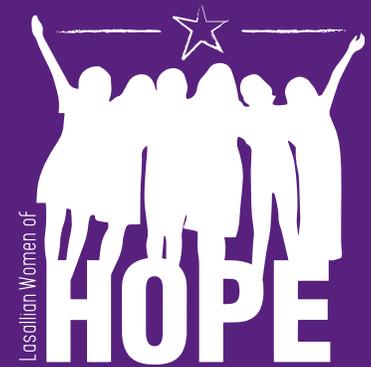




Puthu Vasantham Girls Village

DINDIGUL, INDIA



PROJECTS

Health Awareness Camp

Pad Project

Naturopathy Treatments

Medical Check-Ups

Guest Speakers on Health and Well-being

The Lasallian Women of Hope project in Dindigul, India, aims to provide menstrual health education and primary health care to children in the orphanage, along with the neighboring rural poor and marginalized Dalit families living around Puthu Vasantham Girls Village.

The inaugural Health Awareness Camp was held on November 28, 2021, at Puthu Vasantham Girls Village, presided over by Brother Uvari Antony, FSC. Brother Uvari shared, "We began the camp by invoking God's presence and offered a special prayer as we began the season of Advent." Special guest speakers were psychiatrist Dr. Sam, nurse Rev. Sr. Gnapoo and naturopathy specialist Dr. Sharmila.

The Health Awareness Camp served 205 people, including 105 village girls, 70 boys and the parents of the children, along with girls and women from the neighboring area. The camp included menstrual education and the Lasallian Women of Hope Pad Project, naturopathy treatment for healthy living, a general medical check-up with medication, and mental health counseling. The Health Awareness Camp concluded with a festival lunch for the children.

A second camp was held in February 2022 with similar activities, and there are plans for additional camps in the future if funding is available. The dream is to raise funds to provide for a more permanent health clinic, which would cost \$6,500 USD.

"Achieving quality education at the school level is a dynamic process that needs to revise the elements according to the needs of the social setting. One such element is a policy that promotes gender equality. The problem needs an intervention with an enhanced infrastructure for maintaining sanitation and hygiene for girl students and a holistic understanding of gender issues through awareness that leads to social change. Schools or institutions like us must ensure that lessons on menstruation are conducted for both girls and boys alike. Not only does this induce awareness among boys but it also makes them more sensitive to the issue."

Brother Uvari Antony, FSC

Puthu Vasantham Girls Village Project Coordinator

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