



January Report



Hospitality Training Admission

We praise God for your continued support for our work here in India which enabled us to start the New Year by admitting two of our at risk young women in a short term hospitality training. They are also pursuing their under graduate studies in a local college.



During the admission process in Donbosco training office.



We made a visit at DB Tech office with the girls and gave them a firsthand orientation on the courses available and tour of the training centre. The girls are keen on working hard for a purpose driven life and we are grateful to have this opportunity to stand with them in their restoration journey.

For the new batch of at risk girls & survivors we are looking at paid hostel or rented room facility which is near their college and training centre as it is not possible for the girls to travel on a daily basis from their village. We had planned to provide them accommodation in Papa House centre but due to the new Government guideline Survivors/at risk girls above the age of 16 years cannot be placed in the same

premises as children therefore we will be looking for a hostel facility for the new batch girls before their classes starts for the new session.



We are so proud of their journey and we take great pride in standing with them in their restoration journey.



After the admission it was a great time for the girls to have a fun day at the city centre.



The girls also had fun picking out some earrings /accessories for themselves.

Field Visits



Holistic survivor centered healing is found in a safe community therefore we make sure we continue to connect with the community on a regular basis. Our hope remains the same to reach the unreached with the divine hope & healing that lies only

in Jesus. This is Khusbu's village and she is among the first in her family and community to continue her studies without getting married at an early age. Child marriage is a common tradition in her family. We are thankful that we have your support to stop the bondages of these traditions which robs a child of the basic rights-right to education, welfare and holistic restoration.

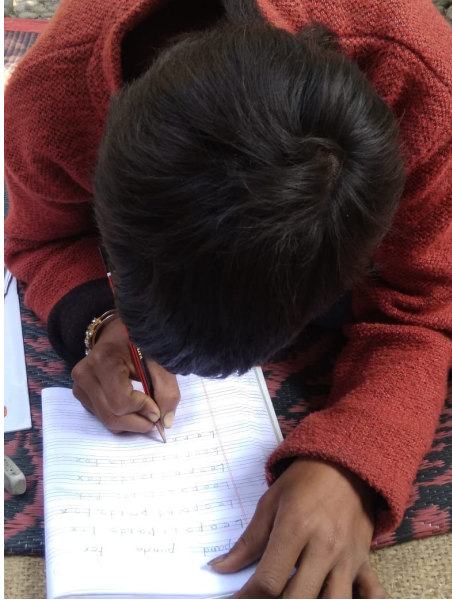
Our field team continues to work with her family and community to break free of such traditional practices which in not in alignment of the purpose God has in store for a thriving community.



As part of our monthly follow up we visited Khusbu and interacted with the family as she was facing some opposition from her own family who wanted her to beg on the streets and labour instead of continuing with the tuition classes we started for her.

The social worker who is working for Khusbu's care & study in her community was present and shared some of the progress she has made so fare.

This little moment of Joy gives us the courage to continue doing what we do.



Our social worker started her tuition classes for weekly 5 days with regular follow up with the family when she misses the classes. Before the classes we met her previous tuition teacher from her locality to get an idea about khusbu and understand her specific needs.

Khusbu needs more time do well in her studies and our social worker is first building good rapport with her. Our social worker has been using the following techniques to teach her:

1. Creative ways of learning through videos and colouring
2. Building rapport by acts of love, empathy & acceptance
3. Music & Art to making learning fun

Despite the initial challenge of inattentiveness and irregularity from Khusbu now we are seeing small positive changes in her every day. She is more regular and has started to make good bonding with her tuition teacher learning and enjoying the whole new process.



Khusbu is now able to do her homework and is willing to learn. She is also starting to use the health & hygiene lessons and keep her daily cleanliness routine. She still needs more time to progress. She is also opening up about her likes, dislikes and sharing about her feelings & emotions.

Our social worker will be exploring residential school options for her if she is willing or a day's scholar option.



Khusbu with her family.





During one of our field visits the social worker is sharing information on one of our upcoming programs at our Siliguri centre for which Khusbu needs to accompany the social worker. Through community field visits we want to foster relationships with the families towards love and good deeds, encouraging them to taste and see what it means to have Jesus as their personal savior through our lives and actions.

Child Welfare Committee Visit (Children's court)



Our Social worker and Legal Intern outside the Children Court office.

Since 2015 we have continued to bridge build working with government stakeholders proclaiming those strongholds in the name of Jesus so that we have favour in all that we do to bring lasting impact in the lives of survivors and communities. We are glad that God has truly been our divine guide in our work which most times can get very challenging with delays and disappointments working with the Government and local authorities. We praise God that we are able to submit the four month follow up report of Khusbu to the CWC –Children's court in Jalpaiguri. In the report we enlisted all the activities and services we have been providing to Khusbu

Asha's Story – a survivor of human trafficking



Asha (name changed) had run away from home with a boy who promised her love and a comfortable life but eventually ended up selling her for few thousand rupees. Asha went on to stay in a Government Shelter home in Kolkata after her rescue and now lives with her Mother in Fulbari near Siliguri. We are beyond blessed to have this opportunity to have Asha's case referred to us so that we can take care in providing her with all the aftercare services after the need assessment. Asha is still very hostile towards us due to her past traumatic experiences she takes time to trust and find hope in people she meets. We will continue to reach out to her in love & compassion and stand with her in her restoration journey. Kindly continue praying for us as a team as it a highly sensitive case and we want to see a lasting transformation & healing in Asha's life. We truly believe that Asha deserves a second chance in life to experience the true and lasting love that lies in Jesus and we are optimistic to be the source of true comfort in her life.

Joy of Giving

We
donated 40 shawls
for the children of
Govt. Aided JJ home, Jalpaiguri

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to the 40 survivors living in a Government aided shelter with shawls to keep them warm during the cold winter season. Thank You for helping us make a difference.

Trainings



We conducted a legal & counselling training in collaboration with Vihaan an organisation that provides technical trainings in Two Government Shelter homes –

Anubhab Home & Nijolay Home for two consecutive days in Jalpaiguri. The objective of the training workshop is to help the care givers to have an understanding of the various laws and policies which are available for protection of survivors of human trafficking.

The key objective of the session on counselling & anger management was caring of the caregivers focusing on stress and burnout, balancing work and professional life.





We are thrilled that we were able to present about our ongoing work at the Darjeeling District Child Rights Network meeting at Seva Kendra Siliguri.



Prayer and counselling for Khusbu and her family:



We had invited Khusbu and her father and mother for a small fellowship lunch and prayed for them and shared about our plans for Khusbu. We felt it is important to be intentional and pray for the family as only through powerful act of prayer we can win their hearts to turn to Jesus.



We provided lunch and travelling allowance for the parents, Khusbu and our social worker from Odlabari to Siliguri and back.

Team Picnic



We organised for a short Day picnic with our field team and the trainers after we finished the two day trainings in the Government Homes. It was a great time of unwinding for the team and praying together for a greater resilience in the lord. Some of the field team have not yet accepted Christ as their personal saviour therefore we are praying harder this year to bring them to experience the love of Jesus and let the

Holy Spirit stir their hearts as we continue to share about the transformational love of Jesus with them.

Personal Testimony:



Training the Police & Civic Volunteers on Anti Child trafficking Laws as a guest trainer for World Vision India.

I want to extend my gratitude to each one of you who have stood with me -

praying a powerful prayer for my complete healing so that I can continue what God intends to do in this part of India through my life. It is only possible because of the greater glory & power of our saviour Jesus that I am able to live a life thriving physically & spiritually. Through all storms of life only my saviour has held my hand restored my body and brought me this far in this journey. Thank You to each one of you who continue to sow in my life and my work here in India. Without your invaluable support we couldn't have had the impact we continue to make in this part of our nation India.
