



Sundeep, Swarthick and Serena were all in Bidar for the Governing Board meeting of Velemegna on 21st February 2015.



Governing Board Meeting Feb-2015

We have purchased a new car to replace the one that was totaled when Vineet had his accident.



New Car

HOSPITAL NEWS: We purchased a new state-of-the-art ophthalmic microscope to be used in OT; it makes an enormous difference when Dr. Sybil is performing surgery.



Dr.Sybil Operating with New Equipment

In March, we had a visit by Dr. Sampth Kumar from Canadian high commission and his Operation Eyesight Universal (OEU) team.



Dr. Sampth's Visit

On 26th January 2015 we celebrated Republic Day with a program which included flag-raising, speeches by Dr.Sybil and several others, dances performed by Khushi and the hostel children, cake several birthdays (staff members and a hostel child) and other enjoyable activities. Visitors who celebrated with us included Caraig Abhishek and Mona.



Republic Day Celebration

An eye camp was conducted among the members of the staff of the traffic police here in Bidar on 11th January 2015.



Traffic Police Screening Camp

STATISTICS:-

| Month | No. of patients seen in our OPD | No. Surgeries Done | |
|--------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| | | Free | Paying |
| Jan'15 | 1187 | 100 | 104 |
| Feb'15 | 1109 | 119 | 102 |
| Mar'15 | 1215 | 185 | 109 |

Velemegna news letter January – March 2015

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our promise for 2015 is *"For I will look on you favorably and make you fruitful,..... clear out the old because of the new."* Lev 26:9-10

FAMILY NEWS: Vineet is writing his P.U. second exam in Bangalore and will be applying to medical school. Khushi is also doing well in her studies and will complete 5th standard the end of March. She is looking forward to attending VBS in Mumbai during the school summer holiday.



Vineet

On 28th March Dr. Sybil and the entire staffs along with their Children, has a party and celebrated Khushi's 11th Birthday.



Khushi's Birthday Celebration

NAVJEEVAN CHILDREN HOME:

Salomi Raj Kumar won second prize in the discus throw in the sports competition in the Bidar district.



Salomi with her Medal

Rosemary and Devdas will be taking their exams in 10th Standard.



Rosemary



Devdas

SPECIAL STORY:

Mujaheed a 12 years old boy, lost his parents when he was 1 year old hence from childhood his widow aunty is taking care of him. He has admitted to school but He was unable to focus on studies due to his poor vision. So Mujaheed didn't attend the school. His aunty Bipasha bought him to hospital with hope of get back his eye sight. Mr. Mujaheed has undergone B/L cataract surgery, following the successful surgery, he is very happy His surgeries were sponsored by HelpMeSee.



pre-op



post-op

Mujaheed

OTHER NEWS:

Dr. Sybil went to Delhi to attend a HelpMeSee (HMS) MSICS simulator launch meeting in February 2015.

Dr Sybil attended a CME on 'Orbit and Oculoplasty' in CMC, Vellore in Jan-2015.

On 28th March Dr. Sybil and the staff and their families bid farewell to Rosemary and Devdas who graduated 10th std, to Rekha who left to further her education and to Mona.



Farewell Programme

One of the staff, Mr.Samuel, is doing the Vision Technician (VT) course in LV Prasad Eye Institute Hyderabad .



Samuel

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS:

The community hall construction is in progress in Maroor and Jakanall. Dr. Swarthick is overseeing the work.



Community hall construction works Maroor,Jakanall

Br Srinvas and Br Domenic from Bangalore visited the social workers in Maroor, Jakhnall, Goudanahalli and Kodampur in Feb 2015.

PRAYER POINTS:-

Praise:

- New equipment and new car
- For God's provision for all our needs

Prayer requests:

- For all the future plans of Velemegna
- For studies of our children specially Vineet, Rosemary, Devdas (Have board exams)
- For the welfare of staff, children, pastors and their families.
- For new hospital project
- God's provision of new land for the hospital
- For good rain as there is drought in bidar.

In closing I wish you all a blessed year 2015. Thank you for your love, prayers, gifts and support. God bless you!

- Dr. Sybil Meshramkar

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