

VIDES REPORT – 2017 – 2018

MEMBERS: 60 VIDES group members – II and III Years

Introductory Meet – Selection of Leaders

Date: 28.06.2017.

Co-ordinator: Sr.Venci X.

The group selected the leaders for the forthcoming year and the co-ordinator then explained the role of the leader for the effective functioning of the Vides. Ms.Riya Catherine A.- III B.Sc. Zoology was chosen as the President and Ms. Pugazhmani– III B.Sc. Physics and Ms.Sandhiya- III English ‘B’ Sec. were chosen to be the Secretaries in the respective hostels for this year.

MEMBERS: 30 VIDES members

Participation in the General Body VIDES Meet

Date: 08.07.2017

Organized by: Sr.Amudha Fernando – Zonal VIDES Co-ordinator

Theme: Year of Mercy & Responsibility towards Nature

The VIDES members about fifteen of them had half a day of input session by eminent persons and other half a day was spent with discussion of various activities to make this unit more fruitful, reaching out to all those who are less-privileged. Sr.Ugini Mary, the former principal and the animator of Arni gave the introductory talk on voluntary service through practical examples and encouraged them to render service to poor and needy. Sr.Amala Francis, the Provincial delegate of VIDES explained the responsibilities of the leaders of the Vides and the members. Sr. Maria Kalyani conveyed the message of the Evaluation meet which is going to be held as a Province. The report of the various activities carried out in their own units was read which indeed enriching to go ahead finding ways and means to improve the activities of our own unit. A group discussion was held in unit wise, to answer the questions which have to be submitted for the Province meet.

MEMBERS: 30 New VIDES members

Inauguration of Groups and Movements

Date: 19.07.2017

Co-ordinator: Sr. Jeyashanthi R.

Chief Guest: Sr. Gracy Chinnappan

Thirty first years pledged themselves as members of Vides in the inauguration of the groups and movements at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Sr.Gracy Chinnappan was the Chief

Guest of the day's programme. Sr.Anandaraj Jeyashanthi organized the groups for taking their promise and conducted the prayer service meaningfully wherein the thirty first years pledged themselves to be a volunteer in VIDES. Sr.Gracy in her address appreciated the students for coming forward to be part of the committed groups and insisted them to be role models and live up to the objectives of group so as to impart to their peers the values they have learned being the member of the particular group. She also emphasized to influence their friends positively so as to contribute God's goodness to the people whom they meet every day.

MEMBERS: 20 VIDES members

Coaching Class to Children of Rural Don Bosco Youth Centre – T.K.Puram

Date: Began on 29th July, 2017 and continued on all Saturdays - except II Saturday

Co-ordinator: Sr.Venci X.

The VIDES adopted for this academic year the two villages Thriumani and Senur for rendering service to the children who are studying in Government Schools around the village. The VIDES members went in groups to coach the children on Saturdays (except the Saturdays they go home and during holidays) in the academic subjects and guided them to face their examinations with ease. The coaching class for the children was conducted at the tuition centre established by Bro.Lucas, the director of Don Bosco Youth Centre at T.K.Puram and followed by the volunteers who help him.

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Christmas Celebration – with the poor students

Date: 17.12.2017

Co-ordinator: Sr. Venci X. and Sr. Felix A.

Fifty VIDES members participated in the Christmas Celebration held at 10.30 a.m. for the selected poor students along with their family members in Auxilium School Campus. The VIDES students performed a LIVE crib with carols and with a brief message for Christmas. The new dresses were distributed to the twelve students and their family members with the contribution of the students. The lunch was provided for all the people and the students who participated in the celebration by the Auxilium School VIDES unit.

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Father Provincial's Visit to Rural Don Bosco Youth Centre – T.K.Puram

Date: 22.01.2018

Co-ordinator: Bro.Lucas, SDB

Chief Guest: Rev.Fr. K.M. Jose, SDB – The Provincial of Chennai Salesian Province

The VIDES members along with the Rangers went to Don Bosco Youth centre at 5.30 p.m. as the Salesian Provincial of Chennai, Rev. Fr. K.M. Jose is about to visit the villages to which the students go for their extension activities. The parents and the students about three hundred of them were gathered in the hall to share about all the benefits received through this centre. The Provincial with the community of Don Bosco arrived at 6 p.m. One of the students from the village gave a warm welcome to the team and all those who are present there. Fr. Provincial appreciated and thanked Bro. Lucas and all those who collaborate with him for the development brought about in those places. On behalf of the VIDES, the students performed a dance which brought the message that Jesus had come down from heaven to the earth to bring peace and hope. The different group of students of the study centres, performed dance programme to entertain all. The dinner was served to all those who were present on that day.

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Day of Sharing in the village Melapadi near Vallimalai

Date: 03.02.2018

Co-ordinator: Sr.Venci X. & Mr.Raja – Auxilium School VIDES President

Thirty Vides members went to the village named “Melapadi” near Vallimalai, wherein the poor people migrated from different places reside. They were accompanied by Sr.Venci and left the campus by 2.30 p.m. in the afternoon by bus sent by Don Bosco Matriculation Higher Secondary school. At 4 p.m., they were made to gather in one place at the courtyard of a house and Mr.Mohan, the pastor introduced about us and the purpose of our visit. Rev. Sr.Felix, the Auxilium Home unit co-ordinator addressed the people and told them about our movement which desires to reach out to all the needy and shares what we could to fulfill their needs. The students taught few songs for all the children and they too sang what they knew. The Auxilium School Vides Unit members prepared a short drama on the topic, ‘importance of education’ and staged them so as to make every one joyful. After the programme, the 35 women of the village were provided with new Sarees which are contributed by the students of our unit. It had been the regular activity that we distribute them for any chosen village after Christmas. The biscuits and snacks were distributed for all to mark the day of celebration.

Besides this, the regular meetings for the members of Vides were held twice in a month to impart to them values based on voluntary service inside and outside the campus, being charitable towards the needy and to invoke God’s blessings for others. Thus we the vides, through voluntary service reached out to render our service to the less fortunate.

