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Easter is the time when people throughout the world rejoice in their new birth through baptism into the family of Christ. For us Easter is the greatest feast of all. This is the day Jesus, our saviour, and brother, broke the chains of death and rose in triumph from the grave. This is truly the Day of the lord. But it is our day too, for Jesus shares with us the fruits of his victory

I bring before you my heart felt thanks to you all and your families for the continued support that you give to the work of St. Mary's Trust in India. I thank you also for your supporting the children through the sponsorship programme which will help towards improving the lives of the street-children in India. Thank you also for your faith and trust placed in the workers in Eluru in India who carry out the mission of St Mary's Trust. 'Giving a New life to a child'.

Your donation has a far-reaching ripple effect affecting not only the lives of the children, but also their families and the whole impoverished communities, bringing them self-esteem and hope, where once there was only despair. Without your support, our vision would not be the reality is today. Thank you once again for your continued support.

I wish you all a very happy and Blessed Easter. May the risen Lord Bless you and your families.

Fr. Dominic Chukka.

Message from India

Greetings to all in England from all here in Pedavegi, India. We send our warmest regards and thanks for all your support over the last four years. We would like to express and extend our gratitude towards the visit of Fr David Sanden and Mr & Mrs Kelly in January/February. Each and every moment of their stay inspired us to achieve our vision.

Twelve children of our boarding home made their first holy communion on the 23rd of January. Mass was celebrated by Fr David Standen from the United Kingdom in the presence of Fr Dominic which was followed by a celebration meal.

Progress of the School building:

Block I with 10 class rooms are completed. .All out side work has been carried out. A few minor tasks are left to do indoors such as plastering and a bit of wiring. It is hoped that the school will be completed in time for the new school year which starts in June 2009.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Raj the Trust key workers and all the children

A letter from: Paddy, Deirdre & James Kelly

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As a sponsor like you, we had often wondered about the home, School and especially the children, where exactly our funds are spent. After our visit we can assure each and every one of you that your funds and contributions are spent wisely and well, the children are thriving not only physically, mentally but educationally as well.

We consider ourselves to be very lucky, and privileged to have visited St Mary's. The life changing memories will remain in our lives for ever.

In India Raj and his key workers, have done a wonderful job with the St Mary's Project, we very much look forward one day to make a return journey and hopefully with all our continued support see further developments, like ourselves please continue to support the trust in any small way you can, as it definitely makes such a difference to all concerned.

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My Stay in India by Fr David Standen

Over the years Fr. Dominic has tried to persuade me to visit Eluru, and every year I found a reason not to go, this year I found no good excuse, and I now regret not having responded to the invitations years ago. It was a fascinating visit and I wish I could have stayed for longer.

Though I knew in theory the range of work that the trust did, it's only when you see it in action you realize the breadth of the need and the scope of the work which the trust facilitates and organizes.

To go from village to village seeing the Women's Education Centres and all that they are learning and being enabled to earn. To visit the Deaf and Dumb School with its young men and women being given a chance to face the future with confidence. To hear about the medical and educational camps which are held in the summer.

And then the chance to meet and spend time with the children in the Don Bosco Home and in Saint Mary's and Christopher's School. Their enthusiasm to learn and to use the English which they are learning is an inspiration. It was wonderful to see the building developments on the school site, and to hear such positive reports of the education the children are receiving.

But for me the highpoint was being invited to preside at the First Holy Communion Mass. The devotion and enthusiasm of those young people as they made their First Communion will always remain with me.

David Standen

2nd April 2009

The trustees would like to thank The Kelly Family and Fr David Standen for sharing their experiences with us of India. Their enthusiasm is so overwhelming and uplifting. Please see below The Wish List for the coming year if anyone can help we would very much appreciate it. Thank You.

Wish List

Uniform clothes, text and note books for our boarding children	
for new school year	1200.00
Benches for School	500.00
Medical camp held in month of May	200.00
summer Camp	200.00
Women centres	200.00