

# THE MARIANIST NOVITIATE, RANCHI, INDIA

## News Letter

Date: April, 2010  
Place: Nirmal Deep

### APOSTOLIC WORK



For almost one month from Sept 13 to 11<sup>th</sup> of Oct 2009, the second year novices were in the villages for their apostolic experiences at one of our neighboring parishes, Dighya. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of Oct 09, right after Mass, there was a cultural programme by the 2<sup>nd</sup> years for the parish. Through this programme, the novices entertained the parishners and gave a profound Christian message to terminate their stay there.

### VISITATION OF OUR BROTHERS TO OUR COMMUNITY



On the 8<sup>th</sup> of Nov 09, the Marianist Brothers and coworkers from Binda visited Nirmal Deep community. With them, we had the Holy Eucharistic celebration followed by lunch.

### HIRNI FALLS



On Nov the 15<sup>th</sup>, all the novices and staff made a trip to Binda Asha Deep Community,

Hirni falls located nearby. All the novices enjoyed taking a shower at the waterfalls. It was our first visit to Binda. What a joyful time!

#### THE DAY OF THANKSGIVING



To respect the American Brothers we celebrated with them Thanksgiving Day, extending our gratitude for all the graces and blessing we received throughout the year. Thus, the whole Community marked the 26<sup>th</sup> of Nov as our day of thanksgiving.

#### CHILDREN'S DAY

To help the Reds on Children's Day on Nov.14<sup>th</sup>, the novices were invited to Gyan Deep community. There we were involved in helping run the programme for

the children, a programme organized in the parish of "Samlong." After the conclusion of their cultural programme, the novices extended their supporting hands in distributing the food for the Reds Children.

#### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On the eve of solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the novices joined with the Marianist Sisters for a tea party at Shanty Deep.

#### BIRTHDAY PARTY

We were invited to one of our friends' home for a birthday celebration on 10<sup>th</sup> of Dec 09. We had a great swim in their pond and a delicious meal provided by our friends. The trip, made by bicycle, was very pleasant.

#### WORKSHOP

From Nov 30 to 4<sup>th</sup> of Dec 09, the novices of S.M. & F.M.I. had a workshop on social analysis, both presented by Bro. Alex, SM. The class was both dynamic and interesting. Thanks, Bro. Alex.

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#### CLASSES

For the academic year of 2008 to 2010 We have had a variety of classes, such as the Introduction to the Bible, the Rule of the Life of the Society of Mary, the History of the Society of Mary, Marianist Spirituality, Consecrated life, Introduction to Mariology, Documents of Vatican II, History of Spirituality, Prayer, Introduction to the Computer, Enneagram, Music, Sexuality, English, Homiletics and Sociology. The classes on the different methods of mental prayer, on Mary, on mixed composition, and community life were also part of our study. Our Novitiate began with the orientation to

the novitiate and concluded with discernment classes. We were also introduced to the sacraments, the synoptic Gospels and the letters of St Paul and St Peter.

#### REPUBLIC DAY



We had an exciting celebration on Republic Day. We began with the Holy Eucharist at 6 O' clock in the morning, Fr. Iggie presiding. The chapel was decorated with our most beautiful flowers from our own gardens. After finishing Holy Mass, we had a flag hoisting in front of the main building. Br. Maria was the chief guest, who addressed the Novices with great enthusiasm about some of the patriots of India. We had a march - past around our own Heart Garden.

THANKS GIVEN TO BRO. DAN



On March 24<sup>th</sup> Bro.Dan arrived to Nirmal Deep. We welcomed him by dancing with him from the driveway to the living room. Bro.Dan was with us for three weeks during which we learned many new hymns from the Gather hymnal. These will help us in future liturgies. Both he and we worked really hard and profited greatly by his instruction. On April 17<sup>th</sup> we gave a thanksgiving program for his departure and also for his diamond jubilee as a Marianist. What we could learn from him beside the music

was that this 79 years old Brother is very dynamic with a great sense of humor. At the end of the family night programme, we

gifted him with an Indian shirt and western trousers for his 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Marianist.

Karate Class



Among other things, to make our bodies more flexible, we did karate for five months, beginning in Nov. This class was under the guidance of Mr. Bernade. On 27<sup>th</sup> of March, we did a karate demonstration. During the demonstration, Bro. Samuel badly injured his knee. Bro. Iggie thanked the karate master for his contribution. Through the classes, all the novices became much more flexible than when they first began karate in November.

Some Spiritual Events:



We had the Easter Vigil celebration on the evening of 3<sup>rd</sup> the April in our own community. The choir conducted by Bro. Dan, SM was outstanding.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> year Novices had a Retreat with Fr. Vargeese.

It was held in our main building. From the 18<sup>th</sup> of April to the 25<sup>th</sup>. The retreat was inspiring. After the retreat, everyone was shining like the morning star.

Fr.Varghese worked hard and helped the novices to form a closer relationship with God.  
THE REPAIR and DECORATION OF OUR PROPERTY.

In the month of November 2009, Mr.Sumithra, an engineer, came to Nirmal Deep to talk with Fr. Iggie regarding the repair and painting of all out buildings. The buildings are now 10 years old. After a few days, the engineer brought laborers to begin the work. First, they began to repair the chapel. They spent a lot of time to do the repair and painting but they finished the chapel just before the Christmas so that we could celebrate the Christmas Vigil Mass there. Then the workers continued on all the other buildings. By the end of March, they finished most of the works. Now Nirmal Deep is so beautiful it is almost like heaven.

Some Recent Excursions;



We went to Jonah Falls for a picnic on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The day was terribly hot but we made it a very enjoyable day. We went group by group to see the Falls in the mountains and had a shower in the streams. Later we returned to camp for lunch. After we tribal danced and took some of Fr. Iggie's famous rose wine. A good time was had by all.

On March 14<sup>th</sup> our Family Mary members and we went to UL-HATU. When we reached 1 KM before the shrine, we got out of the car and walked the rest of the distance. After we had the Eucharist and a whole day of prayer, singing and saying the Rosary. We finished by doing the way of the

cross. We concluded our pilgrimage and returned home at 7 pm.

Novitiate Clear of 2010 with Mary hovering above each



Bro. Suresh from Jharkhand



Bro. Shanthi from Orissa



Bro. George from Orissa



Bro. Lalit from Orissa



Bro. Lijo from Kerala



Bro. Rohit from Jharkhand



Bro. Daniel from Tamil Nadu



Bro. Samual from Jharkhand



Bro. Binod from Orissa

