The children are interested to learn through the teaching aids. The teachers have regular meetings in our center to learn more skills for teaching and taking care of the little children in the villages. The "Self Help Groups" of the women are quite awake and are empowered by the efforts made by our sisters in the villages through training programmes.



We are grateful for your financial support to our mission. We could reach out to the people and children under our care only with your encouragement and help. We understand your difficulty in raising the funds for our children. In spite of all the difficulties you have been regular in sending the money for Ankleshwar. Many many thanks for the sacrifices you make for this noble work of helping the tribal children under our care. May God bless you and grant you all the graces you are in need of.

May the blessings of our new born King:

Justice, Hope, Love, Peace and Joy

Be with you, the members in your family

and the collaborators during this season

And

All through the New Year 2016,

With Warm wishes and prayers,

Yours sincerely,

Sr. Josephine, sisters and the Children

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