

# VINIMAG – December 2007

(Covering events during April 2007 – December 2007)

“Win hearts with Vinimag”

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*Dear Friends,*

*Happy New Year to all of you - let us hope that 2008 brings this world much joy, peace and prosperity.*

***“I SHALL PASS THROUGH THIS WORLD BUT ONCE. ANY GOOD THEREFORE THAT I CAN DO OR ANY KINDNESS THAT I CAN SHOW TO ANY HUMAN BEING, LET ME DO IT NOW. LET ME NOT DEFER OR NEGLECT IT, FOR I SHALL NOT PASS THIS WAY AGAIN” - Mahatma Gandhi***

*As we celebrate our country's 59th Republic day this year, let us try to adopt this wonderful adage in our everyday lives and this world will truly be a beautiful place!*

*In this issue we have a lot of ground to cover - events from April 2007 until the end of the year. Our volunteers have been busy with several activities in this period and hence we have been unable to bring out a few issues of Vinimag. In this issue we are introducing a new section - “Down Memory Lane” where we will feature events from the past. We hope you will enjoy this feature and send in your contributions for future issues.*

*We would love to hear from you - so please do send us your contributions and/or feedback to [vinimay@vsnl.com](mailto:vinimay@vsnl.com) or to the postal address given at the end of this newsletter.*

*With regards*

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## 1. Message from Vinimay Trust

June 30, 2007 marked a significant milestone in the journey of Vinimay Trust. The second and final phase of construction of Tarun Sadan was completed and the new wing was inaugurated by the family members of Shri Bimal Desai. (Details available in Event Review). On this occasion, a narration on the twenty-five years of journey of Vinimay Trust was presented to the august audience consisting of longtime well-wishers of Vinimay. The presentation, mostly compiled by Shri L. Venkatraman, was a comprehensive recounting of Vinimay's evolution, chronology of events, achievements, failures and lessons learnt during these years. It has been traced in three major parts namely 'The Years of Learning', 'The Years of Consolidation' and "The Years of Challenges". For the readers of Vinimag we give below a summary of the first part viz. 'The Years of Learning'. The other parts will be carried in subsequent issues.

During the course of several years, Vinimay volunteers have interacted with and drawn inspiration from reputed academics/professionals/ institutions in social work such as Prof. Kalindi Mazumdar, Prof M.S. Gore, Prof Anjali Gokarn, Tata Institute of Social Sciences and Nirmala Niketan college of Social Work. During this period Vinimay was also extremely fortunate to have some of the most fantastic volunteers: quiet, unassuming, deeply committed, and eager to learn and always breaking new ground through innovative techniques in practical social work. Dr.D.Krishnan, Mr.P.R.Vaidya, Mr.L.Shridhar, Mr.M. Sundaresan, Mr. L. Venkataraman, Dr.K.V. Narayanan, Mr. K.V. Subramanian (KVS), Mr.Chari, Ms. Kalpalata and Mr. Khanolkar, Nita Mehra, Sitaramiah, Lavanya and her group, Mr. Srivastava Mr. Atul and Mrs. Charu Shah, Jayashree Singh (nee Pawaskar), Mrs. Mukta Mahapatra, Mr. R.N.Ghosh, Mr. Saibal Basu, Mrs. Suganthi and Mr. TVA Padmanabhan and so many others have contributed in the formative years. Some of these volunteers are no longer actively associated with Vinimay but like the simile of the river and the branching streams, Vinimay carries their contributions in its collective memory. It is important to acknowledge that these early volunteers not only laid a sustainable foundation but also established a 'Vinimay Culture' that was willingly followed by volunteers who joined later.

Social work pundits have often wondered how such a purely volunteer-run organization, having no support from funding agencies, has been able to sustain itself and grow continuously for over 25 years. This was possibly because, as an organization, Vinimay was strictly non hierarchical. All volunteers, irrespective of age, addressed each other as well as the staff of Child Welfare Institution with a "Sir"/"Didi" attached to their name. All decisions were taken by consensus and detailed and frank discussions with maximum transparency. Each activity had a facilitator and volunteers were free to join and contribute to any program they chose to. Since there was no glamour and no awards, all volunteers were self-actualized. Being purely volunteer driven work, the goals and the group were more important than the individuals.

## 2. Down Memory Lane

**Years of Learning (1982 – 1989):** The origin and growth of Vinimay can be likened to that of a river which starts as a trickle, collects water from innumerable streams, finds its ways through mountains and valleys, grows as it flows downstream and covers new grounds. During its path, streams join the main body and enrich it with their presence and streams also leave after enriching the river with their essence. Similarly, Vinimay had started with a few friends with no earlier expertise in social work who came together to do something meaningful. They formed Vinimay in 1978, re-enacted Gandhiji's Dandi march in its golden jubilee year of 1980 and then on the suggestion of a friend started working with underprivileged children at the Chembur Children Home (CCH) at Mankhurd from August 1982. Helping children in their homework (initiation of tutorial program) and showing them slide shows were perhaps the first few steps taken in our child welfare program. At that point of time, tutorials were the first via-media for achieving the primary objective of improving self-image and self-esteem of these children.

This was undoubtedly the most interesting and important phase of Vinimay's journey since every single event was new, novel and exciting. Planning of each activity with the children, talking to them, seeing their happiness and winning their confidence were great experiences in themselves. An astounding number of activities have been undertaken during this period. Starting from the ever enjoyable 'guppa-goshti' ['gossip' in Marathi], the programs extended to running a library, slide shows, play centre, tree planting, harmonium playing, jogging, hiking, trips, literary club, tutorial classes, camps, exhibitions, informal English classes for drop-outs, supplementary nutrition, yoga class, technical training at reputed institutions, screen printing, typewriting, making of display boards, offering of scholarships( 4 in 1983-84, 30 in 1986-87) etc. They were informal and most importantly all programs were discussed in detail with the children. In their own simple and forthright manner children also acknowledged that this group of people who call themselves Vinimay can be trusted. On October 21, 1983, some of the senior boys met Vinimay volunteers and requested them to take up many more programs and offered their full cooperation. It was a great thing to happen. The journey with children had truly begun. Providentially, Mr. D. N. Andure became the superintendent of CCH during this period. He encouraged this group and interactions with Mr. Andure shaped many of our child welfare programs in those days.

1984 was the year in which several activities were initiated by Vinimay:

- Republic day was celebrated with the Bharat Darshan Exhibition which was prepared by almost all the children of CCH.
- This was followed by inauguration of Vikas Kendra, (the name originated through consultation with children) the hub of all Vinimay activities for a long time. A stage was constructed by the children and volunteers to hold programs. Vikas Kendra had a distinct identity for all of us and its birthday celebrations used to mark the onset of activities every year.
- Vinimay initiated a Leprosy eradication program during November 1984 that ran till July 1987. About 1500 children were screened and the affected children were put on the treatment regimen. This was a wonderful program and volunteers put in a lot of efforts to make sure that children took their prescribed medicines.
- Vinimay also joined 'Balmahotsav', a weeklong sports and cultural festival for children from child welfare institutions (CWI), which was started in 1984 by Our Children Trust. Balmahotsav (eleven have been conducted so far) went on to become a special event for institutionalized children of Mumbai providing immense joy to all of us and continues to be held regularly every alternate year as a joint effort by Our Children Trust and Vinimay.

In July 1986, Vinimay began the supplementary nutrition program wherein the idea was to add some nutritional value and a few tasty tidbits to the food normally served to the children. The program continues till date and gives equal enjoyment to both the cooking volunteers and the children.

Vidya Bhavan, the second major hub of Vinimay activities especially devoted to educational programs was inaugurated in February 1987. Vikas Kendra and Vidya Bhavan remained active centers of participatory interaction between Vinimay volunteers and children for many many years. A great many mental images of work carried out at these two places, sharing happiness, sorrow and struggle with the children will always stay imprinted in the collective memories of Vinimay. Vidya Bhavan in particular, has motivated a large number of children to shed their fear for education in general (and classroom examination in particular) and emerge successful in life. English was always a demonic subject for children. Some of us clearly remember Dr. D Krishnan's Herculean efforts to make the kids fearless through his innovative informal English exercises in front of Vidya Bhavan. Programs like hiking trips, excursions, educational outings, camps, etc were introduced during 1988-89.

Vinimay decided to start a youth welfare program to help those children who turn 18 and faced many hurdles in getting integrated in to society since they had to leave the child welfare institutions. On Janmashtami, August 19, 1984, at a meeting of ex-students of Chembur Children Home (CCH) organized jointly by Vinimay and CCH, the youth welfare program was started. Initially, efforts were directed towards extending their stay in their institution beyond 18 years. However this could be done only for a few boys as special cases. Subsequently by September 1986, Vinimay managed to find some living accommodations for the boys in Vashi, Navi Mumbai and the next task of getting suitable jobs commensurate to their capability was underway by 1987-88. The seeds of Tarun Vinimay as a self help group germinated on October 25, 1987 when the first regular meeting of ex-students was held. This sapling has now grown to a more-than-125-strong Tarun and Smit Vinimay Program and a large number of such students whom Vinimay has helped are taking stellar roles in many Vinimay activities today. As activities grew, the informal and impromptu get together of volunteers changed to regular monthly meetings since early 1989 and monthly reports started appearing in 1990.

During this period, true to its title “Years of Learning”, we learnt continuously. Apart from precious learning acquired by individual volunteers through working with children, Vinimay also learnt to operate as a collective non-hierarchical group. Commitment to children, humility, looking at failure as part of the learning process, working in small incremental steps towards the big picture, taking care of smaller details and taking the trouble of acquiring skill-set necessary for the job at hand were few of the lessons learnt and implemented in practice both at individual as well as group level.

Vinimay learnt very early that social work is not charity but a process of exchange of care and love between partners. We learnt to accept the child as he is and treated him as an individual with distinct opinions, likes and dislikes, needs and rights, his own dreams and nightmares. For a Vinimay volunteer all children were equal. Whether in picnics, tutorial classes or birthday program, the structure was designed in a manner so as to reach to every child of the target group. There was no special grooming of excellence. For example, in education, our aim was to raise the average level rather than catering exclusively to excellence. We learnt to work as voluntary co-workers with the child welfare institutions where the authorities were consulted at each step, appropriate permissions taken for each program and programs were designed to complement their work. We chose to remain non-interfering, non-militant, transparent and accessible, maintained their confidentiality and provided whatever service was needed. We learnt to respect the staff of the child welfare institutions and worked together with them. Considering the strength of active volunteers, our work in early years was mostly confined to few of the CWIs. This helped us immensely to keep in close touch with the children and learn to fathom their minds and emotions.

Today, twenty-five years down the chosen path, it is apparent that seed of almost all programs were sown during these years of learning.

### **3. EVENTS REVIEW**

#### **3.1 INAUGURATION OF 2<sup>ND</sup> AND FINAL PHASE OF TARUN SADAN HOSTEL BUILDING:**

The inauguration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final phase of Tarun Sadan Hostel building was performed on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007 by members of the Desai family. Prof. Nasreen Rustamfram, Chairperson, Centre for Lifelong Learning, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, was the Special Guest on the occasion. She enlightened the distinguished audience on the history and scope of Volunteerism in India. A large number of supporters, Vinimay members and under-privileged youth rehabilitated by Vinimay attended the function.

The funds for the first phase came almost as a miracle from Mr. Babubhai Shah & GE FUND (through the efforts of Mr. Brian Morgan who was impressed by the work of Vinimay). A second miracle happened when, Mr. Bimal Desai, a long standing friend of Vinimay, offered to build up the second phase of hostel as a turn-key project completely free of cost. He took responsibility for not just the money but also the execution of the entire work. Vinimay did not have to move a little finger! We can say that the second phase of the building was handed over to Vinimay on a golden platter. The simplicity and dedication of Mr. Jitendra and Mr. Bimal Desai, and their family members ( who are the founder members of Jasujyot Foundation), who funded the project was simply overwhelming.

#### **3.2 BALMAHOTSAV' 07**

The eleventh Balmahotsav was organized from 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2007. 1000 children from more than 20 child welfare institutions participated. This was a great and complex sports & cultural program (1000 participants, 50 competitions, six simultaneous events, events changing every hour!) run entirely by voluntary manpower. During the actual days of the program, about 130 volunteers worked with dedication and involvement from 8am to 7 pm. Four months of efforts were needed to make the program run with clockwork precision. The objective of this festival is to ensure that all children are provided an equal opportunity to participate and every child is treated like an honoured guest. This was the 11<sup>th</sup> Balmahotsav held in a period of 22 years!

### **3.3 OUT-STATION CAMPS FOR CHILDREN**

Two week-long camps for under-privileged children were held, one at Khandala (May '07, 47 boys) and one at Tarapur Atomic Power Station Colony (Dec. '07, 55 girls), taking the total number of such camps to 27 and children who participated in these camps to 1224.

Children from 5 boys's institutions (Anjuman-e-Mufidul Yatama, Bal Kalyan Nagari, Chembur Children's Home, D.N. Sirur Balakashram and Thelma JRD Tata Anand Kendra) and 5 girl's institutions (A. D. Bawla Female Orphanage, Bal Kalyan Nagari, Maze Maher, Shraddhanand Mahilashram and Seva Sadan Society) participated in these camps.

Volunteers were Ambika Nair, Asha Kedar, Ashok Baswal, Deepak Kamat, Eknath Nagale, Shobha Sagrolkar, Subhash Sawardekar, Vishnu Pathak and Mr.L. Venkataraman.

8 volunteers planned, executed and conducted these camps. These camps have become a terrific hit among children of child welfare institutions and a large number of children are eagerly looking forward to participate in our future camps. Planning is already afoot for the 28<sup>th</sup> camp at Khandala.

### **3.4 CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL DURING SUMMER VACATION**

A children's film festival was organized for the children of Chembur Children's Home (CCH) and Bal Kalyan Nagari (BKN) to provide entertainment during the summer vacation. Films produced by Children's Film Society of India were screened on five Saturdays. Snacks were provided to the children on all the days. For the first time, an LCD projector was used (instead of the conventional 35mm film projector). Tarun Vinimay members (under-privileged youth helped by Vinimay) partially undertook the responsibility of running the program this year. The members were Gorappa, Imam Shaikh, Sanjay Vaza and Suresh Nimbalkar. Other volunteers were Mrs. Mukta Mahapatra, Mr. Nadre and Mr. C. Subramanian. The Volunteer-in-charge was Mr Thyagarajan.

### **3.5 NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS**

The children of CCH (and Vinimay volunteers too) eagerly await the 'Thirty-first Festival'. The Christmas vacation is well spent by them thinking up new ideas for their cultural program and rehearsing tirelessly for the function on the New Year's eve. This year too, they put up a wonderful program, with help from the staff, social work students of SNDT College and Vinimay volunteers. There was the usual karate demonstration too. A large number of Vinimay members, CCH staff members, Tarun Vinimay members, their families and well wishers attended the function and shared a sumptuous buffet dinner with the children.

## 4. NEWS ABOUT US

- Monthly meetings of volunteers were regularly held.
- This was the season for weddings and many souls were united in matrimony –
  - Sanjeev, son of volunteer Mrs. Sharma married Pooja on 20th April 2007.
  - Ranjana, daughter of Mr. D.N. Andure, Superintendent of our Tarun Sadan Hostel, was married to Ajit Khutale on 21<sup>st</sup> Apr. '07
  - Jayan, our Volunteer, got married to Nisha on 29<sup>th</sup> Apr. '07;
  - Soumya, daughter of Mrs. Mukta and Mr. Umesh Mahapatra, our volunteers, married Saurabh on 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. '07
  - Chandrani, our volunteer, married Supratim on 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. '07.

## 5. REWIND : April 2007 – December 2007

### 5.1 RELATING TO CHILDREN

#### 5.1.1 EDUCATION:

- To appreciate the efforts put in by children in their studies during 2006-07, ice cream was distributed to all children of CCH & BKN. Needless to add most of our teaching volunteers too joined them in this “celebration.”
- Twelve boys of CCH who passed the SSC exam were felicitated and T-shirts of their choice were presented to them.
- Tutorial classes at CCH and BKN for the new academic year started with 20 volunteers each committed to 2 days of teaching per week.
- SSC exam fees for two boys (Sagar Sawant and Amarjeet Gupta) and XI std. fees for one boy (Shivshankar Dave) of CCH were granted.

#### 5.1.2 NUTRITION:

Under the Supplementary Nutrition program the following activities, which cost about Rs. 17000/- per month, were continued.

- Milk for all children of CCH distributed once a month.
- Milk for sick children of CCH, 4 litres per day .
- Breakfast once a month (during Birthday celebration) at CCH.
- Pav (1no) as supplementary breakfast at BKN
- Cooking of special items on Saturday evenings by Vinimay volunteers at BKN. Expenses of one Saturday per month was funded by AKKK Sabha, Anushakti Nagar
- Food provided on special occasions such as Children's Film Festival.

### **5.1.3 RECREATION:**

- Play centers at CCH and BKN were run twice a week; attendance average 80 per day.
- Sponsored the expenses incurred for hiring costumes ( about Rs. 3000/-) for the children of CCH participating in "Children's Meet" program on May 1<sup>st</sup>, at Shanmukhananda Hall. This cultural programme for children from institutions is an event organized by “Our Children Trust”
- Karate classes at CCH continued. Four boys attended a tournament and won 2 medals and one certificate.
- Bicycles of the play center (used by children) were repaired by Raju Bhimayya, an ex-student of CCH, whom Vinimay had helped to set up a bicycle repair shop.
- The TV set at BKN was repaired.
- Birthdays of children of CCH were celebrated regularly every month.

## **5.2 RELATING TO YOUTH**

### **5.2.1. CONTACT PROGRAMS & OTHER EVENTS:**

- Contact meetings of youth whom Vinimay is helping or has helped were held regularly every month. Programs on 'Cancer Awareness' by Vasantha Foundation and 'Aids Awareness” by Vijay Kreedha Mandal were conducted. Discussions were held on subjects like “Water conservation” and “History and Aims of Vinimay”.
- Members also participated in the Independence Day celebration at Vinimay's Tarun Sadan Hostel.
- A picnic-cum-rain walk was arranged for the youth at a place near Karjat. 35 people participated in this scenic walk about 15kms near Karjat. This outing was a refreshing exposure to nature and apart from the excellent food that the group enjoyed, they also got a chance to swim in an exclusive natural pool. They also enjoyed the beauty of about 25 waterfalls at one spot.
- In addition, four special sessions for 15 youngsters were conducted by instructors of Siddhi Samadhi Yoga. The main topics covered in this program were – 'How to look positively at life, Impact of food habits on behaviour and pranayams, yoga asanas and meditation”.

### **5.2.2 EDUCATION:**

Bhushan Shelar & Chandrashekhar Ahire were granted scholarships of Rs. 700/- each for completing their technical training in tailoring, against request from After Care Hostel where they are staying.

### **5.2.3 JOBS**

Mangesh Mhatre and Nilesh Pevekar were given jobs in the field of Non-Destructive Testing, an engineering field with good potential of job abroad.

### **5.2.4 MEDICAL:**

- Two members had gynaecological problems and Vinimay gave medical and emotional support during their hospitalization. Dr. Mrs. Vartak, Mrs. Mukta Mahapatra and Mrs Charu Shah took the lead in this aspect.
- Rohit Patil developed cataract in his eye. Vinimay had earlier helped with his eye transplant. Dr. Mrs. Vartak assisted him with all that was needed for his cataract surgery. We thank Dr. Manish Shah who conducted the surgery.
- Vinimay has been spending for the medication of a girl suffering from drug resistant TB for the last two years. It turned out that a surgical intervention (lobectomy) was inevitable. Vinimay marshaled all its resources and energy and got the surgery done in June '07. Dr. Mrs. Vartak looked after the technical part while Mr. Kher and Mr. Venkat attended to other aspects. Mr. Kher visited her every day in the hospital in spite of the torrential rains (during June 07) and sparse transport available. After 6 months of follow-up medication the girl has been declared cured of the disease. Vinimay spent in all Rs. 2 lakhs for this case. We thank all the well-wishers who donated money for this treatment.
- The two and a half year old daughter of a youth was found to be suffering from blood cancer (acute lymphoblastic leukemia). The treatment is estimated to cost about Rs. 2 lakhs over a period of two years. Vinimay immediately gave a grant of Rs. 10,000/- and through its contacts has been able to collect about Rs.1,10,000/- so far. We have also recommended his case to a few charitable organizations that give medical help to under-privileged. The youth has been able to raise funds from other sources also.

### **5.2.5 PERSONAL NEWS**

A lot of good things have also happened during the period covered by this issue of Vinimag:

- Marriages: Chandrakant Bhopi married Jyoti, Harshu Rana married Usha, Quayyum Shaikh married Ayesha, Nikhil Devar married Sridevi, Ramesh Meshram married Darshana, Ramnath Dhumal married Dhanashri and Babu Sawant got married in his native village.
- It has also been the season for the stork to visit many of our members –  
  
Gorappa, Mani, Rajendra Magare and Shankar Sunil were all blessed with a daughter each; while Kiran Chache and Sanjay Chowdhary were blessed with a son each.
- Pramod Mane, who was helped by Vinimay to do his B.Com, is employed abroad (Ethiopia) for the last few years and recently he has taken his family (wife and two children) abroad to stay with him.

### **5.3 TARUN SADAN HOSTEL**

(Hostel run by Vinimay for destitute youth)

From April 07 to Jan 08: New admissions 18; Farewells 14;

- As a principle, Tarun Sadan gives temporary re-admission to ex-inmates who are in some kind of distress. During this period, emergency re-admission was granted for 3 boys:
  1. Surendra Mochi who underwent a hip bone surgery and is under treatment for TB.
  2. Deepak Bhalerao, who suffered from malaria and leptospirosis during the rainy season.
  3. Rohit Patil who underwent cataract surgery.

- Birthdays of boys were celebrated. Festivals like Rakhi, Diwali and Independence Day were celebrated. Datta Khune, a student from the first batch at Tarun Sadan, was the chief guest during Independence Day celebrations and he hoisted the national flag. Datta is well settled in life now, is married and has a child. He is an example and inspiration for other boys.
- A large number of boys (about 10) have shown interest in appearing for SSC exams. Mrs Lalita Subramanian and Dr. Vaidya have started regular coaching classes for them.

## **6. FEATURE STORY : QUEST FOR EDUCATION & FAMILY**

### **BHALCHANDRA'S QUEST FOR EDUCATION :**

Bhalchandra Patil had run away from home at a very young age. He arrived at Dadar station and stayed there doing odd jobs in railway trains for his livelihood. He did not remember or recollect his family, parents or his address. In 2002, he was rounded up along with other boys and sent to an observation home at Umerkhadi. From here he was sent to David Sassoon Industrial School (DSIS) for further rehabilitation. It was here that he made up his mind to go to school and get educated. At DSIS he was diagnosed to have a heart ailment and underwent an operation . He was given an extension of 2 years and continued to stay on at DSIS until his admission to Tarun Sadan in November 2006.

He had completed his 3<sup>rd</sup> standard when he was discharged from DSIS. His dream was to continue and complete his 4<sup>th</sup> standard. He did not hesitate to sit in class with children much younger to him and he has passed his 4<sup>th</sup> std and topped the class.

### **MOHAN'S JOURNEY HOME :**

After his father's death ( his mother had expired earlier) Mohan Pawar was looked after by his step sister. He was just 5 or 6 years old and used to play and look after his sister's young baby boy. One day, the child fell down from his lap and fearing his sister's wrath, Mohan ran away from home. He was noticed the next day by passer by who took him to a police station. From there he was sent to the Observation Home at Wardha.

The officer from the Observation Home contacted his sister and brother-in-law since Mohan had given their address. However , his sister and brother-in-law refused to take his custody and requested the authorities to provide for his education and training. They did visit him a few times at Wardha.

Mohan was sent to DSIS, Mumbai for further education and training. The brother-in-law had visited the Observation Home at Wardha but could not contact Mohan. He was also wrongly informed that Mohan was sent to Nagpur.

When Mohan came to Tarun Sadan it was noted that he used to keep reminiscing about his relatives and since a clear address was available it was decided to trace Mohan's family. It was also noted that Mohan belonged to a community called 'Gadi Lohar' who are mainly blacksmiths and move from place to place.

From Wardha, to Shanthinagar to Babhali in Amaravati District : this journey lead him and Mr. Andure, the Superintendent at Tarun Sadan, to his sister and brother in law and their family of 4, who were very happy to see him. Thus began Mohan's journey back to his family, however after handing him over to his family in August 2007, there was no contact with him for a long time. Hence it was decided to once again make the journey to Babhali in order to find out about Mohan's well being. It was learnt that Mohan also could not contact Vinimay since the phones were not working. He now lives with his aunt's family and relatives and has adjusted well to his new environment.

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#### ***DID YOU KNOW THAT***

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- For Rs.3000 you could sponsor the Annual get together dinner programme for 50 children
- For Rs.2500 you could sponsor the birthday of 25 children
- For Rs. 3000 you could sponsor a week long camp for 5 children
- For Rs. 1000 you could sponsor supplementary nutrition programme for 300 children

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