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Greetings of Peace and Joy to all from VANAMITRA, a place of happening.

For the past many months here, in the tribal mission of the Province we have been busy with many activities, including initiating some new, bold activities for the poor.

Montfort Group of Study Centers

Initiation of Montfort Group of study centers is a unique path breaking initiative of Montfort Brothers of St.Gabriel, Hyderabad province, as their continued commitment for the service of the poor at the periphery. Through this new initiative we hope to be trendsetters in reaching to the most backward and neglected population with quality education working in unison with local community, local Govt. teachers, Govt. officers and all stake holders. We hope to be an effective agent of transformation in the lives of many people.

We have started 25 centers of study for small children in 23 different tribal villages with a vision of reaching the most vulnerable tribal children at the periphery of the society to enrich and empower their lives through education. We hope to achieve the following objectives in due course of time.

To improve the learning standard of students in their own environment.

To establish healthy rapport with local community, Govt.teachers and Govt.officers.

To inculcate Montfortian values

To facilitate to improve the standard of Govt.schools.

To further build up the social capital with the tribals.

To create employment to educated unemployed youth and transform them in to proactive and committed leaders through our intervention and support.

To be a catalyst in solving local community issues.

Recent visit of Bro.Provincial, Bro.Shine Alex to some of these centers has clearly brought home the advantages of the bold, proactive decision the administration has taken in support of this initiative. Some of them are

Educating the kids in their own environment

establishing good bonding with local community.

Gaining the good will of Govt.teachers and officers.

Improving the quality of Govt schools.

We are able to reach out to more number of under privileged students

Optimum use of Govt infrastructure and resources available at the local level.

Goals are achieved without the nitty-gritty and problems of a regular established schools.

We become effective agents of Transformation at the grass root level.

We are grateful to Bro.Provincial for his visits which has motivated and encouraged all concerned.

Herbal Health Care centre

It is another important mission which is part and parcel of the lives of Adivasis. So it is accepted whole heartedly by the people around and many visit the centre to get remedy for the common ailments. The healing properties of the plants helps us to thank God for the wonders of creation and challenges us to protect and nurture them.

Montfort Eco Spirituality Centre

This mission initiated a few years ago is a source of joy and wonder to all who visit our place. Till a few years ago which was a barren land now is filled with all types of trees. Walking through this mini forest will bring serenity to one's life. Most welcome to have this experience.

Higher Education Tribal Children

As part of our commitment for the people at periphery, many students are supported in their higher education through scholarship and guidance. We are immensely grateful to provincial administration for their continued support for this noble cause.

Skill Training of Tribal women

We have initiated 5 centers of tailoring in interior tribal villages to train the women. This will help them to be self employed and earn sufficient for a decent living staying in their own environment.

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