



SATHYA SAI INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION  
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*“The Organisations named after Me are not to be used for publicising My Name or creating a new cult around My worship. They must try to spread interest in recitation of God’s Name, meditation, and other spiritual exercises that lead man Godward. They must demonstrate the joy derivable from devotional singing and remembering the Lord’s Name, the peace that one can draw from good company. They must render selfless service to the helpless, the sick, the distressed, the illiterate, and the needy. Their service should not be exhibitionistic; it must seek no reward, not even gratitude or thanks from the recipients.”*

**-Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba  
February 23, 1968**



**Dedicated with love and reverence to**

*Sri Sathya Sai Baba*



*“An act of service by itself may be a small thing. But it must be done wholeheartedly. Just as a cow transforms whatever it may consume into sweet, wholesome milk, any kind of service rendered with a pure heart will result in great good. You should not have any returns in view in rendering service. “This is my duty. I am born to serve” – it is with such an attitude that you should take up service.”*

**–Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba  
November 19, 1987**

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## Foreword

*“The main objective of the Sathya Sai Organisation, which you must always keep before you, is to help man to recognise the Divinity that is inherent in him... The Sathya Sai Organisation must recognise and re-establish this Truth – that the Atma (Divine Self) is the Reality of everyone, however distinct they may appear in physical form and mental equipment.”*

**–Sri Sathya Sai Baba**

6<sup>th</sup> January 1975

**W**e are all truly blessed and fortunate to be contemporaries of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, the Universal Teacher and Incarnation of Love, who is guiding and guarding us every moment. He came to remind man of his divine origin. Sri Sathya Sai Baba has uplifted mankind through His teachings of love and service to all, by providing free education, free water supply and free health care. The global proportion to which His work has quietly grown is astounding and unparalleled in the history of mankind.

The inspiration from Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba’s example and message of unconditional pure love and selfless service has resulted in the establishment of about 2,040 Sathya Sai Centres in 115 countries outside of India. Members of these Centres are united by a common bond of love for God and a common goal of selfless service and Self-Realization through transformation. Centre activities include study of the teachings of Sathya Sai Baba and group devotional singing, meditation and selfless service to the community.

This 2011–2012 annual report of the Sathya Sai International Organisation gives highlights of the various facets of the global Sathya Sai Mission in the fields of education, medicine and community service.

## **Sathya Sai Education**

There are 28 Institutes of Sathya Sai Education (ISSEs) in 28 countries, and 41 Sathya Sai Schools in 27 countries which promote Human Values-based education in countries outside of India. In addition, Sai Spiritual Education (SSE) classes are organised on a regular basis by the Sathya Sai Centres for children 3 to 18 years old. Sathya Sai Education in Human Values (SSEHV) classes are also organised in the community.

## **Sathya Sai Global Health Mission**

The Sathya Sai International Organisation promotes and facilitates Sathya Sai Baba's Global Healthcare Mission, which provides healthcare in many countries, free of cost, with excellence, comprehensiveness, compassion, love and a determination to prevent illness and maintain good health. Between April 2011 and March 2012, 36 Sathya Sai medical and dental clinics in 10 countries served an estimated 64,000 patients free of cost, and about 242 medical and dental camps were organised in 21 countries, at which an additional 56,000 patients received care. Sathya Sai volunteers also provide loving service to animals through free veterinary camps.

## **Community Service**

The service activities at the Centres, Regions and Zones include providing food, clothing, school supplies and daily provisions to the needy, building homes, repairing old homes, visiting old age homes, prisons and convalescent hospitals, mentoring students from economically impoverished backgrounds and providing relief to the victims of the disasters such as floods, earthquakes, Tsunamis etc. Inspired by Bhagawan Baba's message, the youth are actively engaged in all these service activities of the Sathya Sai International Organisation.

Following the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011 Tohoku Kanto Earthquake on the north-east coast of Honshu, Japan's largest island, and the subsequent tsunami, the Sathya Sai Organisation of Japan responded immediately and distributed much-needed supplies including medicines, clothing, towels, sheets and food. Disaster relief activities were also carried out in Laos and Thailand in September 2011, following flooding due to tropical storms, and in Indonesia following a fire emergency in September 2011. In Haiti, earthquake relief work has continued from January 2010 till today, including medical services, Narayana seva (providing food and water for the needy), support of orphanages and provision of clothing and shelter.

## **Prasanthi Nilayam Events**

The devotees of the Sathya Sai International Organisation participate with love and enthusiasm in service activities, events and celebrations at Prasanthi Nilayam ("Abode of Supreme Peace") ashram in Puttaparthi, India. These events include conferences, celebrations of major festivals of various faiths and cultures, pilgrimages, presentations of cultural programmes and service activities.

Conferences during the reporting period included a Sri Sathya Sai International Orthopaedic Conference and a conference of Sathya Sai youth



leaders from across the world. Festivals celebrated by the overseas devotees at Prasanthi Nilayam during the period include Chinese New Year, Buddha Purnima and Christmas.

Pilgrimages to Prasanthi Nilayam during the past year included groups of devotees arriving from Germany, Persian Gulf countries, Turkey, Poland, United Kingdom, United States, Southern Europe and Australia. These organised groups offered their love and gratitude to Bhagawan through presenting a gamut of cultural programmes, including Vedam chanting, devotional singing and performances of skits and plays on a variety of spiritual themes, including unity of religions, human values, selfless service and the life of Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

During the pilgrimages, devotees also took part in rendering loving service through volunteering at the ashram canteens, Chaitanya Jyothi, Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Sathya Sai General Hospital and Sathya Sai Super Specialty Hospital. Every year healthcare professionals from overseas provide medical services to the needy during the major festival times in Prasanthi Nilayam. In the year 2011, during the celebrations of Gurupoornima and Bhagawan's birthday, overseas doctors served 4,915 patients. Also, Sathya Sai youth from the United Kingdom took part in a Grama-Seva project (service in rural villages) in the vicinity of Prasanthi Nilayam.

Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba is the Light guiding humanity from chaos, despair, hatred and despondency to joy, peace and bliss. He has guided, protected and given counsel, comfort and inspiration to millions around the world. Even after His Maha Samadhi in April 2011, devotees continue to experience His Omnipresence, divine protection and guidance, everywhere, all the time. He is our eternal companion who was with us, who is with us now and who will be with us forever.

I pray to Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba to continue to bless us with more and more opportunities to love and serve all, without distinction of caste, creed, religion or economic status. Let the infinite and pristine divine love of Bhagawan Baba awaken us and lead us from ignorance to knowledge, darkness to light, diversity to unity and duality to non-duality.

Samastha Loka Sukhino Bhavantu – May All The Worlds Be Happy

Jai Sai Ram

Dr. Narendranath Reddy

Chairman, Prasanthi Council

# Sathya Sai International Organisation

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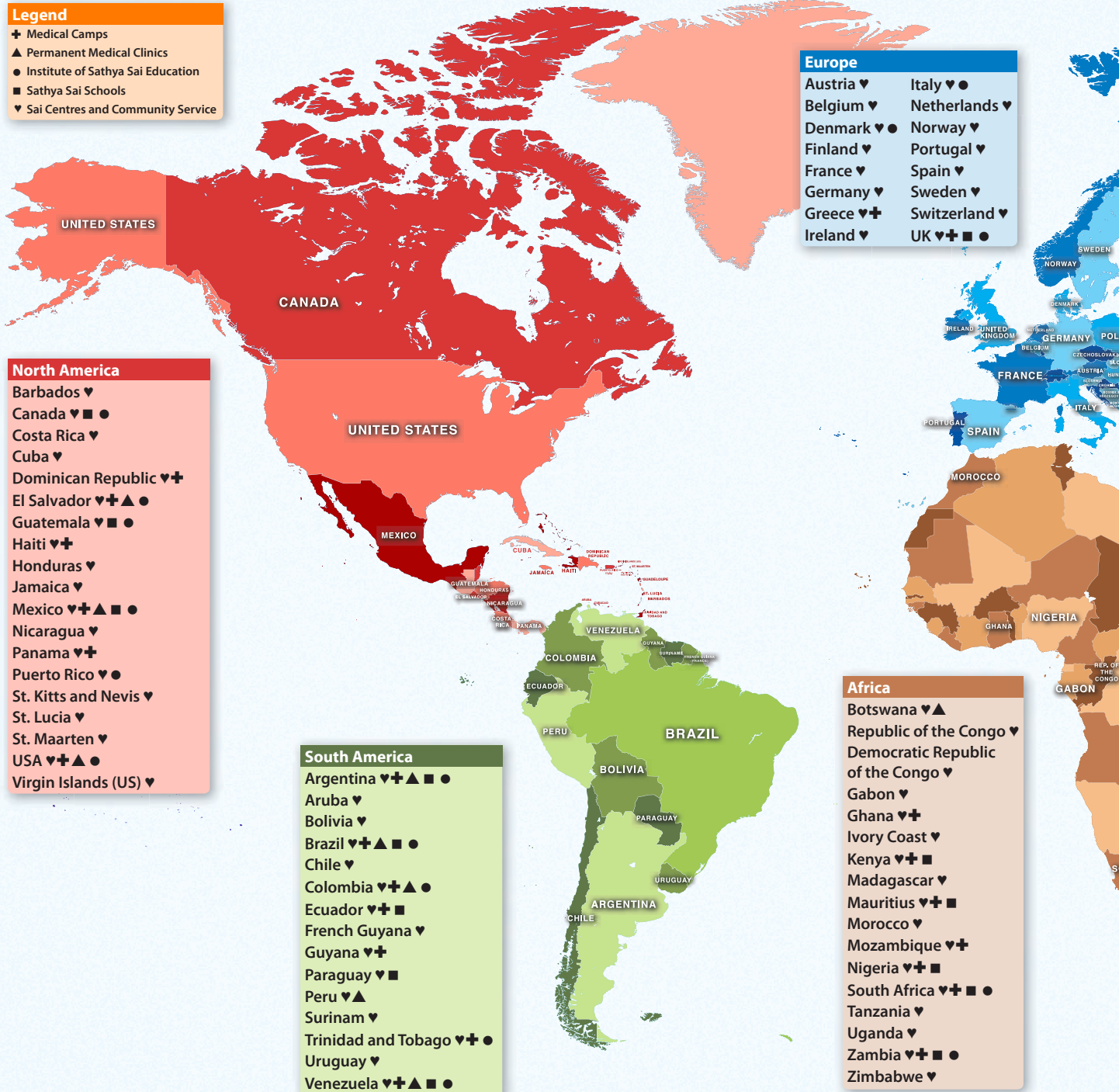
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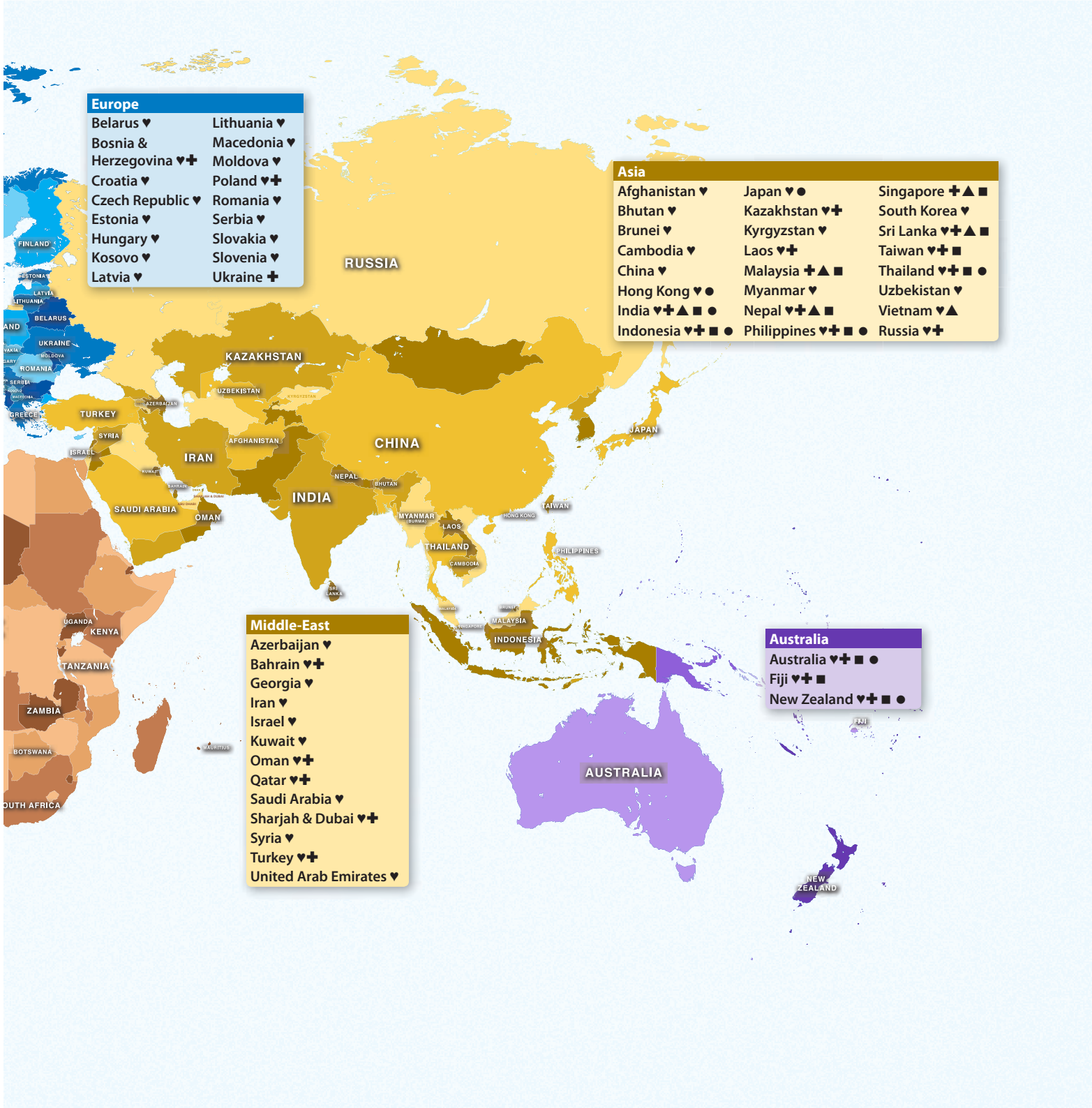
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- Finland ▼
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# **SATHYA SAI EDUCATION**

## **Summary Report 2011-2012**

*“Education should promote the practice of truth and right conduct. Unfortunately educational institutions today have become merely workshops manufacturing degree-holders. The acquisition of degrees cannot constitute education. Education must promote ethical behaviour. It must foster self-control. This is the essential function of education.”*

**–Sri Sathya Sai Baba**

22<sup>nd</sup> November 1989

### **Sai Spiritual Education**

Sai Spiritual Education (SSE) is a unique programme of spiritual education for children of devotees of Sri Sathya Sai Baba. SSE classes are held in Sathya Sai Centres in over 90 countries. Teacher manuals, curricula and lesson plans have been developed in many countries to meet various cultural needs.

Every year approximately 5,000 teachers (Bal Vikas Gurus) and 300,000 children participate in these programs conducted at the Sathya Sai Centres outside India.

The International Education Committee of Sri Sathya Sai World Foundation (SSSWF) produced a set of Guidelines for Sai Spiritual Education which has been circulated to all Zones.

### **Sathya Sai Schools**

A Sathya Sai School is a full-time, independent, private school that integrates secular education with spiritual education, fostering character development and the practice of human values in daily life, based on the spiritual teachings of Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

Sathya Sai Schools are anchored in the traditions and cultures of their respective countries or localities and subject themselves to government oversight following the official curricula of local and national educational authorities and preparing children for national examinations at various educational levels.

There are 41 Sathya Sai Schools in 27 countries outside India:

Argentina	Fiji Islands	New Zealand	Thailand
Australia	Guatemala	Paraguay	Taiwan
Brazil:	Indonesia, Bengkulu	Peru	UK
Vila Isabel	Kenya Nairobi Uthiru	Philippines	Venezuela
Pernambuco	Kenya Kisaju	Singapore	Zambia (4 schools)
Goiás	Mexico Chihuahua	Sri Lanka	
Ribeirão Preto	Mexico Cuernavaca	South Africa:	
Minas Gerais	Malaysia	Chatsworth	
Canada	Mauritius	CapeTown	
Colombia	Nigeria	Lenasia	
Ecuador, Bahia	Nepal, Kathmandu	Newcastle	
Ecuador, Guayaquil	Nepal, Pokhara		

## Institutes of Sathya Sai Education

An Institute of Sathya Sai Education (ISSE) is part of a worldwide network of educational institutions that have been established to promote the principles and programs of Sathya Sai Education in Human Values (SSEHV) at primary, secondary and tertiary levels, through both formal and informal channels of education, including community SSEHV programmes.

Each ISSE is a legally-constituted body, duly recognised by relevant public authorities in the respective country, and operates on a nonprofit basis. The ISSE is recognized by the Sri Sathya Sai World Foundation (SSSWF).

There are 28 ISSEs in 28 countries outside India:

Argentina	Fiji	Mexico	Taiwan
Australia	Guatemala	Nepal	Thailand
Brazil	Hong Kong	New Zealand	UK
Canada	Indonesia	Philippines	USA
Colombia	Ireland	Puerto Rico	Venezuela
Denmark	Italy	South Africa	West Indies
El Salvador	Mauritius	Sri Lanka	Zambia

## Sathya Sai Education in Human Values (SSEHV)

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## Activities in North America

ISSE-USA Diploma Course for educators took place from on 25<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011 on the Santa Barbara campus of the University of California. Twenty-seven Sathya Sai Educators from eight regions completed the Course. The first segment of the three-part Standard Diploma Course was offered by the ISSE-USA. The topics addressed included Philosophy and Pedagogy of Sathya Sai Educare, Core Tenets of Sathya Sai

Education, Teacher as Exemplar of the Human Values, Integral Relationship of the Human Personality and Human Values, Five Human Values from the Perspective of the Major Religions, Five Teaching Techniques, Direct and Indirect Curricular Models, How to Establish an Environment and Culture of Love and other programmes.



ISSE-USA Diploma Course

The SSE program in the USA worked on a website for SSE classes that can be used to teach online SSE lessons to devotee families who do not live near Sathya Sai Centres.

In 2011, ISSE Canada held its first diploma course for teachers, with 40 participants. Development of a partnership between the ISSE and two public schools is progressing. ISSE committees have complemented the activities of CISSE by upgrading its website, creating resources, initiating essay contests on Human Values and developing media releases.

In 2011, the Sathya Sai School in Toronto, Canada, was ranked as the top school out of 2,700 schools in Ontario and in 2012 continues to perform at the top level on provincial exams. The School expects to move into permanent facilities around September 2013.

## **Activities in Latin America Sathya Sai Schools**

The Sathya Sai School in Venezuela serves all secondary grades and is studying the feasibility of providing university courses at a government institution. The first batch of students who entered the Sathya Sai School of Brazil in 2002 graduated from 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2012.

In Chihuahua, Mexico, the Sathya Sai School is in the process of purchasing land to construct its own school building. Currently classes are conducted in a rented building.

Likewise, land is being acquired for Sathya Sai Schools in Panama and the Dominican Republic.

### **Institute of Sathya Sai Education (ISSE)**

ISSE-Mexico was awarded Human Values faculty positions by the prestigious Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education to teach Human Values to all students at the Institute. The ISSE is also publishing 10 manuals on Human Values accompanied by CDs of songs with Human Values themes.

ISSE El Salvador has published a manual for primary school. The Institute has continued to present 90-hour Diploma Courses for college teachers and to award diplomas for academic credit.

ISSEs are being established in Panama, Colombia, Bolivia, Uruguay, Ecuador, Guadeloupe, Dominican Republic, and Peru.

In addition to the training offered to teachers in their own country, ISSE Dominican Republic has extended their teacher training programs to teachers in Haiti.

ISSE Puerto Rico continues to conduct up to ten 48-hour training programmes per year and recently published a story book on Human Values.

ISSE Guadeloupe provides trainings at the basic 48-hour course level.



**Diploma course, Venezuela**

Introductory conferences on SSEHV have been held in Haiti, Costa Rica, Honduras and Nicaragua.

ISSE Ecuador provided a Diploma Course in 2011.

ISSE Brazil monitors and guides the five Sathya Sai Schools established in the country and continue to provide courses for educators. A national meeting of the five Sathya Sai Schools of Brazil was held in 2012.

ISSE Argentina works integrally with Argentina's Sathya Sai School. The ISSE will host the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Latin America ISSE Diploma Course in 2013.

### **Activities in Europe, UK and Russian-speaking countries**

Institute of Sathya Sai Education (ISSE) UK conducted a preliminary Diploma Course in 2012.

Over the past three years European Sathya Sai Educare (ESSE) Institute has provided updated SSEHV trainings in Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland and Russia. The programmes were conducted at the German campus of ESSE.



SSEHV training in Lithuania

ISSE Southern Europe provided SSEHV trainings in Italy, Spain, Greece, Croatia, Slovenia, Macedonia and France.

### **Activities in Indonesia**

The Ministry of Education of Indonesia has selected the Insan Teladan (Human Values) School in Jakarta as one among ten schools for having the best practices in character education. Ten lecturers from ten Islamic Higher Education Institutions from different parts of Indonesia visited the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Puttaparthi, during 2011 and returned to Indonesia after having a very positive and uplifting experience.

### **Activities in Thailand**

#### **ISSE and Sathya Sai School**

Continuing its long history of providing Institute courses, ten-week Diploma courses were held by ISSE-Thailand in both 2011 and 2012, with participants from various countries. In the last two years, large numbers of teachers from public and private schools, hailing from Indonesia, Singapore, Sumatra and South Korea, continued to visit and observe the School and Institute



Sathya Sai School of Thailand

in Thailand. Groups of teachers from Jakarta and South Korea were accompanied by students on a student exchange programme. In 2011, at the invitation of government ministries, ISSE-Thailand faculty members gave talks and seminars in Bhutan and Mauritius. ISSE faculty also were invited to give talks in Vietnam, Shanghai, China, Singapore and Jakarta.



The Sathya Sai School of Thailand is organized into two campuses, one for girls and one for boys. Grades 1 to 3 are coed; boys from Grade 4 onwards attend the boys' campus. Every year thousands of visitors including teachers, university professors, graduate and undergraduate students visit the Sathya Sai School, and at least once every month, one of the Thailand television stations visits the school to interview the faculty and take photographs. The school has received various awards from time to time. Students and teachers at the School helped extensively to provide aid to flood victims in Bangkok during the devastating floods of 2011.

### Activities in Africa

In December 2011, TAISSSE conducted a diploma course for SSEHV teachers in Lagos, Nigeria.

The West Africa campus of TAISSSE conducted a workshop for Ugandan education professionals in Kampala in 2011. The workshop was inaugurated by Hon. Maria Mutagamba, Minister of the Government of Uganda.

The Sathya Sai School of Ndola celebrated its 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011, with the Provincial Education Officer (PEO) of Copperbelt Province in attendance as the guest of honour, on 19<sup>th</sup> April. In addition, many senior educators from the Ministry of Education took part in the celebrations. During his address, the PEO mentioned that the Ministry of Education had noted with interest the excellent results of the school for the past 20 years, with 100 percent passes and dozens of distinctions at Grades 7, 9 and 12. In his speech, Sri George Kunda, Minister of Justice, highlighted the proven track record of excellence of the school in producing children with high academic and moral standards who will become the future leaders of the country. He also noted that the Sathya Sai School of Ndola was reputedly known both locally and internationally as a "miracle school" by achieving the unachievable and empowering and uplifting the spirits of the children. He also highlighted the five values (truth, right action, peace, love and nonviolence), on which the school is sustained.

### Activities in South Africa

Curricula and material for the Introductory portion of the first Diploma Course have been completed after the adoption of the 2012 SSSWF Guidelines. For the first time since 2007, 18 out of 21 educators at the Chatsworth Sathya Sai School enrolled for an ISSE course. At the time of reporting, more than 50 percent of the Course has been completed. Faculty of the Lenasia Sathya Sai School started out with the Introductory Course during the re-



SSEHV training



TAISSSE campus, Ndola

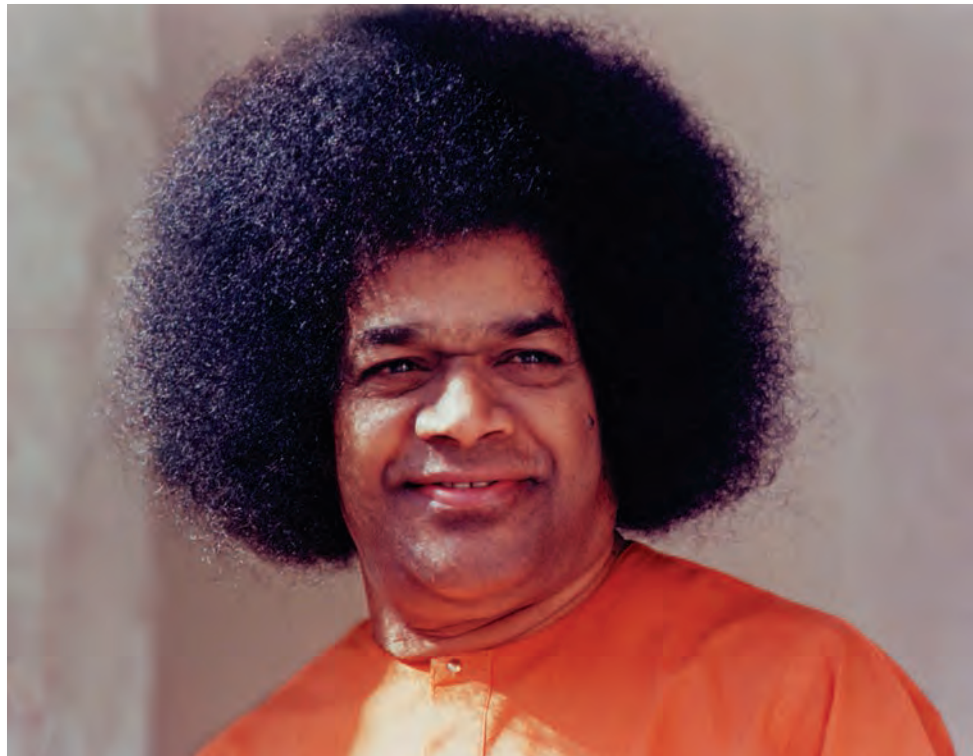
porting year, and plans are afoot for the Newcastle Sathya Sai School educators to start the Introductory Course later this year. The Course is offered to educators at the Rockford Primary School, an ISSE partnership school.

A conference of the Sathya Sai Schools was held in Durban on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011, where the achievements, challenges and developmental needs of the schools were discussed.

*“Education can claim success only when it results in the student gaining awareness of the Divinity inherent in him and others. No academic degree can confer as much self-confidence and self-satisfaction, and lead man as quickly and gladly to self-sacrifice and self-realisation, as that awareness.”*

–Sri Sathya Sai Baba

28<sup>th</sup> December 1986



# **Sathya Sai Global Health Mission**

## **April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012**

*“Doctors should serve the poor with a spirit of sacrifice. There is no greater service than this. ... As man is the embodiment of God, it is his primary duty to help the destitute and the forlorn. ... A true doctor is one who realises this truth and conducts himself accordingly.”*

–Sri Sathya Sai Baba  
5<sup>th</sup> July 2003

### **Introduction**

In recent decades the healthcare systems in most countries have declined. The rich can obtain healthcare readily but the poor have little or no medical recourse, including access to a qualified doctor. Worldwide healthcare budgets are high on deficit. The World Health Organization (WHO) has reported that overall global health has declined in the last decade. Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba emphasised that ideal healthcare is the birthright of everyone. The International Sathya Sai Organisation has taken Sathya Sai Baba’s message and implemented it, by delivering ideal healthcare to the needy. Not only has the organization set an example for others to follow, it also has won accolades and awards in many countries.

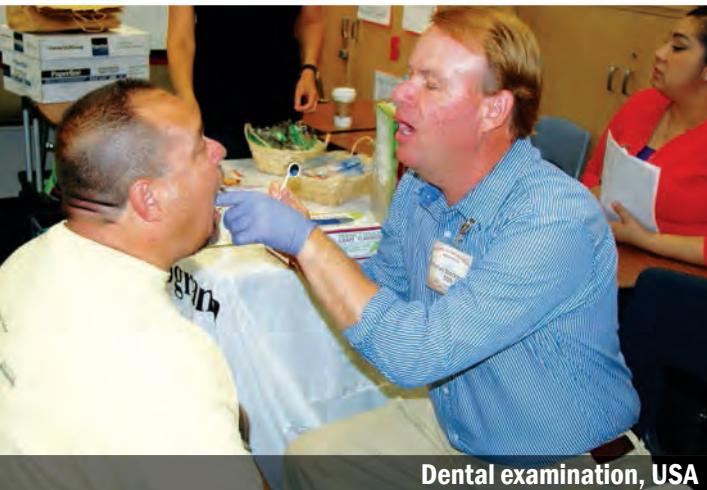
The Sri Sathya Sai International Medical Committee (SSSIMC) promotes and facilitates delivery of Ideal health care through Sathya Sai Baba’s Global Healthcare Mission. It has provided healthcare in several countries, free of cost, with excellence, comprehensiveness, compassion, love and determination to prevent illness and maintain good health. The Sathya Sai Global Healthcare Mission is guided by the five principles of Sathya Sai Ideal Healthcare, based on Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba’s teachings: (i) universal access to the state-of-the-art healthcare; (ii) healthcare services rendered free of cost to the patient; (iii) delivery of healthcare with love and compassion; (iv) comprehensive healthcare that treats the body, mind and spirit of the patient and (v) preventive healthcare that proactively educates patients and physicians alike to maintain ongoing health and to prevent disease.

The following report summarises the medical services provided outside India by the SSSIMC and also the services provided by visiting international Doctors at the Sathya Sai Medical Institutions and in the ashram premises in India during this report-year. Medical work by the Sathya Sai International Organisation has included disaster relief, medical clinics, medical camps, rehabilitation services, medical education of patients and doctors and delivery of medical supplies to other countries.

## Medical, Dental and Veterinary Camps and Clinics

Medical and dental camps and clinics have been conducted in many countries around the globe. During the period covered by this report, 36 medical and dental clinics in 10 countries served approximately 64,000 patients free of charge. In addition, about 242 medical and dental camps were conducted in 21 countries, where about 56,000 patients were treated. In short, services were provided to about 120,000 patients in total during the report-year.

In addition, Sathya Sai healthcare professionals provided support for three animal-care shelters in Malaysia and one in the USA. In these ongoing veterinary projects, volunteers provide care for the animals and donate supplies, including pet food. During the report-year these services were provided to more than 200 dogs, cats, cows, goats and turtles, and veterinary doctors provided free vaccinations.



Dental examination, USA



Medical camp, Fiji

Many of these medical and dental camps and clinics have won awards, commendations, plaques and noteworthy designation-of-the-day in the name of Sri Sathya Sai Baba. Honorable mentions have been awarded from governing bodies ranging from mayoral councils in cities to national parliaments of countries.

Besides these camps and clinics, the Sri Sathya Sai International Medical Committee held two medical camps in Prasanthi Nilayam, India. The first medical camp took place from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2011. Eighteen physicians, paramedical personnel and volunteers served 1,612 patients, 165 of whom received acute-care treatments including wound care, ECG, serum-glucose monitoring and nebulizer therapy for acute respiratory distress. The second medical camp was from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011, during which 24 medical team members saw 3,303 patients and rendered

398 acute-care treatments. Thus, the medical camps in Prasanthi Nilayam saw a total of 4,915 patients during the report-year.

## Medical and Dental Rotations at SSSGH, SSSIHMS-PG, SSSIHMS-WFD

Our Beloved Bhagawan has blessed the physicians outside of India with an opportunity to provide medical services at the Sri Sathya Sai General Hospitals (SSSGH) and the Sri Sathya Sai Institutes of Higher Medical Sciences (SSSIHMS). During the 2011–2012 report-year, 82 doctors from overseas worked at the Sri Sathya Sai General Hospital (SSSGH) in Prasanthigram (PG), India, serving about 25,000 patients. 31 doctors worked at the Sri Sathya Sai Institutes of Higher Medical Sciences (SSSIHMS) in Prasanthigram and Whitefield (WFD), India. In addition, 28 overseas dental

professionals served at the SSSGH, seeing a total of 21,600 patients and offering services that included consultations, dental procedures and oral-surgical procedures.

Specific guidelines have been developed for all physicians who volunteer their services in Swami's hospitals. The doctors and dentists are subject to a credentialing and selection process under the guidelines of the Sri Sathya Sai International Medical Committee, Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust (Medical Care Division), Medical Council of India, Dental Council of India and Government of India.

### Disaster Relief

With compassion and love, the Sathya Sai International Organisation promptly responded to a disaster created by a major earthquake and resultant tsunami in Japan in March 2011. The organisation delivered essential medical care in a timely fashion and on a long-term basis. The Sathya Sai Organisation of Japan distributed much-needed supplies including medicines. Twenty physicians from the Sathya Sai Organisation of Japan met an urgent request from the Miyagi Prefecture Police Headquarters and from the Miyagi Chapter of the All-Japan Medical Doctors and Dentists Foundation, assisting in pre-cremation medical processing of the mounting numbers of corpses retrieved from the disaster zone.

The Sathya Sai International Organisation has a strong commitment to provide disaster relief. Most of the time, the Sathya Sai Organisation is among the first to be present at the site of the disaster and among the last to leave the site. In Haiti, for example, the concerted efforts of the Sathya Sai International Organisation began one week after the earthquake in January of 2010. Now after nearly two years, rehabilitation support and Narayan Seva continues. In September 2011, the Sathya Sai Organisation of Dominican Republic sent seven doctors with medicines and equipment to Haiti to conduct a medical camp for one week.

### Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation services were provided in 13 countries. Services were provided through independent rehabilitation facilities belonging to the Sathya Sai Organisation as well as by participation in the programmes of already established rehabilitation facilities. As an example the 40-bed Sathya



Medical rotations at SSSGH



Packing relief supplies, Japan



Relief supplies delivery vehicle, Japan

Sai Suva Sevana Cancer Hospice in Hanwella, near Colombo, Sri Lanka is run by the Sathya Sai Organisation. It has treated and housed more than 330 terminally-ill cancer patients since its inception in July, 2002.

For more than two years since Haiti suffered the devastating earthquake in January 2010, the Sathya Sai Organisation has been providing rehabilitation



Caring for children, Haiti

support for orphanages in Haiti by giving food for the children and creating an atmosphere of love through frequent visits and loving interactions. On December 25, 2011, toys were distributed to more than 2,000 children followed by Bhajans and devotional songs.

### Education and Training

An International Medical Conference was held in Fiji at the University of Fiji campus on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2011, which included lectures, presentations and a poster exhibition. The UK held a Sai Ideal Healthcare Conference on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at the University of Reading in West Berkshire, UK. Both these conferences were replete with academic sessions interspersed with sessions on Sathya Sai values in healthcare. On 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011, a nursing conference was held in Fiji at the University of Fiji.



Post-graduate students receive training

With the blessings of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, Sri Sathya Sai International Medical committee and the Department of Orthopaedics, Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences (SSSIHMS), Prasanthigram, Puttaparthi hosted Sri Sathya Sai International Orthopaedic Conference 2011 on “Pelvis and Lower Extremity

Trauma”, which included lectures and hands on workshop. The Conference was conducted from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 and attended by 178 delegates from many countries. The purpose of the conference was to elucidate the recent advances in all aspects of trauma, complications and treatment. Highly reputed leaders and teachers in trauma surgery from India and abroad participated in the conference.

In addition to their clinical duties, the overseas doctors at the SSSGH, SSIHMS-PG and SSSIHMS-WFD provided ongoing education and support for post-graduate students at the Sathya Sai hospitals, both through direct teaching sessions and also with the liberal use of Telemedicine technology. Teaching sessions were aimed at preparing the residents for their National Board exams. Weekly Telemedicine sessions in Neuroradiology and General Radiology were helpful to the post-graduate students. These sessions also helped the physicians’ to have better understanding and interpretations of complex radiological cases of both inpatients and outpatients.

## Medical Supplies

The Sri Sathya Sai International Center for Medical Services (SSSICMS) was established to work with healthcare facilities to identify their needs, collect the needed supplies and then to ship these to the recipient countries. The SSSICMS continues to ship medical equipment and supplies to India and Haiti. The total value of goods shipped since 2009 to date is over 2.5 million dollars.



Sri Sathya Sai Baba's message to provide excellent and free health services with selfless love, compassion and empathy to everyone is being adopted by thousands of healthcare professionals throughout the world. This model of Sathya Sai Ideal Healthcare has laid the foundation for ideal healthcare worldwide.

*“Medicine should not be commercialised. It is meant to promote heart to heart and love to love relationship between doctor and patient”*

–Sri Sathya Sai Baba

5<sup>th</sup> July 2003



**SSSIHMS Prasanthigram**



**SSSIHMS Whitefield**





# Zone 1

**CANADA • USA • U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS • ISRAEL • ARUBA • BAHAMAS  
BARBADOS • CURACAO (NETHERLANDS ANTILLES) • GUYANA • JAMAICA  
ST. KITTS • ST. LUCIA • SURINAME • TRINIDAD & TOBAGO • WEST INDIES**



**Notre Dame Basilica, Montreal, Canada**



**Western Wall, Jerusalem, Israel**



**Sarvadharm Stupa, West Indies**



**Statue of Liberty, U.S.A.**

## CANADA

### Prayers and Tributes to Sri Sathya Sai Baba during Maha Samadhi

In Canada, devotees intensified their personal prayers and family prayers during the weeks preceding Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's Maha Samadhi in April 2011. Sathya Sai devotees from Toronto York Centre organised daily devotional singing for one hour. On 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011, a special prayer session by the Sathya Sai Centre in Saskatoon included Sai Gayatri chanting. Sathya Sai Centres in Abbotsford and Winnipeg organised a special prayer session on 31<sup>st</sup> March that included Sai Gayatri chanting. Many Sathya Sai Centres across Canada recited Rudram and Gayatri Mantra in addition to the regular devotional singing sessions. Devotees in Edmonton did 24 hours of Maha Mrityunjaya Mantra chanting from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> April. On 9<sup>th</sup> April, Toronto South Centre devotees organised nine hours of Gayatri Mantra chanting.

### Easwaramma Day Celebrations, Multifaith Prayers and Opening of the New Sathya Sai Centre of Scarborough, Ontario

With Bhagawan Baba's blessings, the new Sathya Sai Centre of Scarborough, Ontario, was inaugurated during Easwaramma Day celebrations from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011. The new facility has 28,000 square feet of building space and consists of two

floors. On the first floor, a grand, marble-tiled and ornate sanctum houses a large and majestic portrait of Bhagawan, which had been blessed by Him, a statue of Ganesha and Shirdi Sai Baba, an 8000-square-foot prayer hall and office rooms. The ground floor consists of a multi-purpose hall, eight classrooms, a library and kitchen facilities.

On 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011, Vedic chanting, Yagna and Bhajans were held. On 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011, spiritual leaders from major religions took part in the invocations, with prayers led by a Chinese-Taoist priest, a Christian minister, a Muslim imam, a Buddhist monk and a Parsi-Zoroastrian elder. In the evening a special music programme, "Atma Gitam," was rendered by former students of the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning. In addition to office bearers from the Sathya Sai Organisation of Canada, representatives of the municipal, provincial and federal branches of the Canadian government were present.

On 8<sup>th</sup> May, about 1,500 people took part in Easwaramma Day celebrations, which coincided with Mothers' Day in Canada. The Sai Spiritual Education (SSE) programme of the centre is in its 25<sup>th</sup> year and

instructs over 800 children ranging from five to eighteen years of age. The Sathya Sai Centre facility was built primarily to serve the overwhelming demand by the community to inculcate character and morality education in their children. In addition



New centre in Scarborough, Canada



Multi-faith prayers in Scarborough, Canada

to the regular spiritual activities of the centre, service projects such as providing food and clothes to the needy and blood donation drives are undertaken.

Recently the provincial government of Ontario, Canada, publicly recognised the vast contributions made by the Sathya Sai Centre to the community. During provincial parliamentary proceedings, Hon. Bas Balkissoon, member of the Provincial Parliament for Ontario, Canada, announced: “For 25 years the Sri Sathya Sai Baba Scarborough Organisation has engaged thousands of people from different religions, nationalities, races and economic [strata] in the spiritual advancement of humanity through the principle[s] and practice of selfless love and service to the community. They strive to spread the human values of truth, right conduct, peace, love and nonviolence to the community. I commend leaders of the Sathya Sai Centre of Scarborough for their vision and persistence. I congratulate [the] community, who worked extremely hard to build this landmark building.”

### **Sathya Sai Retreats**

The Western Canada Sai Retreat was hosted by the Calgary Sathya Sai Centre from July 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> 2011. The theme of the Retreat was “Thought, Word and Deed: The Pillars of Spirituality.” Over 345 people were in attendance, including devotees from Vancouver BC, Edmonton, Saskatoon and Winnipeg.

Sathya Sai Youth held a Western Canada Youth Retreat on 29<sup>th</sup> July. Their programme began with a service activity, preparing and serving meals at a downtown drop-in centre for the needy. Dr. Joseph G. Phaneuf, a dermatologist from Union City, California, spoke to the youth on the following topics: “Swami’s Teaching on Communication,” “The Ashland Free Medical Clinic: An Example of a Sathya Sai Organisation Service Project” and “Practical Spirituality and Applying Swami’s Teachings for Practice in Our Daily Lives.”

The Edmonton Sathya Sai Centre SSE students presented a play called “Society Is Divine.” The skit highlighted an individual’s responsibility for sustaining the Earth and its people by making pledges and sacrifices that impact the whole of nature and society. Dr. Valluvan Jeevanandam, a cardiologist from Chicago and Dr. D. C. Sundaresh, an orthopaedic surgeon, were the guest speakers on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July. “Sai Baba, the Transformer of My Soul” and “Serving Swami” were the respective topics. As this was the very first regional event after Swami’s Maha Samadhi, the devotees felt comforted and more at peace and inspired to do more for our Lord by loving and serving others.



**Music programme at Scarborough centre inauguration**



**Cultural programme by SSE students**

### **Sathya Sai Ideal Leadership Training**

On 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011, a workshop on “Ideal Leadership” was organised at the Sathya Sai Centre of Scarborough by the Sathya Sai Organisation of Canada, Ontario Region II. The workshop, attended by over 125 people, focused on how to be a leader in Swami’s Organisation and on the traits of an ideal leader according to Bhagawan’s teachings.

### **Sathya Sai Public Meeting**

On 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011, a public meeting was held at the Sathya Sai Centre in Winnipeg to celebrate Swami’s 86<sup>th</sup> birthday. Over 200 Sathya Sai devotees and guests were in attendance. Dr. Mohan Kollengode and his wife, Sister Sheila, from Columbus, Ohio, were the chief guests. Expanding on his topic, “Sai Avatar and Its Glory,” Dr. Kollengode narrated Swami’s Leelas and His divine glory with many stories from Prasanthi. The SSE children and youth presented a cultural programme with two short plays, followed by a dance and a finale song by the Sathya Sai youth and the little children.



**SSE Teachers’ Training Workshop**

### **SSE Teachers’ Training**

The Sathya Sai National Education Wing of Canada conducted a series of SSE Teachers’ Training Workshops throughout the country between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. Over 338 SSE teachers, mostly new teachers and teacher assistants, attended training and refresher courses at the workshops.

### **Walk for Values**

During the month of May and June 2011, the Education Wing of all the Sathya Sai Centres in Canada conducted “Walk for Values” in their respective cities. The annual event has become an important outreach programme for bringing awareness to the public of the necessity and impact of practising the Five Human Values in everyday life. The Walk for Values in Toronto was jointly coordinated by the Sathya Sai Organisation and the Parent Council of the Sathya Sai School of Canada.



**Walk for Values**

### **Community Service**

By the divine grace of Bhagawan, the Seva Wing of the Sathya Sai Organisation of Canada has successfully continued its national service projects in all regions, such as blood donations, preserving-mother-nature projects and donating more than 11,000 pounds of nonperishable food to local food banks under the initiative of Group 4 SSE students. Other service activities included service to the aged at nursing homes, serving food to the homeless, wheelchair cleaning and distributing clothing, blankets and gifts during Christmas. All regions participated in many environmental projects such as tree planting, park cleanup, “Earth Hour,” energy-saving practices, lakeshore cleanup and others.

## Sathya Sai Youth Sadhana Program

During the reporting period, the Coquitlam Sathya Sai Centre designed a spiritually-enriched curriculum for Sathya Sai teen youth ages 14 to 18 in following Swami's teachings. Armed with the potent ingredients of Swami's teachings for a purposeful life, the teen youth are continuing to demonstrate personal and spiritual growth in many areas. Marked improvement has been observed in their physical capacities, levels of self-awareness, self-confidence, self-esteem, ability to speak publicly and present ideas convincingly, and in a keenness to serve the less fortunate through selfless service projects within the Sathya Sai Centre and in their own immediate schools, neighbourhoods, and communities. The most cherished change is a strong belief in their own abilities and potential for higher responsibilities as well as gratitude for Swami's guidance in their lives. Many of the youth have already received awards or are in the process of meeting requirements for the Bronze, Silver and Gold levels of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Program. A Gold Award with the Sathya Sai Centre's name on the award document was presented by His Excellence the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

## U.S.A.

### Global Prayers and Tributes to Sri Sathya Sai Baba during the Maha Samadhi

Starting 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011, every week night, Sathya Sai youth across the country came together for three hours of Gayatri Mantra chanting. They also intensified their efforts to practise Bhagawan's teachings.

#### Pacific Region South

On 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2011, about 500 devotees from Southern California took part in a special 12-hour devotional offering to Bhagawan at the Sanatana Dharma Temple in Norwalk. The offering included one hour of Veda chanting and Sai Gayatri chanting followed by devotional singing by the Sathya Sai Centres across the region. The offering concluded with one hour of Sai Gayatri chanting followed by chanting of the peace prayer 21 times. Many Sathya Sai Centres also added the chanting of Gayatri Mantra 108 times and repetition of the peace prayer 21 times to their weekly programmes. Individual devotees and their families chanted Sai Gayatri 108 times and the peace prayer 21 times on daily basis.

Sathya Sai University alumni in Southern California joined together for prayer and Sadhana.

On the morning of 4<sup>th</sup> April, Lord Siva and Dhanvantri were propitiated with a Maha Mrityunjaya Homa and Dhanvantri Homa at the Hindu Malibu Temple, Malibu. In the evening, the alumni offered Ganapati Homa, Sudarshana Homa, Rudra Homa, Dhanvantri Homa and Maha Mrityunjaya Homa at the Sanatana Dharma Temple,



Prayers in Arcadia, California

Norwalk. Over 100 devotees participated in the Homa and Bhajans that followed while Rudra Abhishekam was being performed. On 9<sup>th</sup> April, the alumni organised a special prayer offering in Glendale. The offering included Veda chanting, Sai Gayatri and Maha Mrityunjaya Mantra chanting, Sai Ashtottara chanting (108 Names of Bhagawan) 15 times and Bhajans. Over 80 people participated in this offering. On 10<sup>th</sup> April, the alumni distributed food items and care kits to about 150 people at two shelters in Santa Monica. About 150 people received food items and care kits.



On May 8, 2011, two weeks after Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi, the Sathya Sai Organisation of America, Pacific South (Region 8) organised a meeting at the Sanatana Dharma Temple in Norwalk, California. Even though it was Mother's Day in the U.S.A., about 500 people attended the meeting. Dr. Narendranath Reddy, Chairman, Prasanthi Council, was invited to address the devotees. Dr. C. Chandradas, President, Pacific South, who introduced Dr. Reddy, reminded the audience that Bhagawan, in many of His discourses, told us to go within to experience His Darshan every moment of our lives and that we should implicitly follow His directive.

Dr. Reddy narrated many anecdotes and personal experiences illustrating Bhagawan's pristine love for all. He spoke of his experiences of Bhagawan's infinite love in every continent he visited during his travels in 2010 to address the Sathya Sai Pre-

World Conferences held throughout the world. He stated that all Sai programmes in Prasanthi Nilayam and throughout the world would continue as usual. Dr. Reddy concluded his talk, encouraging all to aim for the highest goal – the realisation that all are the children of immortality. At the end of the meeting, following Aarti to Bhagawan, special Vibhuti packets and flowers petals from the Maha Samadhi were distributed to the gathering.

#### **Northeast Region**

Devotees in the U.S.A. Northeast Region undertook a prayer Sadhana called L.E.A.P. (Leave Everything And Pray). Every day at a scheduled 30-minute

time slot in the morning and evening, devotees offered prayers to Bhagawan. Devotees got together to chant Gayatri Mantra 108 times, Sai Gayatri 108 times and the peace prayer 108 times. During the local Sathya Sai Centre meetings, devotees were engaged in prayers, including hour-long chanting of "Om Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Babaya Namaha" (salutations to Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba). On 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011, devotees from the Boston Sathya Sai Centre and the local Sathya Sai Centres took part in a special devotional singing session. Devotees from the Sathya Sai Centres in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Ithaca collectively offered daily devotional singing and Gayatri Mantra chanting. A six-hour regional devotional singing session took place on 10<sup>th</sup> April. On 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April, devotees from the Buffalo Sathya Sai Centre took part in special devotional singing and Gayatri Mantra chanting for 11 hours.



**Maha Samadhi meeting in Norwalk, California**

Collectively, the Northeastern Region devotees also took part in Akhanda Gayatri Mantra chanting.

### **Mid-Atlantic Region**

On 9<sup>th</sup> April 2011, devotees from the Sathya Sai Centre in East Brunswick, New Jersey, took part in a six-hour long regional prayer-session held in Morganville, New Jersey. Sathya Sai devotees from the Mid-Atlantic Region that includes the States of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York (New York City and Long Island), Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington D.C., and West Virginia attended this offering of prayers. East Brunswick Sathya Sai Centre devotees also took part in daily collective prayer sessions that included the chanting of Gayatri Mantra, Maha Mrityunjaya Mantra and special Slokas. Devotees who were unable to attend these prayer sessions in person participated via teleconference. On 16<sup>th</sup> April, devotees took part in a health faith fair organised in Trenton, New Jersey, for the needy.



**Prayers in Buffalo, New York**

### **Pacific Region North**

Devotees in the Seattle, Washington, area organised a 24-hour devotional singing programme from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at the Good Samaritan Episcopal Church in Sammamish. The programme included chanting of Gayatri Mantra 108 times, Suprabhatam and melodious songs in multiple languages with active participation by children and adults. Seattle devotees also took part in the 36 hours of Global Akhanda Bhajan from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011.



**Devotees joined in prayer, Massachusetts**

### **Southeast Region**

Devotees from the Atlanta Sathya Sai Centre chanted Gayatri Mantra around the clock. Rudram was chanted every morning via conference call. SSE children offered their prayers through group chanting during the weekly SSE classes as well as individual practice at home. A group of lady devotees organised a daily conference call to meditate on the voice of Bhagawan chanting the Gayatri Mantra, followed by their chanting of Sai Gayatri.

The Sathya Sai Organisation of America, Southeast Region (Region 3), organised a tribute to Bhagawan at the Melbourne Civic Centre in Melbourne, Florida, on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011. About 200 people attended the meeting. Dr. Narendranath Reddy, Chairman, Prasanthi Council, was the guest speaker. Dr. Gnana Bhaskar Tenali, president of the Palm Bay Sathya Sai Centre, and Dr. Axay Kalathia, the Southeast regional president, spoke initially and introduced the guest speaker. Dr. Reddy gave an inspiring talk and shared Bhagawan's message and some of the life lessons

he had learned at the Divine Lotus Feet. He reiterated the pledge of the Sathya Sai Organisation to continue Bhagawan's Mission with more enthusiasm and dedication.

Following Dr. Reddy's talk was a musical performance by Smt. Vasumathi Vasudevan, a well-known Carnatic vocalist. A soulful rendering of the song, "Kanula Mundara Kadali Ade Karuna Murthivi Neevu," (The embodiment of compassion

moves amidst us right in front of our eyes) brought tears to the eyes of all present. During the question-answer session by Dr. Reddy, Bhagawan's divine presence was felt when the stage lights in the auditorium flickered on and off multiple times without a reason. The technician in charge of the auditorium stated that this had never occurred before and that there was no flaw in the lighting system. The devotees and organisers felt the divine hand in the miracle.



Prayers in Atlanta, Georgia

### Mid-Central Region

Three Sathya Sai Centres in the St. Louis, Missouri, area organised special Bhajans and prayer sessions every Saturday afternoon, and the Sathya Sai Centres remained opened all day for any devotee to come in for special prayers for Bhagawan. On 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011, Bhajans were conducted for five hours and three hours, respectively. These sessions began with the chanting of Gayatri Mantra 21 times and Sathya Sai Ashtottara Namavali (108 Names of Bhagawan).



Prayers in St. Louis, Missouri

### Southwest Region

Sathya Sai Centre of Albuquerque, New Mexico, hosted special Bhajans for Bhagawan, following which devotees kept candles lit in their homes for 12 hours during this period of 2011. The Sathya Sai Centre of Santa Fe, New Mexico, chanted Gayatri Mantra every Thursday, as well as during preparation of food for the homeless.

Sathya Sai Centres in Phoenix, Arizona, held two all-night Bhajan sessions. All Sathya Sai Centres in Colorado came together and organised six prayer sessions in Denver, each lasting about three to four hours and including chanting of 108 Names of Bhagawan, Rudram and devotional singing. Members of the Sathya Sai Centre of Northern California perpetually chanted "Om Sai Ram, I Love You."

### Medical Services

On 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011, the Sri Sathya Sai Organisation of America, Mid-Central Region organised its 8<sup>th</sup> annual health screening camp at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Over 200 people were provided medical services with utmost love, humility and unity by more than 150 volunteers, including 25 doctors and 72 interpreters. The camp began at 9.00 a.m. with a prayer to Bhagawan. The



comprehensive health services included education, screenings and tests for blood sugar, blood lipids, dental and eye health, asthma, women's health, children's health, lead content in children, bone health, osteoporosis, hearing, general health information, mind-body health, children's behavioral health, nutrition/diet, diabetes and poison control. Health education was discussed with patients on a one-on-one basis with flip charts, video presentations, posters and handouts. Free reading glasses were distributed for those in need. A Bone Marrow Donor Registration drive at the camp venue resulted in 21 new donor registrations. Children were given "goody bags" of books, pencils, crayons and other items, and some were fitted with bicycle helmets. Twenty-two defective infant car seats were replaced. A special booth on health and human values included screenings of the video "His Work," on Bhagawan's service projects to humanity in the fields of education, health care and water supply. All participants received a brown bag containing nutritional food products. Mr. Charlie Dooley, Chief Executive of the County of St. Louis and a representative of the Health Department, attended the medical camp.



The city of Oxnard, California, about 100 km northwest of Los Angeles, is an important agricultural centre, known as the strawberry and lima bean capital of California. A significant farm worker population and others in this area have income levels well below the recognised poverty line. On 16<sup>th</sup> October 2011, an annual free medical, dental and vision screening camp with food distribution was organised in Oxnard, with more than 60 medical professionals representing 10 medical specialities and about 200 volunteers rendering loving service to over 660 needy people. Medical screening tests given included over 100 mammograms and Pap smear tests and more than 450 blood tests. Medical services offered to all included consultations in internal medicine, paediatrics, speciality medical services, dental and vision services, psychological assistance and nutrition education. The Lions Club Friends in Sight distributed over 360 pairs of eye glasses, and groceries were distributed to over 425 families, with each family receiving about 11 kg of non-perishable food items, including rice, beans, sugar, flour, cooking oil and cereals. People attending the camp were pleased with the services and expressed their gratitude. A 56-year-old lady, while



**Health Screening Camp, St. Louis**



**Bone marrow registration, St. Louis**



**Free eye glasses distributed in Oxnard, California**

expressing her gratitude for the loving services rendered at the camp, commented, “Race doesn’t matter; religion doesn’t matter; colour doesn’t matter. We are one family.”



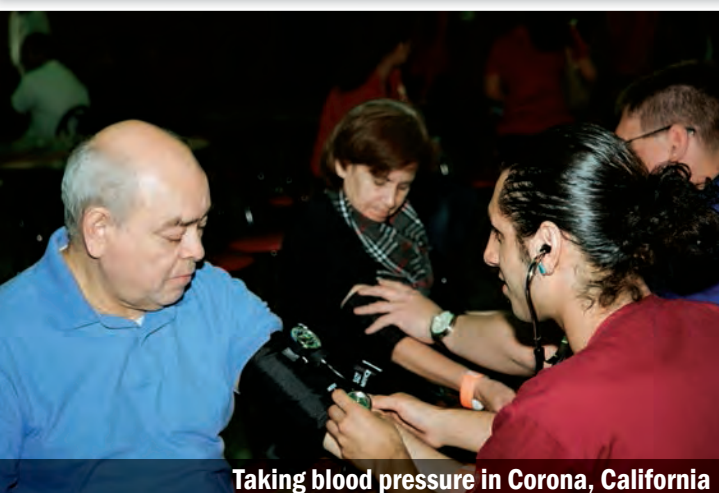
The City of Corona is located approximately 80 kilometres southeast of Los Angeles, California. On 10<sup>th</sup> March 2012, an annual Corona-Norco Free Health Screening Day was organised, this time serving about 885 people. At the event, 96 medical professionals representing over 28 medical specialities, 265 volunteers, 140 student healthcare professionals and 100 high school student volunteers rendered loving service. Over 1,000 blood tests were performed. Other screening services included electrocardiograms, urinalyses, bone mineral density tests, tuberculosis skin tests, mammograms and Pap smear services. Patients with abnormal cholesterol or blood sugar levels were seen by dieticians, primary care physicians and specialists and were also guided to low-cost referral clinics for follow-up treatment. As a part of the vision screening services offered in collaboration with the California Lions Club Friends in Sight, more than 450 recycled prescription pairs of glasses were distributed. As a follow-up service, one patient underwent cataract surgery at a local hospital. Dental screenings along with fluoride treatments were provided to about 400 people.

The Corona-Norco Free Health Screening Day was inaugurated with members of the Corona High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC)

conducting a flag ceremony. In a speech that followed, Dr. Michael Lin, Deputy Superintendent of Human Resources for Corona-Norco Unified School District, noted that conducting medical camps to serve the people of the community is an important service, and he thanked all the volunteers for their hard work. One of the patients expressed his gratitude by saying, “From the second I walked through the gate, the volunteers have been very pleasant and very respectful. I have had no medical insurance for years, and this free service is a big benefit to us.” Ms. Beverly Spencer, a member of the organising committee of the medical camp, had taught epidemiology and public health to medical students and also had been instrumental in setting up medical clinics for the World Health Organisation (WHO) to serve the poor. She said, “The Sai Baba Organisation is a fantastic group that is helping people falling through the cracks and doing what we as humans are truly supposed to do, helping our disadvantaged brothers and sisters in a godly manner.”



**Dental education at medical camp in Corona, California**



**Taking blood pressure in Corona, California**

## Community Service

In Tennessee, with the Mississippi River flooding low-lying areas, more than 500 people were displaced and accommodated in four to five shelters set up by a church. About 20 volunteers of the Sathya Sai Centre of Memphis collected urgently needed items from a list published by the church, and two full vanloads of supplies were delivered. The volunteers at the church were very thankful for the donation. Several ladies from the Sathya Sai Centre of Nashville, Tennessee, prepared and served a five-course meal for about 250 women and children. In addition, sun-block lotion was distributed to all.

The Sathya Sai Centre of Kansas City, Missouri, prepared and served a delicious lunch of salad, pizza, noodles, fried rice, lemonade, bananas and cookies to clientele of the Kansas City Union Rescue Mission.

The Sathya Sai Centres of Jackson, Mississippi; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Saint Louis, Missouri; and Louisville, Kentucky undertook Narayana Seva and served the homeless in their respective areas with home-cooked hot meals and sandwiches and supplied nonperishable food items to various shelters, food kitchens and missions. Food pantry administrators were happy with the donations because schools were closed for the summer and families could not count on the free lunches provided during the school months to the children.

Sathya Sai volunteers from 18 Sathya Sai Centres throughout the Southern California region responded with special Narayana Seva programmes from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011, honouring Easwaramma Day, which also coincided with the 13<sup>th</sup> day after the Maha Samadhi of our Beloved Swami. The forms of service varied; some centres served the homeless through homeless shelters, hospitals and other institutions, while others directly served the homeless living on the streets, in parks and in many other places. Many centres prepared hot meals, mostly for breakfast and lunch, while others served sandwiches. Dry rations were also delivered to shelters, and many centres offered clothes to the needy. The Sathya Sai Centres of Arcadia, Lakewood and Mission Viejo handed out specially-ordered T-shirts with human values logo printed on the front and "Love All Serve All" on the back. They also offered caps with the logo, "Love is God, Live in Love" embroidered on the front of the cap. Many of the guests donned their T-shirts and caps as soon as they received them.

All Sathya Sai Centres of the Northern California region decided to undertake Narayana Seva, with the memberships coming together to address specific needs in their respective communities. Cereals, rice, pasta, beans, sugar, peanut butter, raisins,



**Food preparation in Kansas City, Missouri**



**Gram Seva - distribution of food, California**

graham crackers, juices and cooking oil were collected in barrels at a regional meeting, and a total of about 540 kg of food items were delivered to the Second Harvest Food Bank of the San Francisco Bay Area. In addition, the Fremont Sathya Sai Centre distributed bag lunches to feed over 130 homeless living in parks in the Oakland and Hayward areas. The Sacramento Sathya Sai Centre delivered care-kits to residents at the Salvation Army, and the Walnut Creek Sathya Sai Centre served 95 bag lunches to people in local parks. A few recipients were also given blankets and teddies.



In the Northeast Region, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011, the Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Burlington, Scarborough, Boston, Shrewsbury, Norwalk, Silvermine and Wappingers Falls Sathya Sai Centres undertook Narayana Seva, which included serving at soup

kitchens, supplying hot meals, pizza, sandwiches, canned and other food items, clothing and towels to homeless and other various shelters. Devotees including Young Adults and Sai Spiritual Education (SSE) children participated in the service programmes. A unique project was undertaken by the Farmington Sathya Sai Centre to help plant vegetables on every first Sunday of the month in the “Plant a Row for the Hungry” programme, to help provide produce for homeless shelters throughout the area. Devotees participated in devotional programmes that included chanting of Gayatri Mantra, Bhajans and meditation.



Preparing sandwiches in Scarborough



Planting vegetables in Farmington



Sathya Sai Centres in Bridgewater, New Jersey; South Bethesda and Baltimore, Maryland; Fairfax, Virginia; and Washington DC humbly offered Narayana Seva on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011 by distributing food and clothing to the homeless in their areas and to very needy people through various shelters, churches and other crisis centres. Sathya Sai volunteers who participated were very happy and grateful to Swami for giving them the opportunity to serve the needy.



On 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011, the Sathya Sai Centres of Chicago Metro, Illinois, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, served hot dinners to about 60 and 200 homeless residents at rescue missions and shelters, respectively. The Sathya Sai Centres of Indianapolis and Fort Wayne, Indiana; Chicago West Suburbs, Illinois; and Minneapolis South, Minnesota, offered Narayana Seva by serving breakfast and supplying nonperishable food items, fruit and sandwiches to homeless shelters. Some of the centres resolved to continue the service on a monthly basis.

The Sathya Sai Centre of South Houston, Texas performed Narayana Seva on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011 by cooking and serving a hot meal to more than 80 residents between the ages of 50 and 65 at The Turning Point homeless centre in Houston, Texas. In addition, meals were packed in 80 “Go-Green” take-away containers and delivered to residents at another homeless shelter near downtown Houston.



Hot nutritional vegetarian soup (Sai Vegetable Chili Bean Noodle Combo Soup) was lovingly served to about 200 homeless people at the Centenary United Methodist Church in downtown St. Louis, Missouri on the second Sundays in August and September 2011. From 14 to 18 volunteers took part in this heartwarming soup kitchen service project.



Over the past two-and-a-half years, Sathya Sai volunteers from the Northern Colorado Sathya Sai Centre have rendered loving service by donating food items and funds to the Weld Food Bank in Greeley, Colorado, with 10 Sathya Sai volunteers consistently offering their services onsite at the Food Bank. Among other tasks, they assist in creating backpacks for youth at risk, building emergency food boxes for needy families and elders, and sorting donated food items.

On a more personal note, many of the centre’s devotees grow vegetables in their own gardens and freeze food for family use and compost instead of wasting food or eating out in restaurants. Also the Sathya Sai Centre has organised workshops in gardening, camping, self-reliance, first aid and preparing for emergencies.

### Community Home Building

On 30<sup>th</sup> July 2011, at least 70 Sathya Sai volunteers including children from the Chicago Metro, West and North Suburb Sai Centres, along with volunteers from other organisations, participated in a community home-building service project called CREW (Community Restoration by Ecumenical Workers). The project involved constructing two three-bedroom houses to be transported later to a Habitat for Humanity site in Will County. All volunteers assembled at the parking lot of Peace Memorial Church in Palos Park, a southwestern suburb of Chicago. The service project started with a prayer, followed by an introduction to safety rules and construction guidelines. With Sai in the heart and hammer in hand, wall panels for the homes were lovingly constructed. Bhagawan’s messages of love, peace and happiness to all were inscribed on each wall panel being constructed. Once all the wall panels were built, the CREW



Building homes in Chicago



CREW team builds in Chicago

team assembled the pre-built walls and created the basic structure for one of the houses. The service project ended with a dedication ceremony, with prayers recited for the well-being and prosperity of the homes' inhabitants.

### Honors and Awards

In November 2011, the Eastside Sathya Sai Centre in Seattle, Washington, was awarded the prestigious 2011 Nyer Urness Partner in Ministry Award for services to patrons at the Compass Housing Alliance. On 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011, the Thomas Brown Memorial Award was given to the Sri Sathya Sai Organisation in recognition of monthly service to residents of the Goldwater Memorial Hospital on Roosevelt Island, New York by volunteers from the Sathya Sai Center of Flushing, New York. The Sathya Sai Centre of Jacksonville, Florida, was nominated to receive recognition by the Mayor's Office for services rendered to the community of Jacksonville.

## WEST INDIES

### Prayers and Tributes to Sri Sathya Sai Baba during Mahasamadhi

The first anniversary of Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi was observed by Sathya Sai devotees in Trinidad and Tobago from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012. Loving service activities were undertaken, including Grama Seva, medical services to the needy, hosting

of visually impaired people at the beach and Laksharchana chanting at the Easwaramma Sathya Sai Centre in South Trinidad. The observances were concluded at the Sai Nilayam in Central Trinidad with a programme led by Sri Vedanarayanan.

### Community Service

Over 180 food hampers were distributed to needy families together with clothes, mattresses, school books and other essential household items. The families reside in Moruga, a remote village south of Trinidad. The children were treated to "fun time" classes with storytelling, drawing, face painting, singing and silent sitting, all focused on the development of Human Values in the children. The parents were exposed to good-parenting techniques. More than 500 villagers and devotees participated in the event. All were treated to sumptuous meals.

Led by the Sathya Sai Youth, about 70 visually-impaired individuals were hosted at a "Day at the Beach." All types of fun activities were arranged, including entering the water escorted by Sathya Sai volunteers, singing, cultural programmes and a sumptuous lunch followed by ice cream and cake. The love



Serving the visually impaired in Trinidad and Tobago



A sumptuous lunch served to the visually impaired

and camaraderie experienced at this event is always overwhelming, truly an experience of Sai's love in action.

### Medical Services

On the same day, over 200 children and adults were examined by doctors at a medical camp held in the village. Children under twelve years were screened for congenital and communicable diseases. All patients were tested for blood sugar and blood pressure and screened for vision and hearing. Many were issued free eyeglasses. The pharmacy in the camp handed out free medications. Twenty-eight units of blood were donated by the devotees.

### Community Home Building

Over the past several years, more than 100 Sathya Sai volunteers, including 60 youth from the Sathya Sai Centre of Pasea, on the island of Trinidad in the West Indies, have constructed and donated pre-fabricated homes for the needy, free of cost. At least 40 houses have been constructed and donated between 2011 and to date in 2012. The 20-by-20-foot, two-bedroom homes are built with steel frames and roofs and have French windows, steel doors at all external entrances and flush wooden interior doors. The walls are clad with plycem (a type of concrete board), which is waterproof, termite proof and fireproof. The houses are designed and built to be compliant with local codes. The construction is carried out with strict supervision by a qualified structural engineer and architect and are built to withstand the force of tropical storms, which are common on the island.

Recipients for the homes are identified through various means, including the local media, recommendations from the volunteers and the Sathya Sai Centre. Recipients are selected from a pool of those who lead a spiritual life, own the land on which the house will sit and are willing to work hard in their lives.

Upon identifying a recipient, cement and steel posts for the foundation are delivered to a factory within one week, and the steel base for the foundation is welded to the posts. Stairs are constructed if needed. All the initial cutting, fitting, welding and painting is done in the factory. This process takes about 36 man-hours. The house is then dismantled, loaded onto two trucks and delivered to the site. It is then reconstructed onsite within three or four hours on a



Volunteers set up the steel frame, Trinidad



Installation of plycem walls



Installation of doors and roof

Sunday morning. These houses are fully furnished with beds, wardrobes, a kitchen cupboard, sinks with faucets and plumbing, living room furniture, dining tables and chairs, a bookshelf, a stove, clothes, groceries, toiletries, market produce and cooking utensils. Electrical fixtures are provided and sometimes installed free of charge based on the needs of the family. Families are usually not aware that their houses are fully furnished until they see the finished product!

Every home is constructed and furnished as an offering to Bhagawan. Soon after a furnished home is completed, the volunteers and family gather for a Bhajan session, after which they share their spiritual thoughts and experiences. In every project, the recipients shed tears of joys, with firm commitments to continue to foster a Dharmic lifestyle. Furthermore, the Sathya Sai Centre of Pasea built two concrete houses in Grenada following a hurricane and four houses in Haiti following the devastating earthquake in June 2010.





# Zone 2

**ZONE 2A: BELIZE • COSTA RICA • CUBA • DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
EL SALVADOR • FRENCH GUYANA • GUADALOUPE • GUATEMALA  
HAITI • HONDURAS • MARTINIQUE • MEXICO • NICARAGUA • PANAMA  
PUERTO RICO • ST. MAARTEN**

**ZONE 2B: ARGENTINA • BOLIVIA • BRAZIL • CHILE • COLOMBIA • ECUADOR  
PARAGUAY • PERU • URUGUAY • VENEZUELA**



**Angel Falls, Venezuela**

# ZONE 2A

## Global Prayers and Tributes to Sri Sathya Sai Baba during Maha Samadhi

On 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011, devotees from the Sathya Sai Organisations in Haiti, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama and El Salvador took part in a 24-hour devotional singing session. On 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April, devotees from these countries joined the 48-hour Global Akhanda Bhajan at different times. The programme included chanting of the Gayatri Mantra and Bhajans, expressing love for Bhagawan.



Global Prayers, Cuba

A meeting attended by about 100 devotees was organised in El Salvador on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012 to pay tribute to Bhagawan. It included the screening of a film on Bhagawan's childhood and life up to the early 1970s. The programme closed with devotees reflecting on how they could improve their individual Sadhana (spiritual practice) to experience more and

more of Bhagawan's love. Two of the most-watched television channels in El Salvador covered the event and broadcast the video, "His Work." Bhagawan's presence was felt by all the devotees during the programme. Devotees continued their regular service activities at Sai Medical Clinics and serving food to the needy at a local hospital and in homes of the elderly. Twelve water projects have been carried out over several years. These projects continue to serve the communities where they were established.

In Cuba, devotees held private 24-hour prayer and devotional singing sessions, paying tribute to Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

## COSTA RICA

### Community and Spiritual Services

For three years, Costa Rican Sathya Sai devotees have participated in a bi-weekly service project administering comfort to AIDS patients. Devotees lovingly visit with patients, pray with them, share books with them, and give them encouragement.



Monthly retreats are held at various locations. Devotees have begun visiting towns in the interior to offer assistance to the needy and also to conduct public meetings to share Swami's divine message.

The radio programme, *Love in Action*, is a weekly broadcast, both in Costa Rica and on Sai Harmony Radio. This outreach has brought many newcomers to Swami, and a number of new people are showing interest in the teachings of Bhagawan. As a result, a new group has been established in the town of Limón.

A lecturer at a private University requested permission from the University administration to conduct public meetings to share Swami's divine message in the University auditorium. Permission was granted by the University. On subsequent occasions the lecturer asked for similar permission, which was always granted at no cost to the Sathya Sai Organisation. According to the University administration, the university has experienced a boom in new enrollment of students since the public meetings started, and it has requested more frequent meetings. The interest of the general public in activities run by the University has also increased.

## **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

### **Sathya Sai Education in Human Values**

In Dominican Republic, an orphanage located in the city is run by a nun who has become a Sathya Sai devotee. This Sai sister had training in Human Values and was awarded a diploma in May 2011, upon successfully completing the course conducted in Ecuador. The Sathya Sai Institute of Human Values has been training teachers in the Dominican Republic. A retreat for Bal Vikas is held annually.

In November 2011 the Sathya Sai Institute of Human Values of the Dominican Republic held a Values workshop in Haiti.

### **Community Service**

A new Sathya Sai group was organized in the city of Barahona. In October 2011, a retreat was held also for the Youth Wing. Other educational outreach programmes include television and radio broadcasts. In Santo Domingo, devotees produce a weekly TV programme, presented by Dr. Ramon Martinez, on the teachings of Sri Sathya Sai Baba, mostly concerning health. The radio station, in which Mr. Lidio Cadet is the speaker, broadcasts weekly programmes about Bhagawan and His teachings. This programme received very high ratings.

Every year the Sai Organisation participates in a large, two-week-long book fair held in the Dominican Republic, through which the Sathya Sai booth distributed many books and videos.

The Sathya Sai Organisation of the Dominican Republic has been helping in Haiti. It participated in a medical camp for one week in September 2011 by sending seven doctors from Santo Domingo. Service for the poor by the Sathya Sai Centres is frequently on behalf of Haitian refugees who live in very difficult circumstances. Sathya Sai devotees have adopted a village of Haitian refugees.

## EL SALVADOR

### Sathya Sai Education in Human Values

At a school adopted by the Sathya Sai Organisation of El Salvador, Human Values classes are presented on a weekly basis. Two 90-hour diploma courses were organised in Education in Human Values for about 75 teachers. The Sathya Sai Institute works with the Teachers College to provide certificates that are accredited by the Ministry of Education.

### Community Service

Emergency aid provided to the victims of a hurricane included food, water, clothes and bedding. Seed and fertilizer were donated to rural communities. Sathya Sai volunteers painted the tin roofs of houses to reduce heat penetration at a settlement in the lava field of a volcano.



For the past 25 years, every Saturday and Sunday, Sathya Sai volunteers have lovingly served food to the homeless in downtown San Salvador. The menu consists of delectably cooked beans, rice or spaghetti served with vegetables and seasonal fresh fruits such as bananas, mangos, oranges or other tropical fruits. Coffee and sweet bread conclude the meal.

On one occasion, as they were running out of coffee, the volunteer in charge prayerfully complained to Bhagawan, asking where the money was going to come from to buy more coffee for the future. Shortly thereafter, a knock was heard at the door. A gentleman stood at the entrance with an envelope in his hand. He asked, "Is this where the food for the poor is being prepared?" Upon learning it was the correct place, he handed over the envelope and disappeared without another word. The envelope contained enough money to buy coffee for the next month. The envelope was not addressed to anyone in particular, but it had the words "National Welfare Society" printed on it without an address. No such society exists in El Salvador.

On another occasion, an all-night political rally had taken place in a park adjacent to where food was being distributed to the needy. When Sathya Sai volunteers arrived with breakfast, all the people in the park came over and stood in line. One of the politicians was worried that another political party was about to steal their voters and asked someone waiting

in line what political party the service volunteers represented. The person answered, "Oh they are not from any party; they come from God."



Serving food to the homeless, El Salvador



Medical Clinic, El Salvador

## Medical Services

A medical clinic operated by the Sathya Sai Organisation in San Salvador, El Salvador, provides free medical services in 11 medical specialties. In Santa Tecla, a free medical clinic is also managed and operated by the Sathya Sai Organisation. San Salvador has a free cobalt treatment clinic for cancer patients, run by a private foundation. Many patients travel to this clinic by public transportation over long distances from the neighboring countries of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. Sathya Sai volunteers lovingly prepare and serve sandwiches and refreshments to the people who arrive, since most of the patients have usually not eaten. Accommodation was provided for 20 handicapped people.

## GUATEMALA

### Sathya Sai Education in Human Values

In Guatemala, a Sathya Sai School of Human Values has been operating for 12 years. It has 100 students in seven grades and is supported by devotees from both Guatemala and El Salvador.

### Community Service

Guatemala has five Sathya Sai Centres that participate in a variety of ongoing service projects. All five centres distributed food during and immediately after the floods that ravaged Guatemala in September 2011. Food for the poor who sleep on the streets is distributed weekly, and blankets are given to the homeless during the cold months. In November 2011, 50 wheelchairs were donated to patients at the Roosevelt Hospital in Guatemala City.

### Medical Services

A small medical clinic run by devotees from Zone 1 distributes free medicine as part of its ongoing medical services. The clinic, located on the second floor of the Sathya Sai Centre building, is open three days a week.

## HAITI

### Community Service

Ever since the massive earthquake in Haiti on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010, relief work has been carried out with dedication, enthusiasm and love by the Sathya Sai Organisation. Narayana Seva (serving food to the needy) continues, with 3,000 meals distributed daily. In the beginning, truckloads of nutritious food items consisting of lentils, soya, milk powder and rice were given to the needy. Now only prepared food is provided. A new home was constructed for a Sathya Sai volunteer who has been tirelessly serving the needy.

Though more than two years have passed since the severe earthquake on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010, with its devastating effect on the lives of the Haitian people, and Sathya Sai volunteers from Haiti, Dominican Republic and other countries, supported by the Sri Sathya Sai World Foundation, continue to assist people still living in makeshift

lodgings at large camps. Thousands of needy children are cared for at various relief camps through the provision of food and other required assistance.

On 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> December 2011, Sathya Sai volunteers celebrated Christmas with the children by playing with them and serving food. Toys were distributed on 25<sup>th</sup> December to about 2,000 children living in the relief camps through a visit by Santa Claus. The children were filled with joy and received the toys with smiling faces. Hygiene supplies were distributed to older children. On Christmas Day, Sathya Sai volunteers sang Bhajans and thanked Bhagawan for allowing them to be instruments of His divine love.

### Spiritual and Educational Activities

As part of Bhagawan Baba's 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations, a devotional meeting, radio and television programmes and visits to Sai service and education projects were

organised in Haiti. Members of the Embassy of Santo Domingo in Haiti and Sri Lidio Cadet, a devotee of Bhagawan and a member of the Haiti relief efforts coordinating committee from the Dominican Republic, were the special guests. Sri Cadet has also hosted a weekly radio programme for several years on the life and message of Bhagawan. The programme broadcasts from Santo Domingo.

On 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011, at the San Presyon radio and television station, Sri Cadet spoke about his religious and spiritual experiences and his meeting with Bhagawan seven years earlier. This was followed by a visit to one of the largest tent camps in Haiti, named "Benedikson." The Sathya Sai International Organisation provides about 600 meals daily to children at this camp. On 19<sup>th</sup> November 2011, food was also distributed at the "El Puente" camp. At a local restaurant, Sri Cadet spoke about Bhagawan and of His mission and distributed a beautiful brochure depicting Bhagawan's teachings to the guests.

After listening to Sri Cadet's speech, one lady guest at the restaurant recounted a dream she had had two days prior, in which a man told her not to miss the speech at the restaurant. Upon seeing the picture of

Bhagawan on the brochure she was given, she was stunned, because it was Bhagawan who had appeared in her dream. The special guests had the opportunity to observe the Human Values classes conducted for children every Saturday. On 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011, about 80 people from the four Sathya Sai Centres in Haiti, the special guests, and people from a local church took part in devotional singing and sharing about Bhagawan's love.



Visit by Santa Claus, Haiti



Serving food to children, Haiti

## HONDURAS

### Community and Educational Activities

The Sathya Sai Organisation of Honduras held two public meetings in Honduras. Sathya Sai Human Values Training has been given to teachers at the Honduras National University. The Honduran Sathya Sai Group currently meets in Tegucigalpa. The group provides volunteer services at a local hospital every month.

## MEXICO

### Sathya Sai Education in Human Values

In Mexico, two Sathya Sai schools, one at Chihuahua and the other at Cuernavaca, provide education up to sixth grade. Each school has about 100 students.

In Monterrey, the prestigious Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey has given the Sathya Sai Institute of Human Values a faculty position for teaching Sathya Sai Human Values in all the different specialties that are offered at the University. This is a new development that could be copied in other countries. Sai teachers do not receive salaries for their work. They impart the Sathya Sai Human Values Programme to all students, who accrue normal credits by taking these classes.

### Community and Medical Services

Many weekly service activities continue, including service projects at two medical clinics, one in Mexico City and the other in San Luis Potosí. Feeding the needy is an almost universal service at the 37 Sathya Sai Centres throughout Mexico.

### Latin American Sai Youth Conference

From 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2011, 150 Sathya Sai youth from nine Latin American countries (Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Venezuela and México) participated in the “XIII Latin-American Sai Youth Encounter” held in Mexico City. Sri Leonardo Gutter, Sri John Behner, Dr. Héctor Castaneda and Sri Gene Massey participated as special guests.

The theme for the retreat was “Realise That All Youth Can Become Ideal Sai Leaders.” The working plan for the retreat, based on five themes, was blessed by Bhagawan on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010. The five themes were: (1) Spirituality as the basis of life; (2) Practising Sai teachings in daily life; (3) How to



Bhajans at Youth Conference, Mexico



Youth participating in an activity at the conference, Mexico



Mexico City medical clinic, Mexico

be a good parent and have a good family and marriage as a Sai devotee; (4) Ideal Sai leadership: spreading the Sai message; and (5) Future of the Sai Organisation. Each of these themes was developed by the participants through an introduction, study circles and a speech by a special guest.

The XIII Latin-American Encounter concluded with the resolution, “Develop Sai Leadership in Action, Giving Continuity to the Educational and Service Projects.” The last day of the retreat was poignant, as it coincided with the Maha Samadhi of Bhagawan. The participants consoled each other through group prayers to overcome the grief of Swami’s physical departure.

## **NICARAGUA**

### **Community Service and Sathya Sai Education in Human Values**

During 2011, three public meetings on the Sathya Sai Human Values Programme were conducted in Nicaragua. About 25 to 50 people attended the programme. Service activities continue, including monthly food distribution to the needy and preparation of food baskets on special occasions for new mothers at the children’s hospital.

## **PANAMA**

### **Sathya Sai Education in Human Values**

In Panama, two schools have adopted the Sathya Sai Human Values Programme and several workshops have been conducted for training teachers in Chiriquí and Panama City.

### **Community Service**

Service activities in the Colón area include preparation and distribution of baskets for mothers of newborn infants at the children’s hospital. Also, food is provided on a weekly basis for patients at a home for the aged.

### **Medical Service**

The area of Chiriquí has many poor migrant workers who are without medical help. Devotees visit these squatters’ huts weekly. A Sai doctor examines the workers and the Sai Organisation gives free medicine. Food and clothing are also distributed. Four such settlements are visited in rotation on a weekly basis by Sathya Sai volunteers. The home of one devotee has been converted into a clinic where these people can seek emergency help, and at the home of another devotee a trailer is parked, which serves as a mobile clinic.

A Sathya Sai Eye Clinic has been set up at Coronado. Many cataract operations are done free by referrals from the clinic.

### **Devotional and Spiritual**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011, the Sathya Sai Organisation of Panama arranged two public meetings at the National University with about 100 people attending.



The first meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, titled “Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba: His Message and His Mission,” was attended by educators. Prof. Ofelina Medeiros, the education coordinator, gave an introduction to the Human Values Programme. Dr. Narendranath Reddy, Chairman of the Prasanthi Council, Chairman of the Sri Sathya Sai International Medical Committee and a Director of the Sri Sathya Sai World Foundation and Dr. Hector Castaneda, Central Coordinator for Region 21 of Central America, shared their experiences with Bhagawan, His teachings, His mission, and His Works. The second meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>, titled “Sai Ideal Health Care,” was addressed to doctors and medical students. Dr. Reddy and Dr. Castaneda spoke about Bhagawan’s ideal health care mission and about other humanitarian projects undertaken around the globe. They also spoke about Bhagawan’s teachings and His love for all of His creation.



Medical camp, Chiriqui, Panama

## PUERTO RICO

### Sathya Sai Education in Human Values

The Sathya Sai Institute of Human Values in Puerto Rico has been very active, offering teachers basic training sessions at three different locations. It conducted a national essay contest on the theme “Who Am I” and awarded prizes to the 10 best compositions. The work was presented at the Sathya Sai Diploma Course of Latin America held in May 2011 in Ecuador. Recently the Institute has produced a Human Values storybook, *Arbolada de Vertudes*, for children. It is available on Amazon.com.



Public meeting, Panama

## ST. MAARTEN, FRENCH GUYANA and GUADELOUPE

### Devotional and Spiritual

Guadeloupe, St. Maarten and French Guiana each have a Sathya Sai centre. All three centres conduct weekly Bhajans and Bal Vikas (Sai Spiritual Education) classes.

# ZONE 2B

## ARGENTINA

### Medical Services

Sathya Sai volunteers in Argentina have been rendering loving service to communities across the country by organising medical camps, eye camps and medical clinics. During the year 2011, five medical camps provided more than 2,200 medical consultations in general medicine; paediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology (OB/GYN), dermatology, cardiology, ear/nose/throat (ENT) speciality, dentistry, ultrasound diagnosis, medical imaging and high-tech diagnostic testing. Medicines were also

distributed, free of cost. The dental department prescribed and fitted prostheses free of cost and distributed toothpaste and toothbrushes to all who were served. In some medical camps, hair-dressing services and treatments for lice were provided, and some even provided veterinary services.

On 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011 a medical camp was hosted in the city of González Catán, Buenos Aires, where nine doctors and more than 45 volunteers lovingly provided over 225 medical consultations. Immunisation services were also rendered. Throughout the year 2011, twelve eye camps were hosted, serving about 450 people and distributing over 350 pairs of prescription eyeglasses, free of cost. Workshops focusing on human values and hygiene/preventive care, with a focus on AIDS, alcoholism and family violence were organised along with the medical camps. In addition to the camps, free medical clinics operating on regular schedules were set up across the country, providing general medical, paediatric, psychological, dental and vision services, along with workshops on preventive care.



Medical camp in González Catán, Argentina



Medical clinic in Buenos Aires, Argentina

### Sathya Sai Education in Human Values

Argentina has 12 EHV (Education in Human Values) schools in adopted communities all over the country. Also, *Edu-Sai*, a monthly electronic booklet, is distributed nationwide to provide materials to improve human values education. *Servi-Sai*, another monthly electronic booklet, is distributed nationwide to provide materials to improve work in service activities. A list of 6,000 e-

mail addresses is served daily with the “Thought for the Day” (as posted in Prasanthi Nilayam). The official website of the Sri Sathya Sai Organisation of Argentina ([www.sathyasai.org.ar](http://www.sathyasai.org.ar)) surpassed 120,000 visits within the last 11 months.

## BRAZIL

### Community Service

Sathya Sai volunteers in Brazil take part in a wide array of community outreach activities, including teaching illiterate adults to read and write; gathering food and clothes to give to people who have lost their homes due to floods; donating layette sets to mothers in need; distributing toys in schools and nurseries; visiting homes for the elderly; conducting crochet and embroidery classes to teach human values to children; creating awareness about protecting the environment and nature; providing blood donations and donating milk biweekly to a nursery.

Sathya Sai volunteers also take part in helping the elderly, voluntary medical service, caring for abandoned animals and visits to a cancer clinic, a home for drug addicts, a children’s hospital ward, an institution that supports children with HIV, a home for mentally handicapped people and orphanages. A “cradle work” project, which makes and distributes layette sets to mothers in need, celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> year of service. Sathya Sai volunteers also constructed a house for a poor family.

### Medical Services

Brazil had eight medical camps during this period where about 700 patients were seen and six permanent medical and entail clinics in which about 500 patients were seen.

## COLOMBIA

The Sathya Sai Organisation of Colombia has carried out several medical camps and provided ongoing medical services through medical clinics. During the year 2011-2012, five medical camps were held where about 400 patients were seen and 2,700 patients were seen in the permanent Sai medical clinic.



Examining room, Sai Medical Clinic, Colombia

## VENEZUELA

### Community and Medical Services

Community outreach activities include organising medical camps and eye surgeries; ecological services (reforestation and cleaning); visits to nursing homes for the elderly, hospitals and orphanages; social assistance for poor communities and indigenous populations and serving food for the needy. In addition, two medical camps

were held in which about 350 patients were seen and treated free of cost.

### Tributes to Sri Sathya Sai Baba

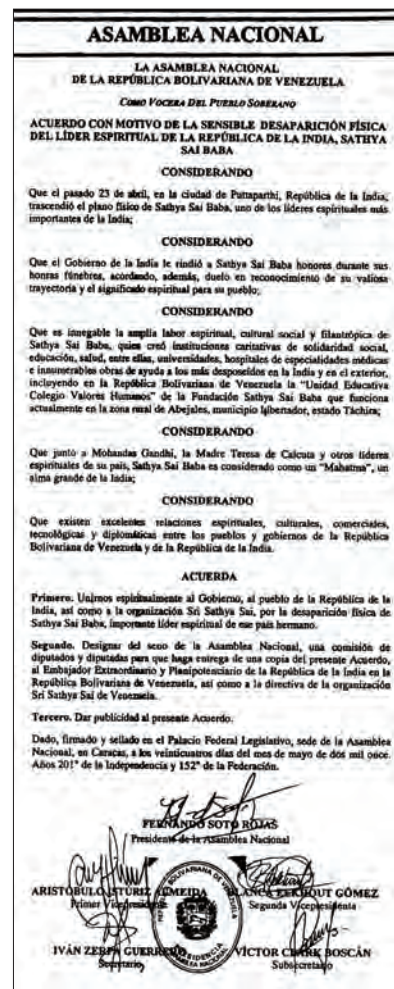
All members of all parties of the National Congress of Venezuela came together in unity, unanimity and brotherhood to pay homage to Bhagawan. On 24<sup>th</sup> May 2011, one month after Swami's physical departure, the Congress of Venezuela nobly rose to the occasion and issued a proclamation appreciating "the vast spiritual, cultural, social and philanthropic work of Sathya Sai Baba" and acknowledging His Divine Glory.



Eye surgery, Venezuela



Clothing for needy children, Venezuela



Government Proclamation, Venezuela

# Zone 3

AUSTRALIA • FIJI • NEW ZEALAND • PAPUA NEW GUINEA • PHILIPPINES



Sydney Opera House, Australia



Boracay Beach, Philippines



Siva Subramaniya Temple, Fiji



Wai-o-Tapu thermal springs, New Zealand

## AUSTRALIA

### Easwaramma Day and Tributes to Sri Sathya Sai Baba

In 2011, Easwaramma Day observances in Australia were combined with the 13<sup>th</sup> day after the Maha Samadhi of Bhagawan. In Western Australia, at the request of the Anglicare facility, 30 packages of hot food were prepared by the Willetton, Warwick and Perth Sathya Sai Centres and delivered to homeless children living on the streets of Perth. All the Sathya Sai Centres and Groups in Western Australia donated baby goods to the inmates of a women's prison. At the Victoria Market in the City of Melbourne, Sathya Sai volunteers lovingly prepared food and collected loaves of bread and rolls from food distributors who set aside a portion of their daily production for charity. In Victoria, about 50 homeless people partook happily of the hot meals, cool drinks and cakes provided by various Sathya Sai Centres of that region. They were delighted with this special treat. As there was an abundance of food, people were given take-away bags of food for the next day. In New South Wales, the Sathya Sai Centre of Toongabbie served meals to the homeless at St. Vincent de Paul's Men Hostel in Granville. This hostel caters to single, homeless men in suburban Sydney. A meeting of devotees was held to observe Easwaramma Day and the 13<sup>th</sup> day after

the Maha Samadhi of Bhagawan in Tasmania, where a number of devotees contributed food and clothing for distribution by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

### Birthing Kits for Needy Mothers

In preparation for a pilgrimage to Prasanthi Nilayam during July 2011, Sathya Sai Youth of New South Wales, Australia were involved in many service projects as part of their Sadhana (spiritual discipline). On 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011, about 20 Sathya Sai youth prepared birthing kits for needy mothers in Papua New Guinea. It is estimated that one in seven women in Papua New Guinea dies in childbirth. Sathya Sai youth discovered these saddening statistics while searching for service projects to be involved in. Knowing the high rate of maternal mortality in rural Papua New Guinea, they eagerly signed up to be a part of the Birthing Kit Project. Each kit contained string, soap, a razor blade, plastic sheets, gloves, and gauze. On the day of preparing the kits, a member from Zonta International explained the purpose of the kits and how they educated the women in these rural areas on the basics of childbirth and how to take care of themselves afterwards. Following a detailed explanation of how each birthing kit is prepared,

Sathya Sai youth formed an assembly line in front of Bhagawan's altar and under His divine guidance prepared 999 birthing kits in a relatively short time. These kits prepared by the Sathya Sai youth were sent to mothers in the villages of Papua New Guinea.



Preparing birthing kits, Australia



Preparing birthing kits

## National Youth Camp

A National Youth Camp was organised from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012 in Victor Harbour, a coastal city in South Australia. In attendance were 108 Sathya Sai youth from various parts of Australia. The theme of the camp was “Where There Is Confidence, There Is Love.” The camp included study circles facilitated by the youth relating to Bhagawan’s teachings on self-confidence, a service activity, speaker sessions, sports sessions, inspiring games, morning prayers and devotional singing. The service activity included preparation of 2,500 birthing kits designed to provide a sterile environment and equipment for expectant mothers in Ethiopia. Speakers at the camp included Sri Neville Fredericks, National Coordinator for the Sri Sathya Sai Organisation of Australia and Papua New Guinea; Sri Alvin Leo, Sathya Sai Youth Coordinator for Zone 3; Ms. Moyia O’Brien and two alumni of Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Sri Ramnaresh Gorlamandala and Sri Sunder Iyer. The camp concluded with a session on practical application of the lessons on self-confidence received during the camp. A key aspect of the camp was the unity and love amongst the youth. One youth commented, “the camp gave us an opportunity to focus explicitly on the Being that we are and to have the confidence to believe in its expansive existence.” Another youth commented, “It is easy to get consumed with the ups and downs of life; sometimes we need a break to examine ourselves and where we are headed in life. I believe that the Sathya Sai Youth Camp did just that!”



Ms. Moyia O'Brien speaks at National Youth Camp

## Medical and Community Services

The Sathya Sai Organisation of Australia, Fiji and New Zealand together organised 16 medical and dental camps, in which about 4,900 patients were served. In addition, a medical conference and nursing conference were also organised. Other Service activities included blood donations; assisting new migrant families with transportation, accommodations and job searches; temple cleaning; donation of resources to assist victims in international disasters including the recent New Zealand earthquakes; assisting refugees and indigenous families; and active participation in the Cleanup Australia service activity. Sathya Sai volunteers also take part in providing service and entertainment to disabled people; mentoring at schools; participating in “Adopt a Road” programmes (rubbish pick-up along the highway); singing in nursing homes; home visits to the lonely; collecting mother and baby items for women in hospitals and prisons; collecting blankets, rugs and sleeping bags for the needy and homeless for winter; collecting toiletries ready for distribution to emergency relief programmes and collecting dental hygiene items for a dental programme serving the indigenous.

The “Love in a Shoe Box” service project includes collecting stationery, soft toys, puzzles, non-perishable candies and toiletries for the needy in other countries.

## FIJI

### Community and Medical Services

Service activities organised in Fiji included blood donations, tutoring of students, visiting special homes, distribution of food to the disabled, weekly medical camps, paying school fees for needy children and entertaining disabled children

From 20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> August 2011, medical camps were organised in various parts of Fiji, at which five paramedical professionals, 40 medical students and several general volunteers from Fiji were joined by 37 volunteers from Australia, including medical professionals. On the first day, a seminar for the local medical practitioners and medical students, a symposium on backache, and workshops and practical demonstrations were organised. The keynote speaker was Prof. Ian Rouse, Dean of the Medical School of the Fiji National University. Over the next five days, volunteers travelled by bus to the interior parts of Fiji and organised medical camps. Over 2,100 people were provided with loving medical services. Every day started with multi-faith prayers and ended with Bhajans. Services provided at the medical



Medical Camp, Fiji

camps included general medical, paediatrics, dental, ophthalmology, women's health, medical education and pharmaceutical. Patients received health education talks while awaiting services. A formal visit to the local Fijian village chief was made to obtain his permission to enter the village and to serve the villages. The final medical camp was held at the newly built Sathya Sai Health Centre in Viseisei. The camp concluded with a book launch. The book titled *A Play of Many Parts* is a compilation of plays based on the early life of Bhagawan prepared by Professor Subramani of the Fiji National University. There was a feeling of spiritual upliftment and satisfaction amongst all volunteers, who prayed to Bhagawan to continue to bestow His blessings by providing them with more opportunities of service.



Neurosurgery, Fiji

From 16<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October, Dr. Nandanachandran, National Medical Coordinator, Sai Medical Unit, Australia, along with a medical team, visited Suva, Fiji, to conduct an annual neurosurgical camp. More than 110 patients including 24 children were lovingly provided with free neurological consultations at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital. Thirteen major operations were performed to treat various disorders,

including brain tumours and abscesses. Lumbar and cervical laminectomies were also done. Local doctors and nurses were given hands-on training by the visiting team. Dr. Nandanachandran gave a lecture at the Suva Private Hospital, addressing the doctors and the staff. The Minister for Health, Government of Fiji, expressed appreciation for the work done by the visiting neurosurgical team.



## NEW ZEALAND

### Community Service

Service activities carried out in New Zealand by the Sathya Sai Organisation include blood donations, free medical camps, assistance to refugees, dry food collection for distribution to the needy, serving food, visits to prisoners in the corrections department, meals for the elderly, delivering “meals on wheels,” visiting homes of the elderly, hospital visits, hospice volunteer service, tree planting, park maintenance, rendering physical and financial assistance for the Christchurch earthquake project, and initiating a national service week during Bhagawan Baba’s Birthday week.

During a blood donation drive, 225 Sathya Sai volunteers donated blood. At the request of the Ministry of Social Development, the Sathya Sai Organisation undertook the task of looking after the welfare of 55 Bhutanese refugees from Christchurch who had been relocated to Auckland, for a period of six weeks. The services included providing food, transportation, clothing, counselling and medical assistance. Dry food items were collected and distributed to the refugee centres and to needy children.

### Environmental Conservation

Project “PEACE” is an environmentally-conscious initiative encouraging the use of alternatives to plastic products such as bags, plates and utensils. A monthly e-newsletter provides advice to participants and encourages them through Bhagawan Baba’s teachings to understand the need for environmental conservation. Beach and park clean-ups were also undertaken in this project. Trees were planted to help preserve the ozone layer.

Sathya Sai volunteers including youth helped to clean and prepare vegetable plots for a centre that helps mentally disabled children and adults learn gardening and vegetable cultivation. Sathya Sai volunteers also helped rehabilitate local communities affected by recent severe earthquakes



Visit to a home for the elderly, New Zealand



Meals for the handicapped, New Zealand

## PHILIPPINES

### Community and Medical Services

Service projects included collection and distribution of cloth to needy families who sew and sell clothes for a livelihood; distribution of a month's supply of milk, lentils and laundry soap adequate for about 75 children and 6 caretakers at an orphanage; serving lunch to the orphanage children; medical and dental services to old and young once a month; distribution of essential household grocery items to needy families on the occasion of Bhagawan Baba's birthday, and medical camps.

The Sathya Sai Organisation of the Philippines undertook special service activities to commemorate Easwaramma Day and the 13<sup>th</sup> day after Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi. On 6<sup>th</sup> May 2012, nine Sathya Sai volunteers served hot meals to more than 200 people, most of them children in Metro Manila. Prayers were offered prior to serving

the food and genuine feelings of happiness were visible on the recipients' faces. Volunteers also gave bath towels to 108 families. The Manila Sathya Sai Centre has received eight certificates of recognition for organising medical camps.

### Sathya Sai School

Children and youth students of the Sri Sathya Sai School at Pililla were chosen as winners of a community dance competition for the second year in a row. In a display of discipline, self-sacrifice, determination and teamwork, they won first place.



Serving food to children, Philippines



Needy children enjoy delicious meals, Philippines

# Zone 4

AFGHANISTAN • BANGLADESH • BHUTAN • BRUNEI • CAMBODIA • INDONESIA  
LAOS (LAO PDR) • MALAYSIA • MYANMAR • NEPAL • PAKISTAN • SINGAPORE  
THAILAND • VIETNAM



Wat Chaiwatthanaram, Thailand



Angkor Wat, Cambodia



Prambanan Trimurti, Indonesia



Batu Caves, Malaysia

## AFGHANISTAN

Amidst the turmoil and strife of war, the Sathya Sai Center of Afghanistan supports a weekly program of Bhajans, Study Circle and Namasmarana.

Despite dangerous and volatile conditions in the country, by Swami's divine grace, the Sathya Sai Organisation's service activities in Khost, Afghanistan, continues unabated. The activities include distribution of biscuits, crackers and energy bars among the poor local workers who clean offices and toil at construction sites on military bases.



Distribution of biscuits and crackers, Afghanistan



Service to the poor, Cambodia



Akhanda Bhajan at Denpasar, Indonesia

## CAMBODIA

The Sri Sathya Sai Service Centre in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, celebrated Christmas Day 2011 and New Year's Day 2012 by undertaking several service projects. Free English classes were provided to children, followed by Narayana Seva on Christmas Day. Food was distributed to poor families in the SenRikReay community in SenSok Village, Phnom Penh, on both Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

## INDONESIA

### Prayers and Tributes to Sri Sathya Sai Baba

Devotees from Sathya Sai Centres across Indonesia took part in a variety of prayer sessions in April 2011. About 100 devotees from the Sathya Sai Centres in Medan took part in the Global Akhanda Bhajan during the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> April. In addition to the Bhajans, Gayatri Mantra, Maha Mrityunjaya Mantra and 108 Names of Bhagawan were chanted. About 150 devotees from the Sathya Sai Centre in Denpasar took part in the Global Akhanda Bhajan held in Jakarta, for 12 hours each on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April and for 10 hours on 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Sathya Sai Centres in Bandung (West Java), Palembang (South Sumatra) and Semarang (Central Java) conducted Narayana Seva on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011 in commemoration of Easwaramma Day and the 13<sup>th</sup> day after Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's Maha Samadhi. About 25 Sathya Sai volunteers from Central Java

served 108 cooked-food packages to residents at Panti Asuhan, an orphanage, and donated 150 kilograms of rice and other food items to the orphanage. In addition, 108 packages of vegetarian snacks and toiletries were offered to 70 residents of a home

for the elderly. In South Sumatra, 20 Sathya Sai devotees served 38 needy people on the streets, and 10 Sathya Sai volunteers served food packages to 160 patients with mental disorders at the Panti Rehabilitasi Cacat Menta (Rehabilitation Centre for the Mentally Disabled) in Semarang.

### Sathya Sai Zonal Youth Conference

A Sri Sathya Sai Youth Leaders' Conference was organised at the Werdhapura Village Sathya Sai Centre in Sanur from 30<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011. Nearly 300 youth from Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Laos participated in the conference. The theme of the conference was, "To Be Is to Serve." The programme was inaugurated with a cultural performance by Sathya Sai youth. Sri Sanjay Sahni, Director of Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Brindavan Campus, spoke on the topics, "My Life Is My Message," "Who Is Sai? – Form Versus Formless," and "Guru Seva Bina Nirvana Nahin," followed by Sri Vijay Menon from Kerala speaking on the theme of the conference. Professor Suresh Govind, President of Sri Sathya Sai Council of Malaysia, spoke on the topic, "Involve to Evolve," and Sri Wayan Gede Yudiana, Deputy Chairman of Sri Sathya Sai Council of Indonesia, spoke on "The Balinese Values: the Spirit of Service."

The conference was interspersed with workshops on the topics, "Ideal Sai Leadership Forum," "The Need of the Hour," and "Values for Humanity: The Escalation of Human Consciousness." On the evening of 1<sup>st</sup> July, the second day of the conference, Sathya Sai youth gave a musical performance. On 2<sup>nd</sup> July, the conference concluded with service projects conducted at Serangan Island, also known as "Turtle Island," where sea turtles are protected from environmental disasters. The service projects included the release of baby sea turtles into the ocean and cleaning of the beach and adjacent mangroves. Sathya Sai youth also took part in providing medical services to more than 125 villages. These services included basic health screenings, consultations and distribution of 77 pairs of eyeglasses. The service activities ended with a grand display of skills and abilities in providing search-and-rescue assistance by the Sathya Sai youth amidst a marine disaster. The conference ended with the Sathya Sai youth offering to Bhagawan a resolution stating that the youth would work together as one united Sathya Sai youth force, with mutual cooperation and respect. The Sathya Sai youth are continuing their ongoing projects, including village improvement projects and rural development initiatives.



Sai youth demonstrating search and rescue skills



Providing supplies to children

## Disaster Relief

The 2010 eruptions of Mount Merapi began in late October and continued into November. Sathya Sai volunteers provided ongoing relief efforts to the victims of the volcanic eruptions under a programme titled “Sai Seva Merapi 2010.” Immediately following the eruption, Sathya Sai volunteers plunged into action by providing loving service to the victims. Baby food, baby sanitary items, utensils for babies, blankets, mattresses, mats, hygiene kits, clothing including over 13,000 T-shirts, 8,500 sarongs, 1,000 pieces of infant clothing, 10,000 pieces of undergarments, Telon oil, eucalyptus oil and other essential items were distributed to the evacuees. Porridge was served round the clock for the evacuees in the Muntilan area.



Relief work after the fire disaster, Indonesia



Distributing supplies after the fire

The Sai Council of Indonesia undertook the reconstruction of houses and water supply services for the victims. At least 31 houses were completed for old people without any income or family. The bricks, cement, wood, and other basic materials were provided by the Sathya Sai Council and, under the supervision of Sathya Sai volunteers, the local villagers provided the labour to build the homes. The Indonesian and the Malaysian Sathya Sai Councils collaborated under the Village Improvement Programme (VIP) to repair the water supply system and to build seven water-storage tanks to collect and store water from springs along the slopes of Mount Merapi. The water channels and piping were over seven kilometers in length. Pure drinking water was distributed to three villages (Desa Jambean, Bendo Sari and Jonggol), benefitting more than 325 householders.

On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011, a fire emergency occurred in a densely populated area of Jembatan Dua, in West Jakarta, wherein 325 houses were burnt down, affecting over 1,400 people. On 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011, Sathya Sai volunteers packaged and distributed 350 bottles of Minyak Kayu Putih (medicinal oil for treating various ailments), 700 sachets of mosquito repellent cream, 30 packets of milk powder and 30 packets of diapers to people affected by the fire. The Sathya Sai Organisation volunteered to continue to serve the needy on an ongoing basis.

## Indonesian Delegation visit to SSSIHL

In the month of November 2011, Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Prasanthi Nilayam Campus (SSSIHL) received a letter from the Directorate of Islamic Higher Education, Indonesia, expressing their desire to send a team of teachers to study the process by which value education was imparted at the SSSIHL.

Ten teachers representing different faculties (English, Law, Politics Education etc.) from 5 different universities (public and private) were part of the visiting team. They

were all Muslims and the universities they were representing impart Islamic education. These universities come under the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Government of Indonesia. These teachers were selected based on their track record and their potential as future administrators of these universities.

During their 20 day stay at the SSSIHL in Prasanthi Nilayam, the teachers were exposed to the various elements of the Sathya Sai System of Integral System Education which combines the best of both – ancient wisdom and modern methodology catering to all the facets of the human personality – physical, mental and spiritual. The administrators of SSSIHL (Registrar and Controller of Examinations) made the opening presentation which gave them a broad perspective, evolution and current standing of the SSSIHL.

Prof. Muhammed Ali, the head of Islamic Education in Indonesia under the Ministry of Religious Affairs was briefed by the visiting team members about their experience at SSSIHL. In their report to the administration of the Islamic Education in Indonesia, the visiting team said that by promoting the unity of religions, SSSIHL serves as a melting pot of divergent beliefs, cultures and races.

### **Community and Medical Services**

The Sathya Sai Council of Indonesia conducted 56 medical camps, in which 3,000 patients were seen. Specialised vaccination programmes were organised to provide free vaccinations. The local national Red Cross awarded certificates of appreciation to the Sathya Sai Organisation in Indonesia for its blood donation service activities. Local governments have given several awards for the Sai Socio-Care and other emergency relief activities including an award recognising the Sathya Sai Organisation as a “Good Samaritan.”



**Medical checkup, Indonesia**

The Sri Sathya Sai Baba Organisation, Jakarta, Indonesia was contacted by the Indian Embassy in Jakarta to participate in the birthday celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi. In a short span of time centre members agreed to hold a week of “Mobile Clinic Medical Seva.” A total of 528 people were given medical attention during the week.

## LAOS

### Birthday Celebrations of Sri Sathya Sai Baba

On 19<sup>th</sup> November 2011, more than 300 people, including children from the Sathya Sai Education in Human Values (SSEHV) School and Buddhist monks, took part in community prayers in Nonkho Pagoda as part of Bhagawan's 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations. Buddhist prayers were conducted by the monks, alms were offered to the monks and food was served to all who attended the celebrations. Over 200 people attended a similar event at Pho Sai Pagoda on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011. Then, on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, Sathya Sai volunteers lovingly served food to 40 children at a school for

the visually challenged. On 23<sup>rd</sup> evening, a community Bhajan session was organised at Nonkho Sathya Sai Centre.

### Disaster Relief

On 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011, heavy rains from Tropical Storm Nock-Ten flooded the central regions of the country. Nearly 190,000 people were affected in the Khammouane province. Several villages were inaccessible for weeks due to damaged roads and collapsed bridges. People affected by the floods were evacuated and temporarily relocated in temples and schools on higher ground. Once the floodwaters subsided, many found that their belongings and houses had been badly damaged. On 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September, the Sathya Sai Foundation of Laos undertook relief operations for the flood victims in Sopbaw village. About 40 Sathya Sai volunteers travelled more than 800 km to reach the village and distribute two tonnes of rice and 6,000 packets of noodles. In Thakhek, 200 kg of rice and noodle packets were distributed to the children at a school. The district authorities commended the Sathya Sai Foundation for their humanitarian efforts.



Unloading supplies, Laos



Distributing supplies to flood victims in Sopbaw village, Laos

## MALAYSIA

### Village Improvement Programmes (VIP)

Since 2002, approximately 50 to 75 Sathya Sai volunteers, including many youth from Malaysia and Singapore, have been active in village improvement programmes. About 500 people in two of the most remote villages, Perkampungan Bawie and Perkampungan Sepayak, were served from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2011. These service activities to the villagers, centered on the theme "Sustainable Action Initiatives" (S.A.I.), included the distribution of plants, vegetable seeds and fruit trees, along with educational programmes on proper cultivation methods. About 45 families were provided with basic food supplies. School supplies were distributed to children and raincoats



to the villagers. The S.A.I. programme was initiated with the aim of promoting a healthy environment to alleviate the suffering of the villagers.

Medical professionals including doctors and dentists held medical camps and provided loving services to 200 to 300 people, including handing out medicines to patients and vitamins to children. The nearest hospital is approximately 100 km away from the village. Preventive health education programmes were organized, on proper personal and dental hygiene. Sathya Sai volunteers offered the villagers haircuts followed by medicated shampoo treatments for lice. Sarongs, towels, “Sathya Sai Avatar” T-Shirts and 300 pairs of slippers were given away.

Kampung Bawie is a village nestled deep in the rainforests of Borneo, in the Ulu Lemenak district of the East Malaysian State of Sarawak. The 45 families that live in this village are mainly hunters and farmers. There are no modern amenities, and the villagers walk on foot to travel from one place to another. The nearest school is a four-hour walk, and school-going children stay at the school during the week and return to their homes on the weekends. From 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2012, 45 Sathya Sai volunteers, including Sathya Sai youth from Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei, participated in a three-day integrated village improvement programme in Kampung Bawie.

The Kuching Sathya Sai Centre in Kuching city (the State capital) was used as the home base by the volunteers. They travelled 14 hours through the rainforests of Borneo on difficult roads. Eleven 4-wheel-drive vehicles were used to transport goods and people to the village from the Kuching Sathya Sai Centre. Planning and preparation for the three-day service activity took place over a period of five months. Service activities included a free medical camp for the villagers and distribution of medicines and vitamins; preparing and serving food to about 200 people three times a day; provision of dry rations, fruit trees, vegetable seedlings and essential items to families; distribution of textbooks, reading materials, stationery items and soft toys for children; installation of a new playground and outdoor badminton court and installation of solar panels and lights for five of the poorest families in the village. Basic hygiene tips were shared with the villagers, and a hair salon was organised for the ladies of the village. Sathya Sai volunteers played various games with the village children in



**Inaugurating the newly installed playground**



**Volunteers work with the village children**



**Happy village children**

the evenings. The volunteers felt Bhagawan's presence throughout the entire journey as well as during their stay at the village.

Sathya Sai volunteers interacted with the villagers by playing football, badminton and indoor games. New playground items were installed. Six bicycles were distributed to children, and a library was set up to provide access to books. Sathya Sai Avatar T-Shirts were distributed to villagers who requested them. A satellite receiver dish was installed for children's educational purposes. The villagers were happy and requested photos of Bhagawan to be placed in their homes to offer gratitude for all the amazing and loving service they have received over the years.

### **Birthday Celebrations of Sri Sathya Sai Baba**

Bhagawan's 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday was celebrated at various Sathya Sai Centres across the country on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011. The morning programmes began at 5.30 a.m. with chanting of Omkaram and Suprabhatam, followed by Bhajans. Many service projects were undertaken by Sathya Sai volunteers throughout the country, including food

provision for the needy. On 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011, Birthday celebrations were held at the Sathya Sai Centre in Sri Muda, which included a heartwarming public programme where the parents of the SSE children were honoured. The theme of the programme was "Honoring Our Parents Everyday" (HOPE). More than 700 people, including the public, attended this programme. About 150 SSE children took part in six skits and dramas, focused mainly on respecting parents. The programme also included serving food to the needy and awards to honour the "best son" and "best daughter." Devotees spoke about their experiences with Bhagawan and His love for one and all. Bhagawan Baba's love and presence were strongly experienced by all, along with an overwhelming feeling of gratitude to Bhagawan.



**Birthday celebrations – honoring parents in Sri Muda**



**Attendees of the Birthday celebrations**

### **Healthcare to the Elderly**

In many societies across the world, modern living and changes in traditional family structure have resulted in elderly people being left alone without adequate shelter, healthcare and security. Many elders lack the love and care of family. On 10<sup>th</sup> March 2012, a healthcare programme for the elderly was organised in Kuala Lumpur by a medical team of the Sathya Sai

Baba Central Council of Malaysia. A total of 106 elderly people living alone were identified, and medical screening services including blood tests, hearing tests and vision tests were provided by the Sathya Sai Medical team. A counseling session on healthy diet and healthy living was also conducted. Follow-up services were provided for the patients needing hearing aids, eyeglasses and cataract surgeries. Patients with iron-deficiency anaemia were given iron supplements and advice on proper dietary

management. Manicures, pedicures and head massages were also given to the participants. After the medical screening, the elderly were entertained by an outing to the Lake Gardens, followed by distribution of gifts. Vegetarian food was served throughout the day. At the end of the day, the elderly were happy and smiling.

### Medical Services

During the year, medical professionals including doctors and dentists organised 53 medical camps that served about 10,000 patients. They also continued medical services at seven free permanent clinics, serving about 20,000 patients.

### Sathya Sai Education in Human Values

The Education in Human Values Programme continues in Malaysia with great intensity. More states have been carrying out Educare carnivals. At these events the blossoming of talents in children can be seen, especially during the various competitions that have been painstakingly organised by the teachers. More than 500 volunteer teachers dedicate their time and energy weekly to reach out to 6,500 children in the nation, planting the seeds of Human Values.



Enrichment programmes for SSE teachers were conducted at the regional level this year, and more than 100 SSE teachers have benefitted from these programmes.



A Ramayana camp was organised at the Sathya Sai Primary School in September for Group 3 students. Traditional values in the Ramayana were conveyed in creative sessions, with values highlighted via role-playing, storytelling and group activities through a workshop suited to the age group. Fifteen teachers, including three main facilitators, coordinated the camp. About 110 children, mainly from the central region, participated in the camp. The teaching modules are available for use by other states to conduct similar camps at their locations.



Forty children and teachers participated in a Yathra (pilgrimage) to Prasanthi Nilayam from 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2012. The participants visited all the important places in Puttaparthi, including Swami's birthplace, the Chitravathi River, the Super-Speciality Hospital, the colleges and the Chaitanya Jyothi Museum. The purpose of the Yathra was to remind the children of their spiritual roots.



A group of 50 UPSR students from KL/Selangor attended a student camp organised from 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012 in Dengkil, Selangor. The Camp's emphasis was on practicing human values while pursuing academic excellence.



The Malaysia Sai Organisation has developed one of the most effective human-values-based parenting programmes, called the Parent Care Programme. Several Rotary Clubs have expressed interest in the Parent Care Programme, and a six-week programme specifically run for Rotary Melawati received an excellent response. At the conclusion of the Rotary Melawati Parent Care Programme, a Parent Care Alumni group was established by the Rotary Melawati Club, with a view to meeting periodically to discuss common parenting issues. The chairman of the Rotary Melawati Club, in a recent e-mail, commented, "Our members, especially those who participated in the programme, still talk about it. We all share the opinion that it was one of the most effective programmes organised by our Club.



Community strengthening through a Community Adoption Programme (CAP) continues in Malaysia. Adoption must be holistic and not merely a deployment of service out of convenience. In this regard, Kawasari CAP under the Sathya Sai 3 Centre and Desa Mentari CAP under the Sri Muda Sathya Sai Centres are good examples

of holistic interventions that provide tuition, medical care and food and clothing distribution. The commitment of the members of the Sathya Sai Centres to such programmes is what keeps the flame of service burning in these poor areas.



Nearly 200 students from secondary government schools have been provided Human Values-based coaching through the Student Training in Attitude and Responsibility (S.T.A.R) programme. Reaching out to Students with English (R.O.S.E) is yet another module deployed by Malaysian Sathya Sai Education

in Human Values teachers, mainly to primary schools. These educational training programmes continue to anchor the Sathya Sai Educare Academy as an institution that will continue to evolve as one of the finest in the region for deploying value-based education.

### **Environcare**

Love must spread and embrace even nature, including trees and animals. The service wing of the Malaysian Sathya Sai Council exceeded its pledge of planting 85,000 trees, and currently Environcare has launched many green projects. The Community Cleaning Club (CCC) is an innovative idea by the youth that has facilitated the clearing of rubbish from parks and community areas by members of the public. The response to these environmental projects has been encouraging, and many members of the public, schools and other NGOs have participated.



**Animals receive care at Veterinary Camp**

### Veterinary Camp

Animal Shelter Adoption has continued at Semenyih, which houses over 100 dogs, by the Sri Muda Sathya Sai Centre. Similarly, the Johor Sathya Sai Centre members have adopted St. Josephine's Animal Shelter and the Bentong Sathya Sai Centre members have adopted the Bentong Animal Shelter, which houses more than 100 animals, including dogs, cats, cows, goats, turtles, etc.

Veterinary doctors provide free vaccinations and members provide food and other care items. On New Year's Day, an annual service project is held at the Kuala Lumpur SPCA, which has several hundred dogs. The service project involves washing the compound, painting the cages and other activities.

### Spreading His Message

The Sai Chinese Affairs Wing has been active in creating publications and information materials. About 2,000 copies of the translated *Sai Darshan* were printed in July 2011, with the publication going into its second reprint due to popular demand. The *Baishan* publishes translations of Swami's divine discourses taken from the *Sanathana Sarathi*, as well as interesting articles and stories on Bhagawan and reports on inspiring Sathya Sai events in Malaysia.

### National Youth Camp

A National Youth Camp was held in Rawang Buddhist Monastery. The theme of the camp was "Air Force One: A Flight with Bhagawan." Nearly 220 youths from all around the country attended the camp. The highlight of the camp was the presence of Brothers Vijay Menon and Hari Subramaniam as keynote speakers. Both of them shared the message of Bhagawan and the relevance of His vision and mission. The message behind the theme was that clear vision is the single most important factor youth leaders must possess.



A few dedicated youth introduced a new programme called "Strengthening Heart, Attitude, Knowledge, Talent and Image (SHAKTI)." The programme's aim is to facilitate transformation of students in the technical colleges. In 2010 and 2011, nearly 200 students from the technical colleges experienced profound changes through this modular programme, which was carried out through a two-day camp with a follow-up session six months later. The result has been phenomenal. The discipline problem in one of the institutes dropped to zero percent. The academic results of the students also improved. Above all, parents were surprised by the behavior change in their children, so much so that some parents called the respective institutions to thank them and enquire what were the methodologies used by the college for creating such a drastic change in their children's day-to-day behavior.

The mentor/mentee programme that has been created as an outcome of SHAKTI is an ongoing effort and continues till today. As a result, almost 50 college principals under the association of technical colleges were invited to listen to a talk given by the council on the effectiveness of the programme.

## NEPAL

### Prayers and Tributes to Sri Sathya Sai Baba

On 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011, special devotional programmes were held in loving memory of our Beloved Bhagawan at all 186 Sathya Sai Centres throughout Nepal. The



Prarthana Sabha (prayer meeting), Nepal



Prarthana Sabha, Nepal

morning programme began at 5.00 a.m., with the chanting of Omkar, Suprabhatam and Nagar Sankirtan followed by Bhajans and Narayana Seva. In the afternoon, Prarthana Sabhas (prayer meetings) were held at 40 Sri Sathya Sai Centres, located mostly in populated urban areas. This special programme in all Sai centres was attended by about 10,000 devotees and included local religious leaders of various faiths. The prayer programme began with the offering of flower bouquets at the Lotus Feet of Bhagawan by religious teachers and seniors from the Sai Organisation. Ardent devotees of Bhagawan deliberated on Bhagawan's life and His message and His expectations for devotees of a commitment to serve and follow His teachings. Religious teachers highlighted Bhagawan Baba's contributions to the welfare of humankind. The three-hour programme concluded with Aarti and distribution of Prasadam.

In the evening, 40 devotees assembled to share their experiences and love for Swami, with emotions running high from the unbearable feeling of separation from the physical Form. Swami's love and presence were strongly felt by all present while devotees shared their experiences and love for Swami. There

was an overwhelming feeling of gratitude to Bhagawan for the opportunity to be contemporaries of the Sathya Sai Avatar. All devotees resolved that this was the time to reinforce our faith in Bhagawan and His message.

### Serving the Pilgrims

Pashupatinath Temple is one of the most sacred Hindu temples dedicated to Lord Siva in the world, located on the banks of the Bagmati River in the eastern part of Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. Every year, more than a half-million devotees, both from India and different parts of Nepal, visit this temple on Maha Sivarathri day to pay homage to Lord Siva. For many years, volunteers from various Sathya Sai Centres of Kathmandu have provided free medical and drinking-water service to the pilgrims.

On 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012, Maha Sivarathri day, service activities began with the chanting of Omkar and Gayatri Mantra. Sixteen doctors offered free medical services to over 480 people. Patients who fainted while standing long hours in the Darshan line were very appreciative of the emergency care they received from the Sathya Sai Medical team. About 150 volunteers from Sathya Sai Centres and

devotional groups of the Kathmandu Valley, dressed in sparkling white, lovingly distributed drinking water to thousands of pilgrims. The service activities were brought to a close by offering Aarati to Bhagawan.

### Sathya Sai Education in Human Values

Acting on a request from the National Centre for Educational Development (NCED), Sathya Sai Organisation trainers explained EHV concepts to more than 1,500 NCED trainers at 28 training hubs in January and February 2011. The EHV teaching materials supplied by the Sai Organisation were included in the NCED training kits.

### Medical Services

The Sri Sathya Sai Organisation of Nepal also conducted 22 medical camps, in which more than 5,800 patients were seen. This included an eye camp in which 280 cataract patients were seen, and 42 received surgeries free of cost. There is also a permanent medical clinic, which served 17,700 patients during the year. The clinic has facilities for X-ray, echocardiogram and screening laboratory tests.

A Sri Sathya Sai Village Drinking Water Project in a remote, western hilly region is under construction; it will benefit 56 homes upon its completion. Also, more than 17,500 patients were given treatment at a Sri Sathya Sai Health Centre.



Global prayers, Singapore

## SINGAPORE

### Prayers and Tributes to Sri Sathya Sai Baba

Devotees commenced daily congregational prayers on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011 with chanting of Rudram, Purusha Suktam, Lalitha Sahasranama (1,000 names of Goddess Lalitha), Gayatri Mantra and Sai Gayatri, at Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre on Moulmein Road. The daily prayers included three days of Tibetan Buddhist chanting focusing on the Medicine Buddha prayer, a prayer of healing. The devotees also participated in Likhita Japa (prayer through writing) of “Om Sri Sai Ram.” All Sathya Sai Centres added Gayatri Mantra chanting to their weekly Bhajan sessions as a special prayer offering to Bhagawan. Several individual devotees and small groups also conducted special prayers. Eighteen Sathya Sai Centres grouped together for 34 hours of prayers and Bhajans during the Global Akhanda Bhajan from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011.



Global prayers, Singapore

Following up on the guidance to Sai Centres by the International Sai Organisation, the Sai Centres of Singapore came together for joint prayers and Bhajans over three evenings to pray for Bhagawan's speedy recovery. The SSSO of Singapore con-

ducted continuous Akhanda Bhajan from the 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011. The Bhajans by all devotees created spiritually charged vibrations.

On 24<sup>th</sup> April 2011, special prayers were conducted at the Sathya Sai Centre at 133 Moulmein Road, as soon as Swami's Maha Samadhi news reached Singapore, and devotees from all over Singapore gathered to offer their tearful and loving prayers to Swami. The prayers continued at the Sathya Sai Centre for three days until 27<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

SSSO of Singapore organised a special event titled "Homage to Sri Sathya Sai Baba: His Life Is His Message," on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2011 at the Singapore Polytechnic Convention Hall. The homage included speeches by invited guests and a multimedia presentation on the life and works of Bhagawan. The event was graced by His Excellency Dr T.C.A. Raghavan, Indian High Commissioner, Singapore. Other invited guests included Ambassador K. Kesavapany, Director, Institute of South East Asian Studies (ISEAS), and Mr. Ameerli Abdeali, President of the Muslim Kidney Action Association.

### **Celebrations throughout the Year**

A group of 72 devotees from Singapore participated in the Chinese New Year celebrations in Puttaparthi. Also, devotees from Singapore participated in the Buddha Poonnima celebration in Puttaparthi on 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

Easwaramma Day was celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011. The programme consisted of Narayana Seva; a children's performance in the morning at Kreta Ayer Square, South Bridge Road, led by Sathya Sai Kindergarten children; and Bhajans at Ceylon Road Temple in the evening.

Global Akhanda Bhajans were organised at the national level at Swami's Home, "Sembawang," from 6.00 p.m. 12<sup>th</sup> November to 6.00 p.m. 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011. The programme was preceded by an hour of Vedic chanting. The Bhajans started with Ganesha Bhajans for one hour, and thereafter Bhajans were led by various centres. All 17 centres took part in the programme. The inspiring and enthusiastic participation demonstrated the outpouring of devotion and love for Swami in the hearts of the devotees in Singapore.

Ladies' Day was celebrated on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at the Sathya Sai Centre at 133 Moulmein Road. It started at 5.30 p.m. and ended with closing Aarti at 8.45 p.m., and thereafter dinner was served.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011, Bhagawan's 86th Birthday was celebrated at the Toa Payoh Sports Hall. The programme started at 6.00 a.m. with Rudrabhishekam and Paduka Pooja. This was followed by multifaith prayers and Bhajans led by different Sathya Sai Centres.

Blood donation and a health screening were organised as part of the celebration. An exhibition on Swami's works in Chinese and English was arranged outside the Bhajan hall. Buffet meals were arranged. The programme ended at 9.00 p.m. with the Jhoola song, cake cutting and Aarti.

Twenty-seven youth participated in a Youth Retreat held in Bali on 30<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011. The youth were fully charged and energised after attending the confer-



ence. From this retreat, six nominated youth attended the Youth Conference held at Prasanthi Nilayam on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

### **Sathya Sai Education In Human Values**

The Sri Sathya Sai Kindergarten School teaches Sathya Sai's unique education on Human Values programme in addition to the regular curriculum.

SSE students and Sai Kindergarten children jointly celebrated Guru Poornima on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at Holy Tree Sri Balasubramaniar Temple, Yishun. The celebration featured combined children's events and Bhajans. The well-attended programme contained a variety of children performances based on Swami's teachings.

## **SRI LANKA**

### **Prayers and Tributes to Sri Sathya Sai Baba**

In Sri Lanka, devotees chanted Vedic Mantras including Gayatri Mantra and Sai Gayatri daily in April 2011. At the Colombo main Sathya Sai Centre, Ladies Wing, Sai Spiritual Education (SSE) children, Sathya Sai youth and Sevalal volunteers conducted special devotional programmes. On 10<sup>th</sup> April, about 300 people took part in a 12-hour Akhanda Bhajan session organised by the Jaffna Sathya Sai Centre from the Northern Region. Sathya Sai Centres in the Eastern Region – the Sathya Sai Centre of Vavuniya and the Sathya Sai Centre of Trincomalee – organised special prayer sessions.

On 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011, the thirteenth day after the Maha Samadhi of Sathya Sai Baba, a special Narayana Seva was organised throughout the country by the Sri Sathya Sai Organisation of Sri Lanka. Sathya Sai volunteers, including Mahilas (women) and youth of the Sathya Sai Centres and Groups in all the five regions of Sri Lanka lovingly prepared over 3,000 lunch parcels and distributed them in children's homes, elders' homes, refugee camps, a cancer hospital, a school and colony for the visually challenged and villages across the country.

### **Mobile Medical Camps**

Sathya Sai volunteers have continued to organise mobile medical camps in various parts of Sri Lanka, during and after the end of the long civil war in the country. During the reporting period, the Sathya Sai Organisation of Sri Lanka conducted 28 medical camps, serving about 8,500 patients. An ophthalmology team consisting of an eye specialist, optician, paramedical staff and volunteers from the Sathya Sai Centre of Vavuniya conducted eye camps and screening for cataracts in the war-affected Wannu region of Sri Lanka in May, July and October 2011.



**Patient receiving an eye examination**



**Children receiving meals on Avatar Declaration Day**

In all, 1,283 people were screened and 696 pairs of prescription eyeglasses were distributed. Cataract surgeries were also performed on 75 needy people. The Sathya Sai Centre of Vavuniya provided the lenses required for the cataract surgeries. Sathya Sai volunteers assisted in providing post-operative care for 117 patients following their cataract surgeries at the Vavuniya Hospital.

Patients were accommodated at the Sathya Sai Children's Home. Meals and transportation were also provided. In the northern part of the country, mobile medical camps were organised on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at four villages in the Mullaitivu district. More than 1,140 patients were provided medical services by fourteen doctors, four pharmacists and five other volunteers. On 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011, eight doctors, three pharmacists and four other volunteers rendered medical services to more than 560 people.



Medical camp, Sri Lanka

On the same day, medical services were also rendered to 35 people residing at a home for the elderly in the nearby town of Haputalle. On the following day, medical services were provided to over 480 people in Adampitiya village.

### Community Service

Since October 2011, Sathya Sai volunteers have been lovingly preparing and serving breakfast every Sunday for 130 children from underprivileged families in and around the Kataragama Temple. On 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2011, as a part of the celebrations observing Bhagawan Baba's Avatar declaration day, Sathya Sai volunteers prepared lunch at the Sai Mandir and served over 600 and 500 people, respectively, all of who live in slum areas in and around the city of Colombo. More than 80 Sathya Sai volunteers including Sathya Sai youth prepared the food on both days.



Patient being seen at mobile medical camp

On 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011, about 15 Sathya Sai volunteers assisted by hospital cooks lovingly prepared and served food to about 930 inmates at a hospital for the mentally handicapped in the city of Angoda. On 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011, over 3,000 lunch parcels were prepared and distributed by Sathya Sai volunteers. These lunch parcels were distributed at children homes, elder's homes, refugee camps, a cancer hospital, a school for the blind, a colony for the blind and in villages.

### Cancer Hospice

Hanwella is a small town located about 30 km from Colombo. The Sri Sathya Sai Suva Sevana Cancer Hospice in Hanwella, inaugurated on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2002, is a national service project inspired by Bhagawan. The facility provides accommodation, comfort and loving palliative care to terminally-ill cancer patients who cannot be looked after in their homes. A philanthropist donated 3.5 acres of land on a rubber plantation in Hanwella. This area is blessed with beautiful verdure and serenity. Since its inception,

over 330 terminally ill cancer patients have been looked after. The hospice accommodates 40 patients with separate male and female dormitories and recreational facilities for the residents. The hospice has facilities to undertake funeral rites for the deceased according to their respective religious practices and wishes. There is a prayer room in a beautifully designed circular building with a large dome on the top emblazoned with the Sarva Dharma (representing all faiths) symbol on four sides. A large picture of Bhagawan and a beautifully carved chair adorn the prayer room. Statues and pictures also depict the four major religions of the people of Sri Lanka (Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity and Islam). The prayer room promotes interreligious harmony, faith and understanding. Regular Bhajans, with resident participation, are held in this room.



**Patients at cancer hospice**

The hospice management committee has ten dedicated members and is chaired by the former Director General of Health Services, Sri Lanka. A doctor who worked at the National Cancer Institute is in charge of the clinical care of patients and the operational management of the hospice. Currently, this doctor is also associated with the Cancer Control Programme Unit of the Ministry of Health. He is supported by three other qualified doctors, one of whom is a registrar in oncology at the National Cancer Institute. All four doctors lovingly render their services free of charge. Other supportive staff includes eight well-trained nurses and nine attendants who take turns working duty shifts to provide continuous day and night care. Two cooks offer their services in the kitchen department. Patients are taken to The National Cancer Institute for regular follow up treatment.

At the hospice, Sathya Sai volunteers render service by spending time with the residents and showering them with love. The volunteers also conduct Bhajans and share about their experiences with Bhagawan. The Sathya Sai devotees celebrate every major religious festival at the hospice. SSE children and teachers also visit the hospice on occasion, perform cultural programmes and serve the residents sumptuous snacks.

## THAILAND

### Prayers and Tributes to Sri Sathya Sai Baba

On 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011, collective prayers and Bhajans were organised in various parts of Thailand. In Bangkok, devotees from three Sathya Sai Centres joined together at the Sai Prashanti Centre for the Global Akhanda Bhajan. Devotees from the Sathya Sai Centres in Rayong, Nonthaburi, Maesai and Chiangmai also took part in the Global Akhanda Bhajan. At the Maesai Sathya Sai Centre, Hanuman Chalisa (a prayerful offering to Lord Hanuman) and Sai Gayatri were chanted.

### Easwaramma Day Celebrations

On 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011, Easwaramma Day, the Sathya Sai Organisation of Thailand organised Narayana Seva at the Good Shepherd Sisters Home. At the event, 51 Sathya

Sai volunteers including Bal Vikas children, youth and adults chanted Gayatri Mantra, Sai Gayatri and a food prayer prior to serving a delicious hot meal and sweets to 85 residents.

A programme on 7<sup>th</sup> May started at 5.30 p.m. with Veda chanting followed by dances by the SSE children and students of the Sathya Sai School. Speeches were delivered by the regional and deputy central coordinators and by the CEO of the Sathya Sai School, Dr Art-ong Jumsai Na Ayudhya. At the end, the SSE children staged a drama titled “If There Was a Little More Love.” The drama highlighted the fact that problems in the world today can be attributed to a lack of love in our hearts. Altogether, 66 children from SSE, SSEHV and the Sathya Sai School participated in the programme. About 350 devotees attended the celebration.

The programme concluded with a speech by the Indian Ambassador. Certificates were awarded to graduating SSE students and medals were distributed to the participants.

### Community Service

On 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011, over 30 Sathya Sai volunteers from three Sathya Sai Centres visited patients at the Somdej Chaophraya Mental Hospital in Bangkok. Sathya Sai volunteers, including youth and children, spoke to the patients with love and served them cake and milk. Several necessary items for the patients were also donated. It was a wonderful experience that brought a feeling of oneness to the volunteers.



Christmas service at the Good Shepherd Sisters Home

On 18<sup>th</sup> December 2011, over 70 Sathya Sai volunteers including Sathya Sai youth and SSE children visited the Good Shepherd Sisters Home as part of their annual Christmas service activities. The home shelters about 100 needy children (girls) and a few small babies. Sathya Sai youth organised games for the children and performed instrumental carols. The SSE children sang Christmas carols and the children from the Good Shepherd Sisters Home joined the celebrations by presenting several dances. Sathya Sai volunteers served the children a sumptuous home-made dinner and distributed necessary staples such as rice, sugar, coffee, milk and cookies.

### Beach Cleaning

On 11<sup>th</sup> September 2011 the Sri Sathya Sai Organisation, Thailand, Rayong Unit, which is 200 km from Bangkok, organised a beach-cleaning project. Thirty-seven people from Bangkok and 16 students from the Sathya Sai School, Lopburi, joined in the service, along with devotees from Rayong. The three vans had travelled nearly 60 km when a call was received from the Rayong Sathya Sai Centre indicating that the beach cleaning had been stopped due to heavy rain. But the devotees, having full faith in Swami, contin-



Beach cleaning in Rayong province

ued their journey. They decided to continue their Seva wearing raincoats. Unexpectedly the rain stopped just after breakfast. The rest of the project was completed in pleasant weather, and the rain again started once the service was completed. After cleaning, Bhajans were conducted. All participants returned home thanking Swami for making the Seva possible.

### Flood Relief Work

Various regions of Thailand are affected by seasonal flash-flooding. On 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011, Sathya Sai volunteers served food for 35 families in Chiang Mai, in northern Thailand, and assisted in the preparation of 10,000 packets of food for distribution in a village. Chiang Mai Radio praised the Sathya Sai volunteers for their assistance in preparing the food. Then, between 12<sup>th</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011, Sathya Sai volunteers continued to pack, transport and distribute urgently needed supplies to many more flooded locations. Altogether, about 40,000 people were helped during the floods.

On 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011, staff and children of the Sathya Sai School, assisted by the Sri Sathya Sai Organisation, donated much needed drinking water to flood victims, from a rain harvest treatment plant at the school. From 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> November 2011, about 70 Sathya Sai volunteers packed 1,500 packages of supplies, including noodles, milk, biscuits, canned food, candies, malted milk powder, cakes, hygiene items, candles and lighters. On 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011, Sathya Sai volunteers, facing many difficulties, travelled bravely by road and by boat to distribute these much-needed supplies to very remote areas, including the villages of Lamlukka Klong Slong and Bang Bua Thong on the outskirts of Bangkok. Travel to these villages was tedious and difficult, as the polluted water was black in colour, noxious, contaminated with chemicals and infested with crocodiles and snakes. Sathya Sai volunteers sang Bhajans throughout the journey. Many of the refugees had been without food for two days.

On 10<sup>th</sup> December 2011, clothing and water bottles were distributed to about 250 families in Lam Pho, Pak Klong Chao, Rahaan and a few more villages. The villagers were thankful, and children donned the clothing as soon as they received it. They also helped to make sandbags and life jackets.

Once the floodwaters receded, the Nothtaburi Sathya Sai Centre engaged in building houses for the poor who did not receive government help. Nearly 65 houses were repaired or built with the money received from Zone 4 countries for the relief work.



Flooding in Bang Bua Thong



Volunteers distribute clothing and water

### Sathya Sai Education in Human Values

The Sathya Sai School in Lopburi organised a variety of service activities. These included visiting prisoners and teaching them human values; assisting the disabled; distributing clothing and blankets for the needy in several villages; training teachers and educators from all over Thailand in human values and providing food, clothing and drinking water to people affected by floods. About 2,000 people visit the Sathya Sai School every month to learn about Human Values education. The school has developed into a learning centre for the visitors. The school won an award from Princess Somsawali for being an outstanding school for the promotion of the environment. The National Education Council bestowed the award, “One School One Innovation” for a project created for the youth titled, “Leading the Youth along the Path of the King.”



**Blood donation camp in Bangkok**



**Games organised by Sai youth for Christmas celebration**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012, the SSE and SSEHV Wings of the Sri Sathya Sai Organisation of Thailand organised an annual camp for children at Lumpini Park.

The camp started at 9.00 a.m. with a Ganesh Prayer and the Gayatri Mantra. Children and adults joined the Value Walk inside the park, holding Values placards and chanting the Sathya Sai slogans, “Love all, serve all” and “Help ever, hurt never.”

All sang Bhajans for Nagar Sankeertan. The group reached the camp venue at 9.30 a.m. Parents as well as children enjoyed the activities. Everyone had a sumptuous breakfast and lunch that was cooked and served by the ladies wing. The camp was being attended by about 79 people and ended at 3.00 p.m.

### Human Values Inter-School Debate Competition

On 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011, the Sri Sathya Sai Organisation of Thailand organised an inter-school “Sathya Sai Debate” on Human Values. The function was inaugurated by the deputy governor of Bangkok at 8.00 a.m. and ended at 5.00 p.m. Students and teachers showed a keen interest in the debate. This generated much reflection, prompting listeners to resolve to apply

the Human Values and become responsible citizens. A total of 17 teams from six International Schools took part in the debate, which was appreciated by the cheering crowd.

### Blood Donation

On 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011, the Sathya Sai Organisation of Thailand organised a blood-donation camp at the Sai Prashanti Centre, Bangkok. Devotees offered Aarti to Swami before starting the camp. Sai Bhajans were played to make the atmosphere serene and peaceful. Altogether 25 people were able to donate blood.

### **Birthday Celebrations**

Global Akhanda Bhajans were held from Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011, 6.00 p.m. until Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 6.00 p.m., in Bangkok, Thailand, and were attended by about 150 devotees. The Chiang Mai Sathya Sai Centre, in the northern part of Thailand also held Bhajans. The Sathya Sai Centres in Thailand observed Baba's Birthday with devotional programmes and service activities. Bal Vikas children celebrated Baba's birthday on November 19<sup>th</sup> by singing Bhajans for one hour, followed by dinner as Prasadam. The event was attended by around 100 people.

At the Rajdamnern Sathya Sai Centre, Buddhist prayers were offered by monks followed by four hours of Bhajans. Around 60 people attended the function, which ended with the feeding of the nine monks.

The Sai Prashanti Centre held one hour of Bhajans, which were attended by 50 people.

The Chiang Mai Sathya Sai Centre conducted Narayana Seva for 200 monks and 300 people. They also donated blankets to 40 needy people.

The Maesai Sathya Sai Centre held special Bhajans on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011 for one hour. The event was attended by 180 people. Lunch and Prasadam were served to all, after the Bhajans.

On 24<sup>th</sup> November, food was served to 82 patients in a local hospital, and 136 blankets were donated to students in nearby schools. Nonthaburi Sathya Sai Centre, which is located in the greater metropolitan Bangkok area, held one-hour Bhajans, which were attended by eight members.

### **Christmas Celebrations**

On 24<sup>th</sup> December 2011, Christmas was celebrated at Sai Prashanti Centre in Bangkok, attended by about 80 people, including 30 children. The programme began with Veda chanting, followed by Bhajans and carols. SSE Children were thrilled to have a visit from Santa Claus, who distributed gifts. The guest speaker, Sri S.S. Naganand, Trustee, Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust, gave an inspiring talk, sharing Bhagawan's love and His teachings.

Rajdamnern Sathya Sai Centre in Bangkok celebrated Christmas on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2011, with about 30 children from nearby slums taking part in the celebrations. Sathya Sai youth planned games for the children and distributed prizes.

### **Aradhana Celebrations**

The Sri Sathya Sai Organisation of Thailand organised a Maha Samadhi Aradhana at various centres on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2011 by conducting Bhajans, Suprabhatam, Rudram and service activities.



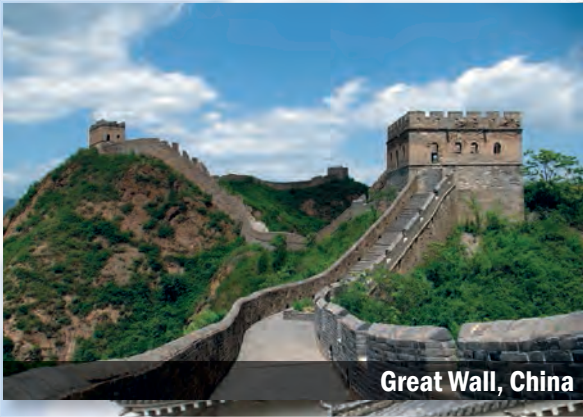
**Christmas celebration in Bangkok**





# Zone 5

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Great Wall, China



Big Buddha, Hong Kong



Zhongzheng District, Taiwan



Matsumoto Castle, Japan

## CHINA

### Sathya Sai Education in Human Values

The Institute of Sathya Sai Education (ISSE) team conducts regular training seminars on SSEHV to integrate its resources for the Lu Hua Xi kindergarten. The school has around 200 children and 20 teachers. Sathya Sai volunteers have continued with a project that aims at integration of SSEHV into mainstream schools in China. Twenty core teachers in Qinghai Province have been identified to become exemplary model teachers to demonstrate SSEHV strategies to colleagues in other schools that have not yet been introduced to SSEHV. Required support and resources are being provided to these teachers by the Sathya Sai Organisation of Zone 5.

In Guangxi Province, more than 70 teachers and principals from 10 schools, local university professors and graduate students are participating in the SSEHV programme. This programme has reached the end of its first two-year phase and will be evaluated in October 2012. During the seminars organised in October 2011 and April 2012 in this Province, it was noted that a high standard of understanding was achieved by many of the teachers. In April, Dr. Pal Dhall, Chairman Zone 3, and Dr. Mrs. Tehseen Dhall conducted a seminar with the teachers. They also conducted Dynamic Parenting sessions for parents from one of the participating schools as well as for the parents of the Gold Arch International Kindergarten in Guangzhou.

Also in April, a one-day meeting was held in the Research Centre for Education in Human Values at the South China Normal University in Qinghai, Guangxi. The leaders of SSEHV projects including university professors and postgraduate students attended this meeting. The guest speakers at this meeting were Dr. Narendranath Reddy and Drs. Pal and Tehseen Dhall.



In June 2011, an evaluation of the second phase of the SSEHV project in Qinghai indicated that SSEHV had spread to several schools in addition to the schools in which the SSHEV project was initiated.

In October 2011, a professional development seminar was conducted in Guangxi Province, where there is an ongoing SSEHV project, with participation by 70 teachers and principals from 10 schools. In December 2011, there was a professional development exchange visit between the Dong Guan-based adopted kindergarten and the Gold Arch International Kindergarten in Guangzhou.



Sathya Sai Education in Human Values, China

## HONG KONG

### Conference on Reflection of His Teachings

The Sri Sathya Sai Baba Organisation, Zone 5, comprised of China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea and Taiwan, held a conference in Hong Kong on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2011. About 70 people participated in the event.

Following the opening ceremonies, nine devotees shared their reflections on Bhagawan's teachings on the topics of women and youth and His teachings directed specifically to the Chinese and Japanese people. The nine devotees also reflected on the importance of Bhagawan's life and the uniqueness of Sathya Sai study circles.

The rest of the first day was dedicated to reflections on Bhagawan's legacy, through speeches, video and group discussion. The theme of the group discussions was "Making Every Moment a Sai Moment." Devotees shared their experiences of personal Sadhana (spiritual practice and transformation).

The second day focused on the role of a devotee in the Sathya Sai Organisation. The proceedings began with a speech on Bhagawan's Educare, Medicare and Socio-care programmes as a framework for service to the needy and for seeing divinity in all. A video of a talk given by Dr. Narendranath Reddy, Chairman, Prasanthi Council, about our role in Bhagawan Baba's Mission, was screened. Eight representatives from different countries described their vision of the "Sai Mission in 2020." Overall, the Conference emphasised that the true purpose of the Sai Mission is to enable us to understand and realise that we are divine and that this is the ultimate goal of all our thoughts, words and deeds.

### Sathya Sai Education in Human Values

The Queen Elizabeth group of schools in Tin Shui Wai has continued to be active in organising Sathya Sai Education in Human Values (SSEHV) programmes. Sathya Sai Youth played an active role in these programmes. SSEHV activities included:

- An Educare summer programme for Grade One students. As a part of the Language Arts English Programme, a Values focus was applied to the technique of Choral Verse recommended in the Hong Kong English curriculum.
- A presentation by junior and senior students on school life and family relationships.
- Weekly Sathya Sai Human Values public speaking workshops for students from two primary schools. This effort supported the gifted students' enhancement programme.
- A programme organised on Saturdays to help students develop oral presentation skills.
- A study group for senior students on Friday evenings for writing skills in English with a focus on values, social issues and personal motivation.



Reflecting on Bhagawan's legacy

- A lunchtime Ambassador peer reading and mentoring programme assisted by senior youth from the Sai centre.

Select groups of P5 and P6 children were tutored by the Senior SSE children and the Sathya Sai Youth, with a focus on SSEHV, to support English-language-learning skills. A group of 10 students from the Chinese University School of Continuing and Professional Education also participated in some of these activities.



SSEHV classes have continued on a regular basis throughout the year at St. Margaret's Girls' School as a part of the Life Education programme for Grade 1 to Grade 3 students. Topics covered in these classes included the following:

- Grade 1 Children: The Inner Computer, Programming your Inner Computer; I am the Light; There is Only One Caste, the Caste of Humanity; and Saving Our Earth.
- Grade 2 Children: Ceiling on Desires; Power of Thoughts; Everything Is Changing; Peer Pressure and Self-Esteem.
- Grade 3 Children: Who Am I?; Heart to Heart Communication; I Am the Creator of My Own Destiny.

### **Prayers and Tributes to Sri Sathya Sai Baba**

From 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011, Akhanda Bhajans and prayers for the physical health of Bhagawan were organised over a period of three days. From 24<sup>th</sup> April, Bhajans were offered to Bhagawan for 12 consecutive days.

On 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011 (13<sup>th</sup> day after Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi), a grand Narayana Seva (serving food to the needy) was organised at nine locations.

On 21<sup>st</sup> May 2011, SSE Bal Vikas students celebrated Easwaramma Day on the theme of "Ceiling on Desires." The celebration commemorated the anniversary of the passing away of the saintly woman, Easwaramma, who was blessed to be the chosen mother of Bhagawan. The objective was to stimulate the children's thinking about the difference between their needs and wants, and to strengthen their ability to make daily choices more carefully.

### **Community Service and Spiritual Activities**

On 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011, a Sadhana (spiritual practice) camp was organised under the theme, "Sai Spiritual Principles in Action" (S.P.A.). On 23<sup>rd</sup> June, a graduation ceremony for the SSE children and the teen youth took place.

Sathya Sai volunteers continue to lovingly serve breakfast to the homeless.

On 17<sup>th</sup> June 2011, a public programme was organised in Nepalese at a local community hall for over 200 people on the theme, "Realising God." The programme included speeches, Bhajans, a drama by Sathya Sai youth, a dance by SSE children and a video presentation on Bhagawan.

In September 2011, the Ladies Wing offered a five-week presentation after Bhajans at the local Sathya Sai Centre. The theme of these presentations was "Role of the Family in Evolving Spirituality."

Akhanda Bhajans were organised on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011, as part of Global Akhanda Bhajans.

On 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011, a cultural programme was organised, with 1,200 people participating in celebration of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai's Birthday.

In December 2011, various service projects were carried out across the nation. The Mahilas knitted cushion covers for the elderly. A service project in Shilong in Dongguan province, China, continues to bring relief to over 20 families unable to support themselves with the limited government assistance. In Hong Kong, there is regular distribution of rice and basic necessities to the elderly in cooperation with the Social Welfare Department.

On 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012, an interfaith conference was organised at a local Sathya Sai Baba Centre on the topic, "Realising Oneness and Finding Unity in Diversity."

## JAPAN

### Disaster Relief

In April 2011, the Sathya Sai Organisation of Japan distributed much-needed supplies, including medicines, clothing, towels, sheets and food, to the people affected by the Tsunami of 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Twenty physicians from the Sathya Sai Organisation responded to an urgent request directed to the Sathya Sai Organisation of Japan from the Miyagi Prefecture Police Headquarters and from the Miyagi Chapter of the All-Japan Medical Doctors and Dentist Foundation, to facilitate pre-cremation medical processing of the mounting numbers of corpses retrieved from the disaster zone.



Packing relief supplies

Sathya Sai volunteers delivered seven truckloads carrying 40 tonnes of lifeline goods and food supplies directly to survivors. The Japan Coast Guard offered its entire ship *Miura* and a special helicopter to the Sathya Sai Organisation to transport supplies to the most severely affected areas in the Miyagi and Iwate Prefectures.

Sathya Sai volunteers delivered relief supplies, including food, socks, undergarments, diapers and baby wipes, to over 2,000 people at four evacuation centres in Sendai.

An estimated 12,000 meals were served to evacuees at the Natori municipal gymnasium, including several hundred elementary and secondary school students. Sai volunteers also distributed 12,000 face masks. A cultural programme was offered, describing a 1,300-year history of benevolent cultural exchange between India and Japan. The coordinator of the Sathya Sai Organisation of Japan conveyed Bhagawan's message of love.

The Sathya Sai Organisation of Japan expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Bhagawan for His divine grace, blessings and guidance during the relief operations.

### **Community Service and Spiritual Activities**

On 4<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011, prayers were offered to Bhagawan by about 300 and 600 people respectively. In the City of Miki, near Kobe, a Sadhana (spiritual practice) camp was held on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2011. About 150 devotees attended the camp. The theme was “Swami Arigato,” which means “We are grateful to you, Swami,” with emphasis on “Love All Serve All” as the sub-theme. Talks and study circle groups in Japanese and English (for non-Japanese devotees) were organised. Swami’s video and a cultural programme were presented. The two-day camp concluded with Bhajans and Aarti.



On 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2011, Sathya Sai Organisation office bearers visited more than 200 homes of the earthquake victims in government-allotted temporary houses and offered edible delicacies as gifts to each home in Sendai City. During this visit, efforts were made to strengthen the service activities in the area.

### **Sathya Sai Education in Human Values**

An 11<sup>th</sup> SSEHV National Camp was held in Akikawa (Tokyo) on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> August 2011, with 17 children and 21 adults (parents and teachers) participating in the camp. The programme consisted of SSEHV Classes, a study circle on parenting and vegetarian cooking.

On 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August, an SSEHV teacher and his high school students participated as volunteers in Tohoku, and on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2011, an SSEHV Seminar on Mahatma Gandhi was held at Tokyo Sai Center.

## **TAIWAN**

### **Sathya Sai Education in Human Values**

SSEHV activities are being actively organised in Taiwan. At the Sathya Sai School, kindergarten classes are conducted five days a week, and SSEHV activities are organised for about 190 children at local elementary and junior high schools. After-school

SSEHV programmes are held at the Sathya Sai School twice a week for children from Grades 6 to 9, and study circles are arranged on a regular basis for teachers and parents. Teacher and parent conferences are held twice per semester at the Sathya Sai School, and the SSEHV youth group meets once a month. SSEHV teachers, parents, students and volunteers take part in various community service activities.



Sathya Sai School, Taiwan

# Zone 6

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## SOUTHERN EUROPE

In Southern Europe, a special Sadhana programme aimed at practising Bhagawan's teachings was started. Sathya Sai Centres in several Southern European countries organised special prayer and chanting sessions. In Italy, about 300 devotees gathered at the Mother Sai building for a special chanting session during the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> April 2011. In Rome, Maha Mrityunjaya Mantra and Gayatri Mantra were chanted 108 times each, followed by devotional singing on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

## BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

Bhagawan's 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations, held in Sarajevo on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011, commenced with Veda chanting. About 70 people attended the function. Following the greetings and opening address by Mr. Jadranko Panjeta, National Coordinator of the Sathya Sai Organisation of Bosnia-Herzegovina, selections from Bhagawan's teachings and a poem were read. Two famous actresses who are members of the Sathya Sai Centre in Sarajevo read a few stories. This was followed by devotional songs from the different religions practised in the country. During the entire proceedings, a video on Bhagawan was played in the background.



Bosnia is a multi-cultural and multi-ethnic country. Every year the Bosnian Sathya Sai Organisation is invited to an Inter-religious Meeting organised by the Franciscan community. In 2011, the meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> October. The Bosnian national coordinator gave an inspiring speech, and Sathya Sai devotees sang songs on Human Values.

A Human Values Football Tournament was organised by a Bosnian schoolteacher for elementary school children, grades 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> standard. Five teams were registered, each carrying the name of one of the cardinal Human Values and playing with team spirit according to the subvalues that the Value represents.

A newsletter, *The Sai Sun*, is also being published.



Altar for Bhagawan's 86<sup>th</sup> birthday, Bosnia



Inter-religious Meeting, Bosnia



## FRANCE

Over the past two decades, seminars on Sai Spiritual Education in Human Values (SSEHV) have been organised periodically. During May and October 2011, two such seminars were held, which were attended by about 60 people from Belgium, Netherlands, Switzerland and France. A team of trainers from the Institute of Sathya Sai Education, South Europe (ISSE-SE) and the European Sathya Sai Educare (ESSE) Institute took part in these seminars. The items discussed included “Teachers as Exemplars of the Human Values Programme,” “Unity of Head, Heart and Hand (3HV),” “Ceiling on Desires,” “Unity of Faiths,” and “Selfless Service through Offering Service to the Needy.”



During 2011 and 2012, the Paris Sathya Sai Centres worked hand-in-hand to help homeless people living in either tents or huts in the Vincennes woods, situated very near Paris. Once a month, a group of Sai devotees visited the encampment, distributed food and clothes, and also provided some advice.

A hot breakfast was also served to the camp dwellers, and this encouraged many tent dwellers to open their doors. The warmth of the breakfast served with smiles and soothing words created new avenues of communication and assistance.



Homeless encampment

## GREECE

On 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011, devotees from Sathya Sai Centres across Greece took part in the Global Akhanda Bhajans. Greece joined other parts of the world—for example, Malaysia, Cuba, Laos, Russia, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Ruwais, Sharjah, Iran, Qatar, Turkey, Republic of Belarus and Nigeria,— by conducting group prayers, Bhajans and Mantra chanting programmes during this period.



On 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2011, Sathya Sai volunteers repaired the roof of a house that was badly leaking and water-damaged, where a young couple lived with a two-year-old child and a newborn baby. The house was located 100 metres uphill on a dirt road, and all the materials were hand-carried to the site. A baby carriage and furniture were also donated to the family. On 2<sup>nd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011, a group of Sathya Sai devotees from Sai Centres in Athens, Piraeus and Thessaloniki once again visited the homes of needy families adopted by them and delivered 40 bags of food. On both occasions, a paediatrician joined the team and looked after all the medical needs of these families.

Special public meetings were held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011 in Chania and Heraklion, two major cities on the Island of Crete. The theme was “Sathya Sai Baba: His Life is a Message and Inspiration to Humanity.”

In Thessaloniki, capital of northern Greece, a team of volunteers continues to make regular visits to the St. Stylianos Orphanage and the Agios Panteleimon Institution. They take the patients to the hospital whenever required and provide family counselling services. They also regularly visit chronically ill patients in Skaramanga and St. Barbara and physically challenged persons in Kallithea.



**Birthday celebration, Greece**



**Repairing a home**



**Paediatrician examines a child**



On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011, celebrations in honour of Bhagawan Baba's 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday were held at the Sathya Sai Centre in Athens Patission. Over 110 people including Sathya Sai Youth and children attended. The programme began with a screening of the video of Bhagawan's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations. This was followed by readings from selected discourses of Bhagawan and sharing of experiences by devotees. The celebrations concluded with Bhajans and distribution of Prasadam.

Seva activities also take place on a regular basis throughout the year:

Twice a month, adopted families are visited in Perama (Piraeus). Food and cans of evaporated milk are distributed, and a medical team, including a paediatrician and a chemist, examine and vaccinate the children. Also, the team covers the costs of power and telephone bills, as well as unpaid small debts, Bhagawan Baba's 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Funds were provided courtesy of sponsors (or their descendants) acquainted with Sathya Sai teachings.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, a Seva team of Sathya Sai adults and teenagers, accompanied by their EHV teacher, visit “KAAP,” a Children's Recuperation and Rehabilitation Centre in Voula Attiki, to entertain the children.

Due to the very difficult financial situation in Greece, several other teams are involved in food distribution in various areas of Athens where families are in need.

## ITALY

A National Sathya Sai Conference was held at the Mother Sai Compound in Varallo Pombia, Italy, on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011. More than 600 Sathya Sai devotees attended the conference, which had the theme, “Sai Movement Always on the Go: Your Life Is My Message.” Distinguished speakers at the event included Dr. Alberto Caratti, a cardiologist who has served at the Super Speciality Hospital, Prasanthigram; Mr. Pietro Marena, a past chairman of the Italian Sathya Sai Organisation and central coordinator for many years; Dr. Giancarlo Rosati, a past chairman of the Italian Sathya Sai Organisation; Mrs. Alida Parkes, Zone 6 chair; and Mrs. Teresa Casadio, Secretary, ISSE-SE. The speakers shared their experiences and Bhagawan’s message.



Since March 2011, the Sathya Sai Organisation of Italy has carried out a project called “Relief” on the last weekend of every month at the Mother Sai Complex in Varallo Pombia, to assist families with physically-challenged members facing financial difficulties. Fifteen physically-challenged persons are hosted and taken care of at the Mother Sai Complex, where about 30 Sathya Sai volunteers attend to them, and Sathya Sai youth provide entertainment and leisure activities for them. Medical support is also provided.



On 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011, Sathya Sai volunteers from various Sathya Sai Centres and Groups took part in a project called “Grama Seva: a Gift of Love at the Lotus Feet of Our Beloved Sai,” as part of national service activities. The volunteers served 127 hot meals at the Sathya Sai Centre of Faenza, where a soup kitchen (lovingly called Sai Canteen) was established in 1998. In addition, 150 food packages were served to needy families. Over 25 Sathya Sai volunteers took part in the service activities. The social services department of the Faenza Town Municipality appreciated very much the selfless service of Sathya Sai volunteers.



On 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December 2011, Sathya Sai volunteers, including Sathya Sai youth, brought joy to 10 needy people by organising Christmas celebrations at the Mother Sai Complex. Sathya Sai volunteers baked a cake to celebrate the birthday of a guest who had been diagnosed with cancer of the brain. The volunteers brought happy smiles to the faces of the guests by dressing up as clowns and creating a joyful atmosphere with a divine mix of colored balloons, bubble-blowing and the singing of melodious songs. Gifts lovingly wrapped by the Sathya Sai youth were presented to the needy during a special appearance of Santa Claus.



**“Relief” project at Mother Sai Complex**



**Celebrating Christmas with Santa Claus**

### “86 Gems Challenge”

A large number of devotees from Sathya Sai Centres and Groups in Italy joined together in a programme called the “86 Gems Challenge.” The aim of the programme was to collectively offer 86 specific service projects to Swami, in honour of Sathya Sai’s 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday observances. All the service projects were documented with photos that were brought to Prasanthi Nilayam during Sri Sathya Sai Baba’s Birthday Commemoration on November 22, 2011.

### First European Meeting for Devotional Singing

From 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2011, a first European meeting for devotional singing

was held in Mother Sai House, Divignano, Italy. The theme was “From the Voice to the Heart.” Nearly 250 devotees from Spain, Greece, Switzerland, Slovenia and Italy took part in the programme. The meeting can be considered a unique event in the history of Sathya Sai Organisations in Europe, and it was very inspiring and full of unity.

### Dissemination of the Universal Message of Sathya Sai

At this particular historical moment, the dissemination of Sathya Sai Baba’s universal message is of highest importance. The aim of the dissemination project is not to recruit new devotees but to spread Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba’s teachings. His teachings as universal truths are an instrument for the whole of humanity to uplift its collective soul. Sathya Sai Baba has said “Bring My message to every corner of the world!” As His instruments, we have the duty to accomplish His will. The project started at a local grassroots level. The plan was to expand the project eventually to national and international levels. The project includes different initiatives that can be grouped into various time-frames – short-term, medium-term and long term. The short-term focus

was to encourage devotees to live Sathya Sai’s message and to share it with friends, relatives and acquaintances; to increase Seva activities in the centres; and to create a communications programme through the use of public libraries, bookshops, local newspapers, seminars, national radio and a national website. Medium-term initiatives focussed on cultural programmes through organising exhibitions and holding concerts. Long-term initiatives included radio and television programmes, visits to Sathya Sai Centres and publication of a newsletter or journal.



## MACEDONIA

During Christmas 2011, a service project was conducted by Sathya Sai Centre members and friends. Help was rendered to the Centre for Rehabilitation of Children and Youth, which is located near the Sathya Sai Centre. The activity was accompanied by donations of toys and Christmas presents (sweets) for the children by local companies.

Inspired by the Sathya Sai Centre's work, the Macedonian Minister of Economy urged the employees in his ministry to donate clothing. A car-full of clothing was delivered, due to the support of the Minister.

## SERBIA

In December 2011, Education in Human Values (EHV) workshops for preschool children were initiated in the "Sunshine" school, located in the Belgrade suburb of Borcha. The response from the children was overwhelming, so two more workshops were held in February and March 2012.

St. Sava School is a school for children with special needs in the town of Umka, located on the outskirts of Belgrade. During 2011 and 2012, volunteers from all Sathya Sai Centres and Groups came together in cooperation to help the staff and children of the school. School supplies were distributed to children with special needs, and the volunteers also committed to providing food supplies, hygiene materials and firewood to two families.

Devotees from Novi Sad cleaned the banks of the Danube River and helped the homeless. Devotees from Senta also helped poor families.

A monthly newsletter, *The Voice of the Avatar*, was also published in Serbia.



Together with the neighbouring countries of Croatia, Bosnia and Slovenia, devotees from Serbia participated in the decoration of Sai Kulwant Hall for Christmas 2011. The project was called the "Joy of Living." A special challenge was making 12,600 messages as part of the Joy of Living project. Some 9,000 messages were distributed as Prasadam, together with hearts that were handcrafted by members of the Sathya Sai Organisation of Slovenia. This event took place after the performance in the Mandir on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2011. The rest of the messages were taken to Muddenahalli and distributed there.



"Joy of Living" Christmas decorations at Sai Kulwanth Hall

## SLOVENIA

On 21<sup>st</sup> May 2011, 23 Sathya Sai volunteers offered their services to low-income and physically-challenged residents of the town of Črnomelj and the village of Griblje by cleaning their apartments and painting walls, doors and windows. The beneficiaries were happy and grateful, and it was a fulfilling experience for all the Sathya Sai volunteers.



Sai volunteers repair homes in Slovenia



Youth cleaning up the campsite, Spain

## SPAIN

On 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011, Corpus Christi Day, the Sathya Sai Centre of Tenerife (Canary Islands, Spain) participated in decorating the city streets with sand carpets. In this annual traditional festival, the city streets are filled with beautiful and inspiring messages and, as in previous years, the Sathya Sai Organisation was invited to the event. More than 30 Sathya Sai devotees participated in this creative activity, including children, youth and adult members. A sand carpet made by Sathya Sai devotees was named “The Sun Ray Radiating Human Values.” All participants were very much inspired and uplifted.



During a National Youth Camp on the theme, “Values and Nature,” Sathya Sai youth from Spain gathered to have study circles, Bhajan singing and Satsang in nature’s surroundings on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2011. A Sathya Sai Challenge Ser-

vice also was carried out as part of the camp. On arriving at the site and seeing that the site needed cleaning and care, the youth spontaneously decided to change the programme. They cleaned the site and concluded the Seva by cleaning and painting one of the public buildings, which was filthy and full of rubbish and bottles. In addition to nine Sai youth, two community members joined in the activity. It was very inspiring to experience service as “Love in Action.”

## SWITZERLAND

The Geneva Sathya Sai Centre carries out service projects during the winter months from November to April by serving food to needy persons on alternate Saturdays. This activity is carried out by about 20 Sathya Sai volunteers, in collaboration with the local Salvation Army Centre. The Sathya Sai volunteers cook vegetarian food at home and serve about 80 to 90 guests at the Salvation Army Centre. Twice a month, on Tuesday mornings, Sathya Sai volunteers pack nonperishable food items for the needy. Service projects are also undertaken at an Alzheimer's patients' home once a week. Sathya Sai volunteers also visit mentally-challenged patients at a hospital twice a month.

Ticino is the southernmost Canton (State) of Switzerland. It borders Italy to the south. A National Retreat and Workshop was held from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011 in Catto, Ticino, on the theme, "Sai Ideal Spiritual Transformation." Over 90 people including eight children participated in the National Retreat. The programme began with Bhajans and a welcome address by the national coordinator and also included a wonderful concert by Dana Gillespie, who shared her experiences and answered questions on practical spirituality. The workshop on "Sai Ideal Office Bearers" included group discussions, presentations through sketches, role-play and drama.

From 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August 2011, a "Love All Serve All" (LASA) festival was celebrated in Geneva to spread Bhagawan's message of Human Values in a way that is understandable and open to the general public. Over 200 Sathya Sai youth from all over Europe took part in this festival and were joined by the general public. On the first day, pedestrians along a lake in the city were interviewed about the role of Human Values in their lives. Art work with chalk was drawn on the street, and passers-by were asked to complete the sentence, "I can make a positive change in the world by..." Their answers were written on small cards that were collected by the festival participants. On the next day, some of the cards were attached to gas balloons and released, while the rest were distributed to children. Every balloon included a message on how to make a positive change in the world.

On the first day, the evening cultural programme included poetry recitation accompanied by Irish harp, followed by a LASA band performance and a concert at a church. On the second day, Sathya Sai youth served breakfast to homeless people, followed by a workshop on Human Values depicting one or more Values through the use of music, sport and art. Discussions, case studies and a small play focusing on Human Values were also staged. Also, creative plays and beautiful performances



**National Retreat, Switzerland**



**Human Values artwork drawn with chalk**

were organised in the Uptown part of Geneva, which has the best entertainment theaters. The performances included the “Art of Light Interactive” play, the “Dolphin” play, and the “Cheeky Fairy” play. These were followed by a LASA film, a LASA band performance and a presentation of photos of children.

A breathtaking performance by the Omagh Community Youth Choir was also presented. The Omagh Community Youth Choir group was formed in 1998 after a car-bomb explosion in the centre of Omagh. The purpose of the Choir was to raise positive awareness in the community and to spread values through music. On the

last day, presentations were held at Webster University. They included dramas, posters and a song that was composed during the workshop. The festival ended with a talk given by Ivan Bavčević and closing remarks from the organisers. The LASA festival was an amalgam of art and the Human Values, filled with the spirit of love and selfless service.



**Omagh Community Youth Choir**

*“I have not come to speak on behalf of any particular Dharma (religion), like the Hindu Dharma (Hindu religion). I have not come on any mission of publicity for any sect or creed or cause; nor have I come to collect followers for any doctrine. I have no plan to attract disciples or devotees into My fold or any fold. I have come to tell you of this Universal unitary faith, this Atmic principle (principle of the spirit), this path of love, this Dharma of Prema (nature of love), this duty of love, this obligation to love.”*

**–Sri Sathya Sai Baba**

4<sup>th</sup> July 1968



# Zone 7

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St. Stephen's Basilica, Hungary



Cologne Cathedral, Germany



Cinquantenaire, Belgium

Gohagan, Netherlands

## BELGIUM

### Birthday Celebrations

Bhagawan's Birthday celebrations took place in the town of Overijse on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2011. The proceedings began with the reading of a message received by Charles Penn in 1979 from Bhagawan, followed by singing of uplifting Bhajans by all devotees and a study circle focusing on self-enquiry and sharing. The Belgian

Sai Choir presented 18 songs, including an adapted version of a popular operatic aria by Italian composer, Guiseppe Verdi, retitled "Baba Nabucco." The peaceful ambience reflected the love and unity felt throughout the celebrations.



Birthday celebration in Belgium

## GERMANY

### Environmental Service

Situated on the river Trave and located in Northern Germany, Lübeck is the largest port on the Baltic Sea. The Sathya Sai Group of Lübeck has been active in environmental service since 2004 and undertakes works such as planting trees, pruning willows and digging overflow outlets to connect water pools near the riverbank to the river.

In cooperation with the local municipality of Ratekau, the Sathya Sai volunteers planted a "medicine forest." Working side by side with the local municipality, the group has planted more than 200 trees on the leveled sides of ditches. Water was supplied to the medicine forest and an orchard was trimmed in an extensive grassland-orchard system.



German Sathya Sai Summer Course Pilgrimage

The Federal Minister for the Environment sponsors a competition called "Federal Capital of Biodiversity," and this year Ratekau was the winner of the first prize. The Lübeck Sathya Sai Group was invited to take part in the award ceremony at the old Town Hall in Cologne.

### German Sathya Sai Summer Course Pilgrimage 2011

A group of 191 pilgrims, including about 80 children along with youth, parents and teachers, embarked upon a German Sathya Sai Summer Course Pilgrimage and visited Prasanthi Nilayam in July/August 2011. The Summer Course Pilgrimage was organised by the national SSE coordinators, involving over 20 Sathya Sai teachers from all over Germany with the primary aim of encouraging the children to express their love for Swami through music.

The concept behind the pilgrimage was to involve all age groups of a family in Educare activities. A family Sadhana programme consisted of regular singing of devotional songs and learning of Vedic hymns. More than 30 meetings were held in

the first half of the year at the regional and national levels to rehearse the music programme as well as to study the topics of “Unity of Religions” and “The Ideal Sai Family” and to practice enacting little dramas taken from Swami’s life stories, as told by Himself. To share the devotional singing aspects with others, some groups visited homes for the aged and sick in their neighbourhoods.

The musical programme to be presented to Swami had the title, “Religions are Many, God is One” And was comprised of 13 devotional songs covering the great world religions. These were sung during the Summer Courses, with the children as the main singers, sitting in the first rows, participating with their violins, flutes, guitar and lead singing. The programme began with a Vedam recital, which was joined in by all, including the children.

A photo-and-text booklet of the preparatory work plus a collection of children’s drawings on Swami’s life stories from the SSE-classes were offered at Swami’s Maha Samadhi. The local paper, *Puttaparthi Today*, and Sri Sathya Sai Books and Publication Trust published details of the programme.

### **German Sathya Sai Organization at International Book Fair**

From 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011, on the occasion of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Frankfurt Book Fair, the world’s largest fair in the field of publishing, the Sathya Sai Organization of Germany was represented with its own exhibition booth. More than 300,000 visitors came during the five-day event, which represented a gathering of more than 7,000 publishers from all parts of the world.

Since 1982, the German Sathya Sai Organisation has published more than 150 books, including the latest releases on the works and teachings of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. All of these were on display at the Fair. This year the German Sathya Sai Organisation focused on the life and works of Sathya Sai Baba. A huge banner on one side of the booth and a slide presentation on the other side attracted visitors from all walks of life. Well-trained devotees gave information on request and distributed materials on Bhagawan and on His humanitarian projects, as well as on the German Sathya Sai Organisation. Along with this, the devotees distributed decorated postcards with sayings of Sathya Sai Baba printed on them.

Of the visitors who came to visit the booth, more than 500 were new to Sathya Sai Baba’s teachings, were eager to find out about His work in the form of “Educare, Medicare, Sociocare” and purchased some of the books on display.

### **Birthday Celebration / Public Lecture in Cooperation with the Indo-German-Society**

“Sathya Sai Baba: Life, Teachings, Work” was the title of a two-hour public talk on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 in the town-hall of Mainz. The city is located on the Rhine River across from Wiesbaden, in the western part of the Frankfurt Rhine-Main Region.



**Music programme at public meeting**

The public talk was organised by the German Sathya Sai Organisation in collaboration with the local chapter of the Indo-German-Society. The programme included a musical journey through the world religions and a short talk by one of Swami's former students. At the end of the programme, the film "His Work" was screened. An audience of about 100 enjoyed the programme, as well as the books and audio-visual materials displayed by the German Sathya Sai Book Centre.

### **"Sai Art Gallery" on TV**

Since December 2010, four Sathya Sai volunteers and artists have been running a nonprofit "Sai Art Gallery" at a village near the former capital of Bonn. The idea is to promote the spiritual aspects of art through exhibitions and personal contact with the public. Along with this, books and brochures on Sathya Sai Baba are displayed for the public.

The gallery is open every Friday and exhibits the work of various spiritual artists, mostly Sathya Sai devotees. In the Spring of 2012, the exhibition featured a series of paintings produced during an international symposium at Athens, Greece, which also had been displayed in Prasanthi Nilayam during Bhagawan's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations.

In the beginning of 2012, the producer of a regional TV program came into contact with the gallery and sent a team to produce a short film on the gallery and its exhibits. In this film, the Five Human Values were explained and several photographs of Swami were broadcast throughout the region of Rhineland-Palatinate in the southwestern part of Germany.



**"Sai Art Gallery" in Germany**



**Caring for the elderly, Netherlands**

## **NETHERLANDS**

### **Community Service**

From 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011, a five-day service camp was held in the Netherlands, with participation by about 32 Sathya Sai volunteers from various parts of the country. Many service projects were undertaken. Sathya Sai volunteers served the inmates of homes for the elderly. They served the mentally and physically challenged and young single mothers and children.

The premises of a Ganesha temple were cleaned. Gardening work was done at a holiday farm for the poor, and two gardens were cleaned up.

On the final day, Sathya Sai volunteers gathered to share their experiences during the service camp, followed by a special Bhajan session. The day ended with a cultural programme presented to about 300 asylum seekers, who were also invited to present something from their own respective cultures. All participants were brimming with happiness and expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Bhagawan for the opportunity to serve the community.

## Birthday Celebrations

On 19<sup>th</sup> November 2011, Bhagawan's 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations were organised in the city of Houten, with about 400 devotees attending. The festivities included Veda chanting, devotional singing, a national Sathya Sai choir and sharing by devotees of their divine experiences. Several devotees, including Sathya Sai youth, rendered loving service in organising these celebrations. Devotees from all parts of the country gathered to offer in unison their love and devotion to Bhagawan.

## Sathya Sai Conference

A Sathya Sai Conference held in Biezenmortel, Netherlands, from 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2012 brought together 220 devotees from nine countries. Dr. Samuel Sandweiss from the USA and his wife Mrs. Sharon Sandweiss; Sri Sanjay Sahani, Director of Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Whitefield, India; and Ms. Gisela Sebastian from München, Germany, were the keynote speakers at the conference. Sri Sanjay Sahani, who has been serving in Swami's institutions for over two decades, spoke of the joy of being chosen by God to serve Him. Dr. Sandweiss and Sharon inspired participants with lively stories of how Bhagawan called them to His fold, leading to the transformation of their family through practising His divine teachings. The third speaker, Ms. Sebastian, shared how Swami came into her life, narrating the many personal trials and tribulations she had undergone and how He guided her ever closer to the oasis of peace and grace. Ms. Gisela touched everyone's hearts with her stories of divine experiences and her melodious songs, which brought tears to the eyes of many participants.

Workshops on Bhagawan's teachings were conducted for the participants, with a separate workshop by Dr. Samuel Sandweiss and Sharon Sandweiss for the Sathya Sai young adults and an EHV programme for the children, conducted by trained teachers. Swami's love was experienced throughout the conference, which concluded with an inspiring performance by the Sathya Sai Seva Choir.



Choir performs at Birthday celebration, Netherlands



Delivering furniture to needy families, Poland

## POLAND

### Community Service

From May 2010 through summer 2011, a group of Sathya Sai volunteers visited families affected by floods after severe cyclones and rains hit the central regions of Poland. Sathya Sai volunteers talked to the victims, listened to their woes and identified their essential needs. This service had a significant healing effect on those affected by the floods; in many cases, individuals who went through the flood experienced feelings of loneliness and helplessness as a result of the tragedy. Furniture and other necessi-

ties were provided to the needy families, and Sathya Sai volunteers gradually gained the trust of the local people, as their regular weekend visits became a source of light and joy to the affected families. Sathya Sai volunteers experienced Bhagawan's unseen hand on many occasions.

### Christmas Celebrations

On 18<sup>th</sup> December 2011, 18 Sathya Sai volunteers including Sathya Sai youth from various parts of Poland presented a special Christmas programme for the residents of a nursing home in Warsaw. The programme included a 90-minute presentation of songs and poems. Almost all the audience participated joyfully and sang along with the Sathya Sai volunteers. The residents of the nursing home thanked the Sathya Sai volunteers and commented that it was the first time they had heard a choir sing with so much love and warmth. About 75 gift packages and snacks were distributed to the residents of the nursing home during the performance.

## HUNGARY

### Musical Unity Meeting in Hungary

A multi-faith musical meeting was held in the city of Kaposvar, located in Southern Hungary. In a dream, the devotion coordinator of the Sathya Sai Organisation of Hungary received the idea to host a devotional programme with representatives of different religions. The aim of the programme was to seek commonality among the different religions and to find unity in diversity.

Before the meeting, many months of preparation and planning took place. Members of the Church of the Latter Day Saints of Jesus Christ, the Krishna-Consciousness Community, a Hungarian Muslim Mosque and a Jewish Synagogue were invited to the programme. There were 120 participants, and most of the main religions were represented.

During the meeting, the Sathya Sai Organisation of Hungary presented a programme of Hungarian

devotional songs and Sarva-Dharma Bhajans. The choir consisted of 18 people. The musical accompaniment included a guitar, a harmonium and a flute. Since the Jewish participants didn't have any choir, they asked the Sathya Sai Organization to represent their musical culture. The musical programme was followed by a study circle on the Human Value of Love.

At the end of the programme, the delegates of each religion expressed their gratitude and thanked the organisers for providing the opportunity to take part in a meeting like this. They mentioned that they had learnt many facts about Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba and the Sathya Sai Organisation.



Multi-faith musical meeting, Hungary

# Zone 8

AZERBAIJAN • ARMENIA • BELARUS • GEORGIA • KAZAKHSTAN  
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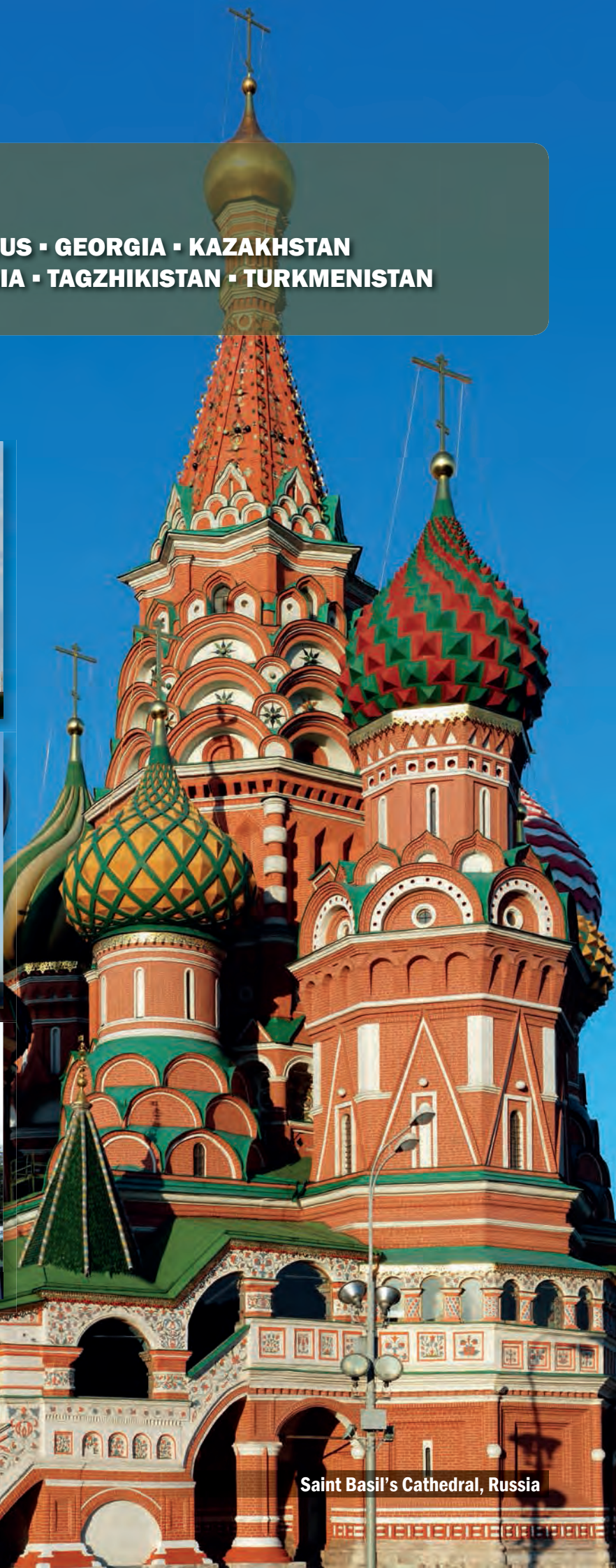
Nur-Astana Mosque, Kazakhstan



Bibi Heybat Mosque, Azerbaijan



St. Sophia's Cathedral, Kiev, Ukraine



Saint Basil's Cathedral, Russia

In April 2011, devotees of all Russian-speaking countries met in St. Petersburg, Russia, where the seminars of the European Sathya Sai Educare (ESSE) Institute were conducted. During these meetings the devotees felt that Swami was teaching everyone to see Him everywhere and in everything. Every day, devotees felt Swami's omnipresence and experienced His love and His constant protection. Approximately 235 people from all seven regions of Russia – Kazakhstan, Belarus, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia and Estonia – attended these seminars.

### Zonal Conference

Immediately after the seminars, an 8<sup>th</sup> Zonal conference was conducted in Russia, near St. Petersburg, where about 300 people participated.



The zonal chair and other keynote speakers delivered inspiring talks sharing their experiences with Swami. They also talked about His teachings, Human Values, service projects and spiritual work in the Sathya Sai Organisation of the Russian-speaking countries. The talks, spiritual singing, play performances and poems gave much joy to all the participants.

A letter by Mr. Alexander Kadakin, the Russian Ambassador, was read out at the conference. The Ambassador wrote the following about Swami: "His Holiness, the embodiment of spiritual purity and cultural values, dear to every heart, beloved Swami, as always, was the invisible Divine Director of all events."

### Youth Conference

After the zonal conference, a youth conference was conducted, with 60 youth delegates participating. The youth summed up the results of the work conducted during the year and set new goals for themselves. Talks were given by the zonal chair, the central coordinator, national coordinators of Russian-speaking countries, and coordinators of all Russian regions. All participants worked in full cooperation and with a spirit of unity.

### International and Regional Conferences and Service Camps

From April 2011 to March 2012, one international and seven regional medical and building renovation camps were held in Russia. As a result, medical assistance was provided to more than 4,000 people and schools, hospitals and childcare centres were renovated. Social assistance in the form of food and clothing was provided to people in need.

A large international medical and construction camp was held in 2011 in Bogodukhov (Ukraine). The construction team consisted of 70 Sathya Sai volunteers, of which about 50 were from Russia. During the construction camp, which took place at a school, wall plastering was done over an area of about 3,000 square metres and eight new plastic windows were installed. The replacement of plumbing and installation of 12 sinks and toilets were completed, along with new sewer lines and heating



systems. The old floor in the school gymnasium was stripped, and a complete new floor was installed in an area of 160 square metres.

During the summer, five regional family camps and one zonal children's camp were held in Russia. Children's programmes on Human Values were conducted during these camps, and over 400 Children and adults participated.

A zonal educational conference was held in a town near Moscow during March 2012. It was attended by professional teachers and Sai teachers, and a creative and joyful atmosphere of love and unity prevailed throughout the conference. Teachers shared their workplace experiences and participated in the main classes and workshops. All participants enjoyed the opportunity to meet with other participants, including researchers and scientists.

Two annual zonal meetings for newcomers and the public are held at Sathya Sai Centres and Groups and, depending on the need, more frequent meetings are conducted. In 2011 these meetings were attended by about 400 people.

## REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

### Prayers and Tributes to Sri Sathya Sai Baba

The Sathya Sai Organisation of Azerbaijan has organised joint prayers and Bhajans. During the global Akhanda Bhajans on 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April, devotees chanted Gayatri Mantra 108 times along with Bhajans.

## KAZAKHSTAN

### Community, Medical and Educational Services

From 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011, about 50 volunteers from seven cities of Kazakhstan rendered loving service activities in the Anar settlement. Volunteers worked hard from morning to evening at a medical office, performing repairs, installing a new door and painting. One of the volunteers, a psychologist, lovingly rendered psychological services to 21 people. Another volunteer provided professional massage services to more than 50 people.

Also, lessons based on Human Values were presented to teachers from the local school. Themes included universal values in national culture, love for country and love for Nature. Teachers evinced a great interest in these lessons. Value-based lessons/discussions were held for the students as well. For younger students, cheerful doll representations, games and competitions were organised. Delicious sweets (Bhagawan's Prasadam) were distributed to all.

On the evening of 9<sup>th</sup> April 2011, more than 270 people attended a public meeting and a concert. The



Sai volunteers transporting supplies, Kazakhstan

public meeting included a talk by Sri Saule Muhashova, National Coordinator of Sathya Sai Organisation, Kazakhstan, on Bhagawan's service projects in India, including the hospitals and educational institutions. A concert was organised by local residents and Sathya Sai volunteers, in which school children enthralled the audience with dances, songs and comic miniature performances. Separate presentations on Human Values and unity of religions were made to the chairmen of local councils of veterans and religious leaders.

### Family Camp

From 21<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, a family camp, "Solnyshko," was organised in the Karakystak Valley, located at the base of Sinyuha Mountain on the shore of the crystal-clear Lake Malye Schebachè. More than 55 participants, including children from seven cities across Kazakhstan, participated in the camp. The theme, "United Family of Swami," allowed the participants to focus on demonstrating Human Values

in various aspects of daily life. The atmosphere was surcharged with Bhagawan's love.

Sathya Sai Olympic Games with the slogan "Healthy Spirit in a Healthy Body" included a ceremonial march with the five Olympic rings representing the unity of the world religions and the five Human Values. The Sarva Dharma (all faiths) flag was hoisted as a symbol of the unity of the Sathya Sai family worldwide. Bhajans were sung while preparing food for the participants, rendering the food Satwic, saturated with pure vibrations. Every day the participants discussed how to practise human values in their daily lives and thus experience Bhagawan's love and light.

### Medical Services

A 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Sathya Sai Medical Camp was organised in Novodolinka village, Karaganda Region, in April 2012, during which 46 volunteers from nine cities in Kazakhstan and nine doctors spanning various specialties provided medical services to 171 patients.

### Education

Concurrently, Sathya Sai volunteers lovingly offered lessons in Human Values to 700 children at a local school. Children from 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Grades were taught lessons on "Self-knowledge" and other values. The children in the primary classes were lovingly taught creative lessons in Puppet Theatre and other arts. The Director and teachers of the school were highly appreciative of the lessons given to the children.

Several rooms at the school were freshly painted by Sathya Sai volunteers, and many building repairs were made to a shelter for abandoned children. The caretaker of the shelter commended the Sathya Sai volunteers and stated that in her 77 years



Values-based lessons presented to teachers



Olympic rings representing the unity of world religions

she had never met such people, who came with caring smiles while rendering loving service. The children at the shelter presented a cultural programme for the Sathya Sai volunteers, which included the playing of musical instruments, dancing and singing. Packages of needed supplies including clothes were also distributed to 30 needy families.

Sathya Sai volunteers along with Sathya Sai youth presented a cultural programme for the Novodolinka villagers, in which children from the local school joined to present a play called “Three Sisters, Three Gunas,” followed by a musical programme. The school Director thanked the Sathya Sai volunteers for their selfless service.

## KYRGYZSTAN

### Community Service

Kyrgyzstan is a landlocked country in Central Asia, bordering Kazakhstan, China, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. Bishkek in the north is the capital and largest city. On 21<sup>st</sup> January 2012, a dozen Sathya Sai volunteers from the Sathya Sai Centre in Bishkek celebrated the New Year with a group of more than 55 orphans. The celebration included songs, poems and dances featuring Santa Claus, the Snow Maiden, an Oriental dragon and other mythical figures. Gifts were distributed to the children.

On 12<sup>th</sup> February 2012 (Cancer Protection Day), seven Sathya Sai volunteers from the Sathya Sai Centre in Bishkek visited a local hospital and performed a concert for about 40 children suffering from different types of cancer, bringing solace to these children and their parents. At the end of the concert, gifts were distributed to the children.



**Children present a cultural dance programme**



**Volunteers perform building repairs, Kazakhstan**



**Sai volunteers sing to cancer patients, Kyrgyzstan**

## UKRAINE

### Medical Services

The city of Bohodukhov is in the Kharkov region of eastern Ukraine. With special approvals by the Administrative Board, the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor of the city, the Sathya Sai Organisation of the Russian-speaking countries organised an international service camp from 5<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August 2011. In April 2011, representatives from the Sathya Sai Organisation Ukraine had visited Bohodukhov to identify the needs of the community. During the camp, more than 250 volunteers, including youth and adults from ten countries, worked tirelessly in unison to provide loving medicare, educare and sociocare services to the public.

At the medical camp portion of the camp, based at a local hospital, 63 healthcare professionals covering a broad spectrum of specialities, and support-team members

from United Kingdom, Europe, U.S.A., Ukraine, Russia, Belarus and Azerbaijan, provided loving medical services to over 4,000 people. Free medicines and new eyeglasses were given out. Healthcare professionals also travelled to various villages to care for patients, including home visits for severely disabled people. During the week, three teams of ophthalmologists worked at different sites where more than 600 new eyeglasses were dispensed to children, adults and the elderly, many of whom were very happy on the restoration of their eyesight. The local doctors were given medical-health awareness presentations, and the international team was touched by the love and affection of the devotees from Ukraine and Russia.



Eye examination, Ukraine



Human values programme for the children

### Sathya Sai Education in Human Values

In the educational aspect of the project, more than 825 children, including orphans, participated joyfully in “Educare” activities, which included more than 108 classes. Human Values activities were organised for children up to the age of 13. Guitar and piano lessons and the basics of dance, drawing, embroidery and knitting were taught. Children were also given guidance on improving their eyesight. A project called “Clean Town Day” was arranged to educate people in

keeping their surroundings environmentally clean and livable.

A series of events were organised for local parents as well as teachers on topics relating to “Raising Children with Human Values.” The teachers and parents learned new methods of teaching children by being role models. The participants thoroughly enjoyed the “Educare” activities and requested the teaching team to stay in Bohodukhov forever. In their feedback, children said that they had learned how to live joyfully in love and about the power of gratitude.

## Community Service

In other service activities, Sathya Sai volunteers worked tirelessly and carried out extensive repairs to various buildings, rooms and sanitary systems that had been left unattended in and around Bohodukhov city and nearby villages. Volunteers re-installed floors, windows and pipelines, repaired bathrooms and replaced light bulbs in many schools. Nutritional food packets along with essential items such as clothes, footwear and so on were distributed in a hospital, in an orphanage and in the villages. A “sustenance” programme was undertaken by purchasing a tool kit for a welder and a hoisting jack for a polyclinic garage, giving financial support for a child who needed advanced medical diagnosis, paying overdue electricity bills for the family of a single mother who had been without electricity for years and who had been suffering through bitter-cold winters, purchasing appliances for a gymnasium kitchen including a boiler for hot water, and providing sanitation facilities for a local college and needed items for two visually-challenged elderly people.

Throughout the day, Sathya Sai volunteers prepared various national dishes using fresh ingredients for the 250 volunteers as well as for the children in the education camp. Hon. Vladimir Belyy, the Mayor of Bohodukhov, thanked the Sathya Sai Organisation and the volunteers for their selfless services and invited them to come back again.

## BELARUS

### Sathya Sai Education in Human Values

Sai Spiritual Education (SSE) classes for children are regularly conducted in Baranovichi, a city located in the Brest Province of Belarus. There are eight students in the Junior Group and four in the Senior Group. In Minsk, the capital and largest city of Belarus, one child attends a Middle Group.

It has become a tradition to hold celebrations at the beginning and end of the school year. Members of the Minsk and Baranovichi Sathya Sai Centres and Lida Group gather in a beautiful forest near the town of Baranovichi. In June 2011, the theme for the celebration was “Visiting the Rainbow.” Seven colours of the rainbow turned into magical elements that captivated all the children with creative contests and games. On 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011, the celebration for the beginning of the school year was attended by nine children. Vasilisa, the Wise Fairy of Knowledge, helped children collect “keys of wisdom” to open the doors of knowledge.



“Visiting the Rainbow” celebration, Belarus



Bringing joy to disabled children

## Community Service

Members of the Baranovichi Sathya Sai Centre regularly visit a boarding school for disabled children in the settlement of Gorodishche. During these visits, Sathya Sai volunteers play games, enact dramas, engage in arts and crafts, hold contests and sing songs with the children. Volunteers supply materials for crafts such as wool, yarn



Family camp, Belarus

and other items and bring sweets and fruits for the children. Residents of the boarding school also join in and enjoy the fun and games. Each visit is a blissful celebration enjoyed by all.



From 29<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July a family camp attended by 21 Sathya Sai devotees was organised in Belarus on the picturesque bank of the Neman River. The camp was dedicated to national traditions, spiritual lessons and the history of the native land. A very informative expedition around the native land was held. The participants learned about the traditions of

folk embroidery, and each one created their own masterpiece.

Each Sathya Sai Centre and group prepared a presentation on the spiritual past of Belarus. Representatives from Vitebsk talked about the life of Saint Euphrosyne of Polotsk. Members of the Centre in Baranovichi, together with the children, performed a play about the phenomenon of the Zhirovichi icon of the Mother of God from the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

Also, “Sathya Sai Olympic Games” were held and were full of fun. Everybody left the camp with fond memories and joy in their hearts.

## RUSSIA

### Sathya Sai Education in Human Values / Educare

In Russia, more than 100 teachers conduct classes in the Sathya Sai Human Values programme two to four times a month for devotees’ children. The classes are attended by about 200 children. Professional teachers integrate Human Values into secondary education in schools, in universities and in preschool institutions.

### Community Service

Weekly feeding of needy people is held by Sathya Sai Centres and Groups in Russia, and thousands of people in need receive hot food weekly. Twice a year, Sathya Sai devotees participate in the feeding of the needy in the entire community. Also, service in orphanages, baby homes and homes of the disabled and elderly is ongoing.

### Sathya Sai Camp

In the summer of 2011 from 24<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, for the first time, a Zonal Family Methodical Sathya Sai Camp was held in the Urals region of Russia. The camp was a retreat held near the town of Mikhailovsk and the village of Arakayevo, in a serene,

picturesque site overlooking the banks of the beautiful, clean Serga River. The theme of the camp was “The Ideal Sai Family” and the motto was “Love All Serve All.”

The purpose of the camp was twofold: to review the upbringing and education of children using the Sri Sathya Sai Educare programme and to share experiences from the Sathya Sai Centres. This included service activities by children and adults, and practice of good habits – daily meditation and prayer, bhajan singing, morning exercises, and other practices – for the development of good character.

The camp was conducted by regional coordinators, supported by SSE teachers from various Sathya Sai Centres. Each zonal camp is a kind of stepping stone for the development of the educational activity of the region. This event was preceded by lengthy joint preparatory work by a large group of people. The preparatory work included establishing the age groups of children, the detailed designs of lesson plans, and intensive work in organising the camp site.

The day in the camp started at 7.30 a.m. with Om-kara, Gayatri mantra, meditation and Bhajans, followed by morning exercises, workshops and activities that encouraged children to practise the Five Human Values. The camp was different from other camps because the children did not belong to the usual three age groups but were placed in five age groups: pre-school, junior, middle, senior, and teenagers.

The lessons for the children were carefully planned with Human Values as the main themes. Lesson subjects were “Love in the Family,” “Truth in the Family,” “Righteousness in the Family,” “Peace in the Family” and “Nonviolence in the Family.” Children and their parents were actively involved in the lessons, helping teachers to conduct them. Everyone learned what it is to be an ideal family. They learned that in a true family, all sorrows and joys are shared equally and that a family is for encouraging a person to manifest divinity.

Workshops were also held for parents and teachers on a variety of topics. In order to provide a practical experience of the lessons, the camp participants were divided into three close-knit, big families. Each family group chose a father and a mother. Family problems were role-played and solved amicably together, in accordance with the lessons of the camp, showing in practice the ideal qualities of unity, sensitivity, caring, inspiration.

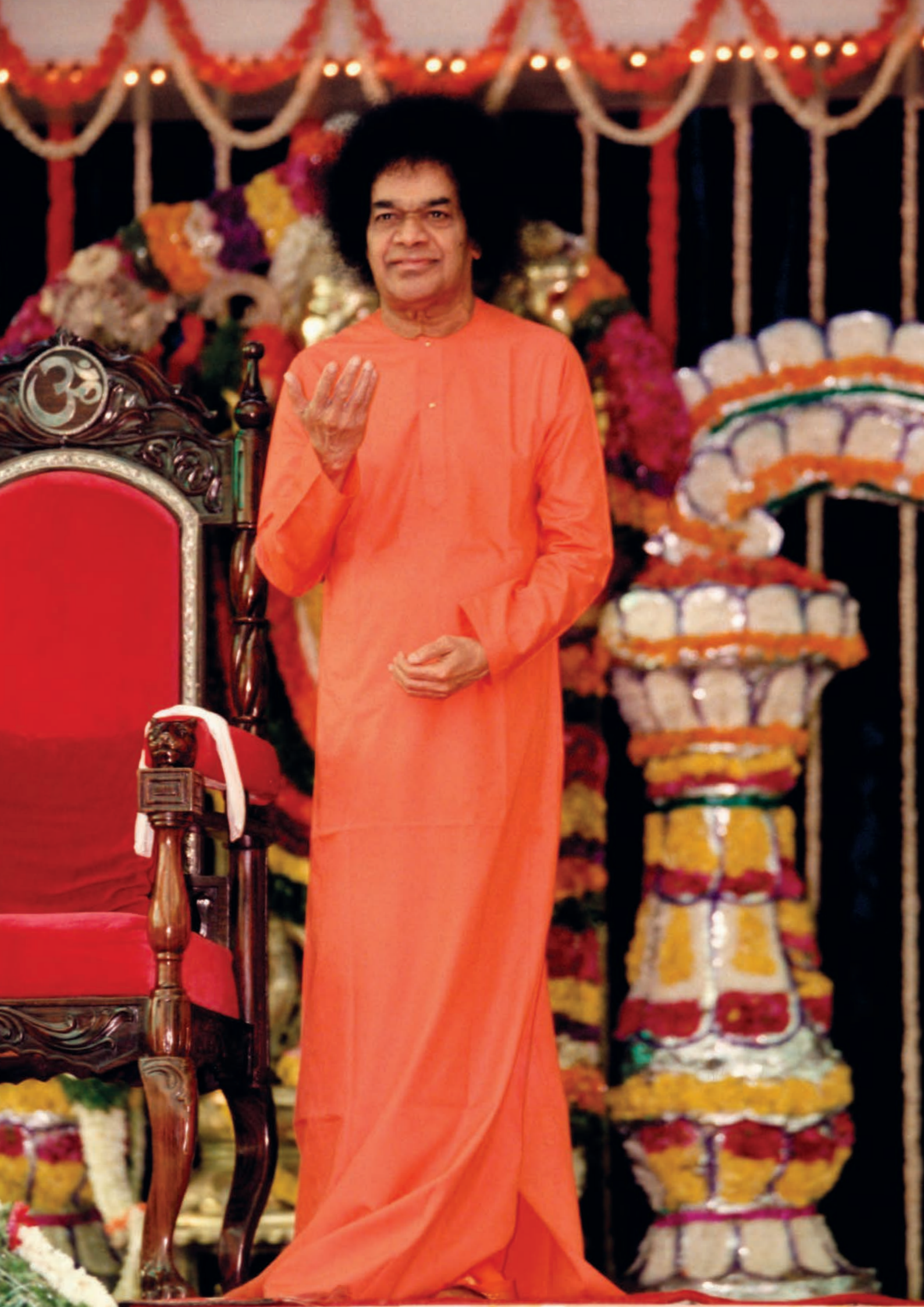
All ten days of the camp were joyful, and everyone felt like one big harmonious, friendly, ideal Sai family.



**Zonal Family Methodical Sathya Sai Camp, Russia**



**Family Camp, Russia**





# Zone 9

**ZONE 9A: IRELAND - UNITED KINGDOM**

**ZONE 9B: ABU DHABI (UAE) - ANGOLA - BAHRAIN - BOTSWANA - CAMEROON  
CONGO - DUBAI (UAE) - ETHIOPIA - GABON - GHANA - IRAN - IVORY COAST  
KENYA - KUWAIT - MALAWI - MAURITIUS - MOROCCO - NIGERIA - OMAN  
RWANDA - SAUDI ARABIA - SENEGAL - SHARJAH (UAE) - SIERRA LEONE  
SOMALIA - SOUTH AFRICA - SWAZILAND - SYRIA - TANZANIA - TURKEY  
UGANDA - ZAMBIA**



**South Africa**



**London Bridge, U.K.**



**Mecca, Saudi Arabia**



**Burj Al Arab, Dubai**

## UNITED KINGDOM

### Prayers and Tributes to Sri Sathya Sai Baba

A National Memorial and Tribute to celebrate the life of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba was organised on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at the De Montfort Hall in Leicester, and about 4,000 people from all corners of the country attended. The programme commenced with a procession by Sai Spiritual Education (SSE) children, followed by multifaith prayers offered by people of different faiths. SSE children, students from the Sathya Sai School and several devotees spoke, sharing their love for Bhagawan.

Thereafter, National Guru Purnima celebrations took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2011 at Stoneleigh Park in Warwickshire, North England, with about 1,400 devotees from all corners of the country taking part. The programme consisted of universal chanting

by the different faiths, speeches by special guests and a classical music concert by the famous and acclaimed British sitarist, Smt. Roopa Panesar. Community service projects for the elderly as well as serving food for the needy were organised.

### Sai Ideal Healthcare Conference

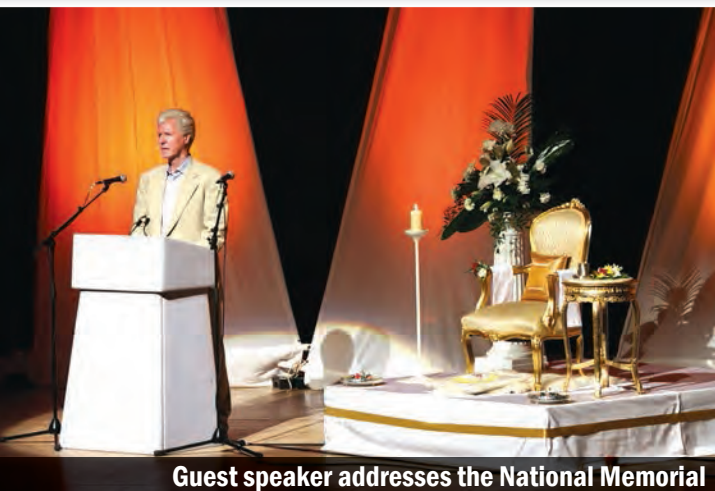
About 150 medical professionals attended the U.K.'s First Sai Ideal Healthcare Conference, held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at the Henley Business School, University of Reading. The conference was inaugurated with a prayer invoking Bhagawan's blessings. In his welcome address, Dr. Puvanachandra, Consultant Ophthalmologist, highlighted Bhagawan's emphasis on the importance of practising the principles of Sai Ideal Healthcare in one's personal and professional life. His talk was followed by seven brief presentations by senior medical professionals and consultants who shared the joy they have experienced while practising Bhagawan's healthcare guidelines in their daily professional duties.

During the afternoon session, all delegates were encouraged to utilise the opportunity to serve at the Sathya Sai Medical Institutions in Puttaparthi and

Whitefield, India. A detailed presentation on international Sai medical camps was given, followed by the sharing of heartwarming experiences of Bhagawan's grace and love. These narrations detailed the miraculous healings and transformations that Bhagawan's grace and love has bestowed, even in remote parts of the world. The conference concluded with an inspiring talk via live video link by Dr. Narendranath Reddy, Chairman, Prasanthi Council, and Chairman, Sri Sathya Sai International Medical Committee. Dr. Reddy stated that Bhagawan's global healthcare mission will continue to carry out His divine message of universal love with unabated enthusiasm and vigour. He also spoke about many ongoing healthcare service projects in various countries of the world that follow the principles of Sai Ideal Healthcare. A souvenir



**National Memorial and Tribute, U.K.**



**Guest speaker addresses the National Memorial**

publication titled “Experiencing Kinship through Healthcare” was released on this occasion.

### **National SSE Conference**

On 29<sup>th</sup> October 2011, a National Sai Spiritual Education (SSE) Conference was held at the Merton Sathya Sai Center in Wimbledon. The theme, “Living with God Is Education, Living for God Is Service, and Living in God Is Realisation” was adopted as a training focus for the SSE (Bal Vikas) teachers to facilitate a high-quality programme. About 150 teachers from around the country attended the conference.

The SSE model was provided by Bhagawan to train young minds. It acquaints a child with the knowledge and understanding of prayers, devotional singing, Human Values, silent sitting and group activities. It also helps children gain self-confidence, attain excellence in their endeavours and acquire leadership capabilities.

Sri Nimish Pandya and Smt. Kamala Pandya were the guest speakers for the conference. Apart from the many experiences with Bhagawan that Brother Nimish shared, he stressed that the essence of SSE and SSEHV is “practising before preaching” and that the teacher plays a crucial role as model in the moulding of young minds.

Sister Kamala emphasised the attributes required of a teacher. These pertain to quality, attitude, approach, and commitment. Quality in terms of delivery and “practising before preaching” is imperative. Handling of the class with a love-filled attitude is vital. One’s approach to dealing with children is crucial. That means Handle with Care! And finally commitment by teachers to the task of Educare and to Bhagawan’s all-encompassing teachings is essential.

### **Birthday Celebrations**

National Birthday Celebrations were held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011 in Leicester (Midlands Region) at the Ramgarhia Community Centre. About 2,500 devotees from various parts of the UK attended this celebration. The gathering was blessed by the presence of Leonardo Gutter from Argentina and Sri Vijaysai from Bangalore, an alumnus of the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning. The event was a huge success and ended with a concert presented by acclaimed musical artists. The programme generated tremendous enthusiasm amongst devotees, some of whom travelled long distances from remote parts of the UK to attend. The programme helped raise understanding and awareness of the unity and love within Bhagawan’s Organisation.

### **Christmas Celebrations**

National Christmas Festivities were held in Swindon on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2011. About 350 devotees from all over the U.K. enjoyed a very beautiful and uplifting celebration of the Birth of Christ with a reading of the Nine Lessons and carol singing.



The programme commenced with Taize chanting. This was followed by a traditional Christmas service presided over by Reverend Stephen Henderson, a Baptist minister who has held the office of Pastor in two congregations in Manchester and in Newton Abbot in South Devon. This was indeed a very uplifting experience, with the Nine Lessons being read from the Bible, each reading finishing with the words, “This is the Word of the Lord,” and the congregation’s response “Thanks be to God.” After each reading, a carol was sung by all who had gathered.

After the traditional Christmas lunch, which was deliciously prepared, the congregation was treated to some delightful singing by a Children’s Gospel Choir, followed by a talk by Mrs. Louise Rosemary Illig, an internationally-reputed film editor and an ardent devotee of Bhagawan. Sister Louise shared her humble and heartfelt magical moments with Swami.

The celebrations would not have been complete without Santa’s avuncular appearance. Everyone left with a big smile, full of Christmas cheer. It was a day to remember!

### **National Office Bearers’ Conference**

About 400 delegates attended the annual National Conference of Office Bearers and Active Workers of the Sathya Sai Organisation of United Kingdom, held in Hatfield on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012. This was a significant event, since it was the first gathering of its kind since the Maha Samadhi. Not surprisingly, there was a feeling of apprehension but also excitement about the direction and vision that the Organisation would take in 2012 and beyond.

The outgoing Chair, Mr. Shitu Chudasama, reflected on the past year and its challenges and introduced the new Central Council for the U.K. Dr Kiran Patel, the new chair, reminded delegates of the Divine Vision and Mission. He also stressed the uniqueness of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba’s organisation when compared to other service organisations worldwide and the importance Bhagawan placed on selfless service. He then recalled the message Swami gave to the Central Council in January 2011: “Start work immediately!” and “WORK, WORK, WORK!”

Dr Patel’s address was followed by presentations by the National Coordinators of vision statements for their respective wings: SSE – “Education is for transformation”; Youth – “Unite youth across the UK to focus on making HIS life OUR message and to serve the wider community”; Service – “Continue to serve the community and environment”; Spiritual – “Enhance the spiritual ambiance at the centre level, which is a spiritual hub for devotees.”

Dr Upadhyay, a trustee of the U.K. Sathya Sai Trust, who works closely with the National Organisation, elaborated on the work that the Trust had accomplished in the areas of education, medicine, disaster relief and others.

One of the other highlights of the conference was an address via video link from the USA by Dr. Narendranath Reddy, Chairman, Prasanthi Council. Dr. Reddy shared lessons that he learned from Swami and reminded everyone that in spite of holding various leadership positions in the Sai Organisation, we are still devotees of Sai and nothing should distract us from the spiritual path. Our goal is to realise our

innate divinity. He added that attachment and ego are the greatest obstacles to leadership, and that we should carry out tasks with the full knowledge that God alone is the Doer and the Owner, and we are all only His instruments in His divine mission.

## IRELAND

### Prayers and Tributes to Sri Sathya Sai Baba

Glentis is a town in the county of Donegal. Sathya Sai devotees gathered there for a Satsang for two days, on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011. The Satsang included Bhajans, meditation, a spiritual walk, and spiritual discussion/study circles. Fifteen people attended the Satsang.

A National Memorial Satsang was held in Dublin at the Unitarian Church, St. Stephen's Green, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2011, to honour the life of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. About 30 people attended, and devotees were invited to share their experiences of Swami. There was a general outpouring of grief but also a profound gratitude that we were so fortunate to be contemporaries of the Sai Avatar and to have experienced His pure divine love. Everyone felt it was time to focus even more on the Swami within and to draw strength from Him to find our way forward.

### Sathya Sai Summer Weekend Retreat

The first weekend Sathya Sai Retreat ever held in Ireland took place from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June 2011, at Butlerstown Castle in County Wexford. The retreat, led by Shay Moran, focused on the theme of "Treading the Spiritual Path." A series of six interactive workshops involving guided visualisation, meditation, self-exploration exercises, group sharing, discussion, story-telling and songs comprised the programme of the retreat. The following topics were covered: "Intention," "Offering," "Effort," "The Healing Path" and "Transformation and Awakening."

The mornings started with Vedic chanting and Bhajans. The weekend retreat concluded with Bhajans and Aarti on Sunday afternoon. It was a time filled with Swami's presence and love. All attendees hoped this would become an annual event in the Irish calendar of the Sathya Sai Organization.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011, about 50 people gathered to celebrate Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's Birthday in Dublin, with a melodious and joyous Bhajan session, filled with love.

### Annual Satsang in Dublin

On Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2011, about 40 devotees gathered at the Unitarian Church, St. Stephen's Green, in Dublin, for an annual Satsang event. After the chairman welcomed all, a short Bhajan session ensued. This was followed by a talk on "Swami's Message" And a discussion of Bhagawan's discourses on SSEHV. The group then discussed potential service projects. The afternoon ended with meditation, heart-lifting Bhajans and Aarti.



Devotional meeting, Ireland

## BAHRAIN

### Prayers and Tributes to Sri Sathya Sai Baba

On 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011 devotees from Bahrain immersed themselves in special prayers and bhajans for Bhagawan's speedy recovery.



Devotional programme, Bahrain

## BOTSWANA

Devotees from the Sathya Sai Centre of Gaborone have been chanting the Gayatri Mantra on a daily basis as well as during their regular and weekly scheduled prayers. Special prayers took place on 29<sup>th</sup> March and 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011. On 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2011, Mruthyunjaya Homam was conducted.

## GHANA

On 28<sup>th</sup> April 2011, at the Osu Temple, Accra, Ghana, about 200 devotees gathered to pay homage to Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba after His Maha Samadhi. The participants watched a DVD of the ceremony of Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi. From 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May and from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011, the Crystal Television Channel in Ghana, as a tribute to His work, broadcast during prime time a half-hour programme on Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba.



Devotees pay homage to Bhagawan, Ghana

## KENYA

During the Maha Samadhi period, devotees from the Sathya Sai Centre of Nairobi offered prayers for one hour on a daily basis, starting 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Up to 150 devotees participated in the Global Akhanda Bhajans held 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

## ZAMBIA

### Sathya Sai Education in Human Values

The Sathya Sai School of Ndola celebrated its 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011, with the Provincial Education Officer (PEO) of Copperbelt Province in attendance as the guest of honour, on 19<sup>th</sup> April. In addition, many senior educators from the Ministry of Education took part in the celebrations. During his address, the PEO mentioned that the Ministry of Education had noted with interest the excellent results of the school for the past 20 years, with 100 percent passes and dozens of distinctions at Grades 7, 9 and 12.

Another guest of honour, Sri George Kunda, Minister of Justice, in his speech, noted that the Sathya Sai School of Ndola was known both locally and internationally as a “miracle school” for having achieved the “unachievable” and for empowering and uplifting the spirits of its students. He also highlighted the importance of the Five Human Values – Truth, Right Action, Peace, Love and Nonviolence – on which the school’s curriculum is based.

## SOUTH AFRICA

### Prayers and Tributes to Sri Sathya Sai Baba

Preceding Bhagawan’s Maha Samadhi, devotees from 124 Sathya Sai Centres and Bhajan groups in South Africa chanted Vedic Mantras and sang Bhajans daily. On 9<sup>th</sup> April, Yajnas were performed, in which about 2,000 devotees participated at different venues. The prayers were further intensified with great dedication during the Global Prayers by doing Akhanda Bhajan on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April. In celebrating Hanuman Jayanti on 17<sup>th</sup> April, devotees continued their prayers to Bhagawan with a rendition of *Hanuman Chalisa*. Some newspapers in South Africa covered the news about Bhagawan’s health on their front pages.

After the Maha Samadhi, about 5,000 Sathya Sai devotees and members of the public from across South Africa paid tribute to Bhagawan at a special meeting held in Durban on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Those in attendance included ministers of the national and provincial governments and religious leaders from the Bahá’í, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu and Islamic faiths. The theme was “His Life, His Message, His Legacy.” Sri Roy Padayachhi, Minister for Communications of the government of the Republic of South Africa, while paying tribute to Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, highlighted His work and the universal appeal of His teachings. He also noted that Bhagawan’s devotees in South Africa were practising His teachings and were actively engaged in service to community.

Swami Vimokshananda, Head of the Sri Ramakrishna Mission, South Africa, made a touching reference to a personal encounter with Bhagawan early in his life, which inspired him to become a monk and join the Ramakrishna Mission. Then Sri Kalyan Ray, a member of the Prasanthi Council, spoke on Bhagawan’s universal message and highlighted His mission of love, which continues to inspire, energise and transform His devotees.

Later, a special rendition of poetry and songs was presented by children of the Sai Spiritual Education (Bal Vikas) programme and Sathya Sai Schools in South Africa, followed by an audio-visual presentation showing the love and compassion Bhagawan



21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Sathya Sai School of Ndola, Zambia



Prayers, South Africa



**SSE children present poetry and songs, South Africa**



**Maintenance work at the Sathya Sai School, South Africa**

showered on about 3,000 devotees from South Africa who undertook a pilgrimage to Prasanthi Nilayam in September 2010.

### **Community Service**

Since March 2012, Sathya Sai volunteers have rendered exemplary services in assisting needy children at the Sathya Sai School in Lenasia by providing them with basic necessities. Volunteers undertook maintenance work at the school and painted all the classroom walls. Most of the 195 children attending the school come from extremely impoverished settlements, where many homes have very few basic facilities. Sathya Sai volunteers repaired six such homes by fixing leaking roofs and improving their insulation.

## **SULTANATE OF OMAN**

### **Seminars on Values Parenting**

As part of spreading excellence in Human Values to the community, the “Serve and Inspire” (SAI) group, Sultanate of Oman, organised two seminars on “Values Parenting.” On 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012, about 250 parents attended the seminar in Muscat, the capital

city of Oman, followed by a second programme held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012 in Sohar, a leading industrial town, where about 100 parents participated.

These seminars, intended to improve parenting skills, were based on the philosophy of Sri Sathya Sai Education in Human Values (SSEHV) and conducted by trained Sai Spiritual Education (SSE) teachers, assisted by Sathya Sai volunteers. The modules covered in the seminar included “Dynamic Values Parenting,” “Harmony at Home,” “Good Company,” “Reading Habits” and “Media and Its Effect on Children.” These modules were interspersed with situation analyses, games, narrations from the lives of great leaders, real life incidents and interactive discussions, all of which made the presentations more interesting.

Colourful posters depicting the responsibilities and role of parents were displayed. The SSE teachers highlighted the importance of “3HV” (harmony of head, heart and hand) in the parents’ decision-making process, and the need for their children to realise that real happiness can be achieved only by practising the five human values (truth, right conduct, peace, love, and nonviolence).

During a panel discussion, questions on the effects of media on children were addressed. An “open house” session included sharing of experiences on parenting as well as answering questions raised by the participants. A summary of the various service activities undertaken by the SAI group, Oman was distributed to the participants. Sri J. K. Arora, Principal of the Indian School, complimented the efforts of the



SAI group in organising the parenting seminars. Parents carried with them valuable parenting skills and were very grateful to the Sathya Sai volunteers.

### Community Service

Autism is a disorder of neural development characterised by impaired social interaction and communication. All these signs begin before a child is three years old. For more than two years, about 30 Sathya Sai volunteers from the “Serve And Inspire” (SAI) group in Muscat, Oman, have been bringing joy once a week to more than 20 autistic children through play, teaching, songs, dance and other activities.

In the course of these sessions, the parents of the children are given an orientation by a doctor and are offered professional advice, including practical guidance on how to deal with autistic children under various situations. About 40 such families, including Omani families, attend these activities on a weekly basis.

The SAI group has raised awareness of autism among the public in Oman through such workshops and seminars specially focused on autism, with the help of experts visiting from the USA.

On 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011, over 70 children including 24 with autism took part in a Special Children’s Group Sports & Fun Festival, organised by about 100 Sathya Sai volunteers. Children wore dresses with colours symbolising love, joy, peace and truth. The children enjoyed themselves and performed extremely well, “like stars,” demonstrating the skills they had acquired over the preceding three months of intensive preparation. All the children were presented with commemorative plaques.

### Sathya Sai Education in Human Values

On 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012, the Serve And Inspire (SAI) group, in close cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Sultanate of Oman, conducted an open essay and poster-making competition on human values themes for schools in Oman. About 3,600 children from 245 schools participated in the event, titled “Spreading the Light through Human Values.”

The event was supported by UNESCO as part of its current endeavour, “International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World.” Ms. Fatima Abdul Abbas Noorani, Director General, Directorate of Private Schools, Ministry of Education, Sultanate of Oman, inaugurated the competition. Senior officials from the Ministry of Education, school principals, teachers and guests from corporate houses graced the inaugural ceremony.

The event was unique because children from different nationalities assembled under one roof to display their skills in writing and art. The topics of the competition



Parenting seminar, Oman



Attendees of the parenting seminar

were “The Joy of Sharing,” “Good Habits Make a Good Being,” “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle,” and “The Glorious Culture and Heritage of Oman.”

On the award day, a colourful movie showcasing the winning posters and essays was viewed by officials from the Ministry of Education, parents, teachers and judges of the competition. The chief guest at the award presentation ceremony was His

Excellency Hamood Bin Khalfan Al Harthi, Under-Secretary for Education and Curriculum, Ministry of Education. He presented plaques and certificates of merit to the winners of the competition. This service initiative of the SAI group received full press coverage by the Times of Oman group of newspapers.



**Sports and fun festival with autistic children, Oman**



**Birthday celebrations, Dubai**

## DUBAI

### Community Service

On 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011, devotees of Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation, Dubai, organised food distribution for over 900 people in four large labour camps, including one for ladies. The programme commenced at 5.30 a.m. with the Shakti (ladies) Wing lovingly cooking the food, which was packed and delivered to the labour camps by the Seva Wing. This was the first time the Sai Organisation had conducted the food distribution programme at four locations simultaneously. Sathya Sai devotees offered their gratitude to Bhagawan for such a wonderful opportunity to serve the needy.

### Birthday Celebrations

On 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011, about 330 people, including Sai Spiritual Education (SSE) children, active workers and devotees, took part in 24-hour Global Akhanda Bhajans at Sri Sathya Sai Mandir, Dubai. Divine vibrations pervaded the entire atmosphere, and the devotees experienced Bhagawan’s presence.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011, Bhagawan’s 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations began at 6.00 a.m. with the chanting of *Omkaram* and *Suprabhatam* by about 100 devotees. Over 400 devotees attended the evening Birthday function, which began with Veda chanting followed by special Bhajans.

As part of Bhagawan’s Birthday celebrations, 79 devotees donated blood at a hospital in Dubai, organised by the “Serve and Inspire” (SAI) group. Snacks and tea were provided to blood donors and the hospital staff on duty. The staff of the hospital commended the SAI group for their consistency in arranging blood-donation camps.

A team of six doctors, three paramedical staff and two pharmacists provided loving medical services to about 325 patients in a medical camp organised by Sathya Sai volunteers held in the MBM labour camp in Dubai Al Quoz. The labour camp is

home for about 400 people of different nationalities. The recipients were very happy and requested the medical service team to come more often to their camp.

### Maintaining the Environment

Following Bhagawan's teachings on the importance of maintaining the purity and sanctity of the environment, the Sri Sathya Sai Organisation of Dubai has been assisting the Emirates Environment Group (EEG) with its cleanup campaign over the past several years. Pursuant to a request by the EEG, on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011, Sathya Sai volunteers presented a special exhibition, "Educare: the Route to Global Happiness," in joint commemoration of the 40<sup>th</sup> year of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the EEG cleanup campaign.

The exhibition, inaugurated by the former Environmental Minister of UAE, Mr. Kindi, focused on the inherent relationship between the Five Human Values, the five elements of nature (space, air, fire, water and earth) and the five sense organs of the body, presented through a series of colourful posters. The posters illustrated how the five elements are integral components of every aspect of nature, including human beings. Members of the Sathya Sai Education in Human Values (SSEHV) wing of the Dubai Sathya Sai Organisation explained to visitors how the balance of these elements in nature and the restraint of the senses are related and essential for good health, happiness, peace and global harmony. The concept was well received by environmentalists, teachers, students and members of the corporate community.

The exhibition included separate counters for children where the concepts were presented through fun activities including quizzes. School children of various disciplines and cultures (Arabic, Indian, Filipino, American and French) visited the exhibition, accompanied by their teachers. All who viewed the exhibition were inspired by the wonderful message of Bhagawan and teachers requested further references so they could carry the message to their schools. This is an indication of the universal, simple and profound application of Bhagawan's teachings.



Preparing food for labourers, Dubai



Recycling in Dubai



Children at Shanti School present song, dance and skits

## KUWAIT

On 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2011, the Kuwait Sathya Sai Centre helped celebrate the Annual Day of the Shanti School for Children with Special Needs. Over 340 people attended. Sri Ajai Malhotra, Ambassador of India to Kuwait, was the chief guest. An inspiring presentation, given exclusively by the children with special needs, commenced with a soulful prayer invoking God to grant the strength, wisdom and virtues to transform each life into a garden of love. Children of all ages from the Shanti School participated with song, dance and wonderful Human Values-based skits. The gathering was addressed by the chief guest, followed by Sri K.V.R. Murthy, Chairman, Kuwait Sathya Sai Centre. The programme concluded with Aarti to Bhagawan.



Blood donation, Kuwait

### Birthday Celebrations

Bhagawan's 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday was celebrated at the Indian Community School, Amman branch, Salmiya, by more than 175 attendees, on the evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011. The celebrations began with Veda chanting, and a birthday cake was offered to Swami by children while singing a birthday Bhajan. This was followed by Bhajans, in which all the attendees participated. The programme came to a close with Aarti.

As part of Bhagawan's 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations, about 100 devotees participated in a blood donation service activity held at the Indian Community School

Auditorium, Salmiya, on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011. A doctor and nurses from the Kuwait Blood Bank also took part in this event. More than 80 people donated blood and were served snacks by the Sathya Sai volunteers, who also handed out "Thank You" cards to the donors.

### Medical Services

A large number of low income expatriates suffer from various illnesses such as hypertension and diabetes but are not able to seek proper medical care due to various reasons, including lack of awareness and proper guidance. On 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011, an annual medical camp was organised at the Salmiya Indian Model School, Salmiya, Kuwait, where about 700 people were lovingly provided with medical services by more than 135 Sathya Sai volunteers.

Thirty-eight doctors from various specialties, including cardiology, ENT, nephrology, neurology, diabetics, gynaecology, ophthalmology, dermatology and general medicine, as well as 35 paramedical staff, offered various medical services, including cholesterol checks, ultrasound tests and electrocardiogram (ECG) tests. His Excellency, Mr. Satish C. Mehta, Ambassador of India to Kuwait, visited and observed the services that were offered at the medical camp.

## SAUDI ARABIA

A variety of devotional and service activities were organised by devotees from the Sathya Sai Centre in Riyadh on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012 occasion of the first anniversary of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's Maha Samadhi. A special programme consisting of Veda chanting, prayers, a quiz on Bhagawan's life and specially-composed musical was held. Then, on the morning of 26<sup>th</sup> April, about 30 volunteers distributed 110 packets of delicious meals to the needy.

Birthday celebrations in honour of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba were organised on 23<sup>rd</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011. On 23<sup>rd</sup> November, about 60 people attended the celebrations held at the Sathya Sai Centre of Riyadh. The proceedings included Sri Rudram chanting, a special Bhajan session, a birthday song and cake cutting.

On 8<sup>th</sup> December, special celebrations were organised in a villa on the outskirts of Riyadh, attended by about 150 people. The stage for the celebrations included a replica of Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi. The programme began with an invocation dance, followed by a soul-stirring rendition of Sarva Dharma (multifaith) devotional songs. A play titled, "The One in Many," by the devotees, including Sai Spiritual Education (SSE) children, highlighted Bhagawan's teaching that God is all names and all forms. The programme ended with a musical offering by children at the Maha Samadhi, followed by Mangala Aarti.



**Maha Samadhi anniversary, Saudi Arabia**



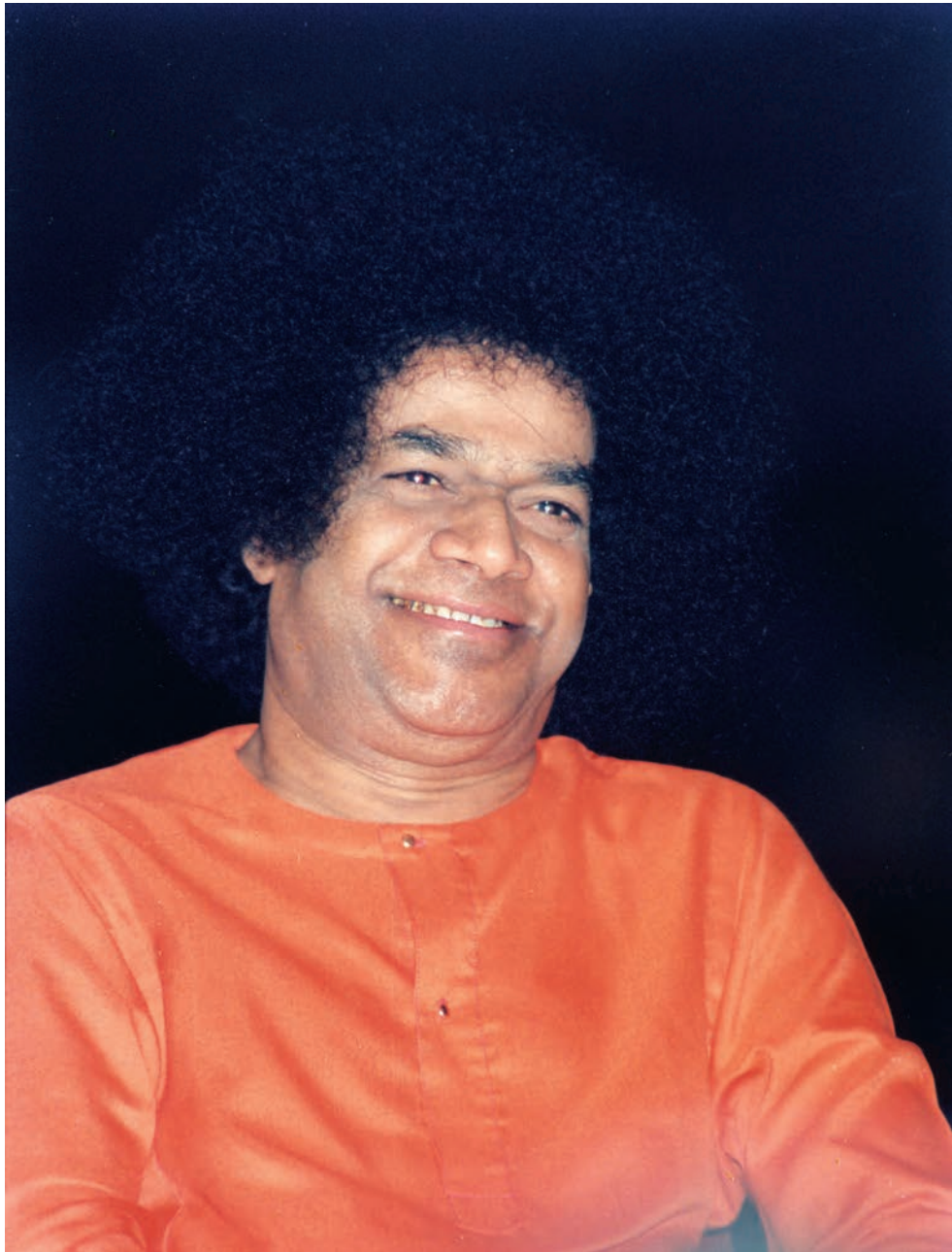
**Global prayers, Mauritius**

## MAURITIUS

Devotees in Mauritius immersed themselves in prayers with recitation of Gayatri Mantra, Rudram and Bhajans. A first nationwide prayer session for Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba that included Rudram chanting and devotional singing took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011 at the Wootun Sathya Sai Centre, Curepipe, and was attended by about 500 devotees. Then, on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011, about 150 devotees attended a second nationwide prayer session, which took place at Anandum, Vacoas. This session included Rudram chanting, Gayatri Mantra chanting and devotional singing.

From 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011, about 40 Sathya Sai volunteers rendered loving service by renovating a 40-bed female ward at the Victoria Hospital in Mauritius, which provides free health care services to the public. The management of the hospital expressed deep appreciation for the efforts of the Sathya Sai volunteers in making the ward cheerful and bright.

Sathya Sai volunteers in Mauritius also have been rendering exemplary service by organising blood-donation events. On 13<sup>th</sup> June 2011, at an official ceremony held for World Blood Donor Day, the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation, Mauritius, was presented with an award by the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life, designating them as the Best Blood Donation Organisation in Mauritius.



# Prasanthi Events

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*“As a matter of fact, Puttaparthi is a name revered and remembered with gratitude by millions today and it will be treasured in history as an immortal name. No other village has such fortune ...I shall not give up this place, no, not I. This place will be transformed into Thirupathi and those who are little boys and girls today will surely see it in all its magnificence... When people actually come here from various quarters of the world, let them see a virtuous community of God-fearing men and women, living in peace and content.”*

**–Sri Sathya Sai Baba**

23<sup>rd</sup> November, 1960

Devotees from around the world have participated in various festival celebrations, devotional and cultural programmes, conferences and service activities at Prasanthi Nilayam, Puttaparthi.

## **Pilgrimages to Prasanthi Nilayam**

### **North America Alumni Meet 2011**

More than 175 alumni of the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning came from North America along with their families to take part in “North America Alumni Meet 2011” organised at Prasanthi Nilayam. On 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011, they presented a programme entitled “Premabandham (bond of love)” in Sai Kulwant Hall, offering rich tributes to Bhagawan. Two speakers addressed the gathering. The first speaker was Sri Madhav. Narrating his experiences of Bhagawan’s love, Sri Madhav observed that the mission of Bhagawan was to unite the entire mankind with the bond of love. The second speaker was Sri Ravi Shankar from New York who narrated some incidents of Bhagawan’s limitless love. Describing a photo session of students with Bhagawan

at Brindavan, he narrated how Bhagawan taught the students that God should always be the main focus of man. After these speeches, the alumni sang three group songs, which were dear to Bhagawan.

### **Pilgrimage of Sathya Sai Youth From U.S.A.**

Before His Maha Samadhi, Bhagawan blessed the USA youth to come on pilgrimage to Prasanthi Nilayam for His 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations in November 2011. Following His divine command, more than 50 Sathya Sai youth representing most of the states of the U.S.A. came to Prasanthi Nilayam on

the eve of Bhagawan’s 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday and presented a devotional music programme in Sai Kulwant Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011. The programme was preceded by an inspiring talk by Dr. Phil Gosselin, Zonal Chairman, North America. Speaking about



**Sathya Sai Youth from USA**



the omnipresence of God, the distinguished speaker observed that this was the most endearing aspect of God since it enabled everyone to talk to Him and be with Him at all times and at all places. After this talk, the Sathya Sai youth made their musical offering, “Sai our Divine Mother” at the Lotus Feet of Bhagawan. At the conclusion of the programme, clothes were presented to singers and musicians.

## Pilgrimage of Devotees from Southern California

A group of about 100 devotees and SSE children from Southern California came on a pilgrimage to Prasanthi Nilayam from 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011 and offered their salutations at the Maha Samadhi of Bhagawan with great devotion and reverence. On the afternoon of 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011, they presented a song medley entitled “From Many to One.” The first part of the programme consisted of six devotional songs from the religious and cultural traditions of the U.S.A. rendered by the entire group with great devotion. The second part comprised of two songs on the theme of unity of mankind as envisaged by Bhagawan and followed by bhajans.

## Pilgrimage of Australian Youth

A group of more than 60 Sai youth came on a pilgrimage to Prasanthi Nilayam from Australia in the last week of July 2011. On 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011, they presented a music programme in Sai Kulwant Hall which comprised of a selection of Telugu and English songs and concluded it with an Urdu Qawali. Beginning with an invocatory Telugu song, the group rendered English songs “Sathya Sai We Love You,” “Swami, We are Your Youth Australia” and followed it with Telugu songs which included familiar Telugu song “Sai Mata Biddalam Andaram” (all are the children of Mother Sai). The group ended their programme with a beautiful Qawali. The songs were interspersed with appropriate commentary which expressed their love and gratitude to Bhagawan.



Australian Youth

## Pilgrimage of Children of Australia

A group of children from Australia presented a cultural programme in Sai Kulwant Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012. The programme entitled “Australia Dreaming” comprised of devotional songs and a drama based on an aboriginal dream story from the natives of South-eastern Australia. The programme began with an introductory speech by Smt. Sheila Nagaratnam. Immediately after the talk, the children enacted the dream story about the origin of the Kangaroo pouch, featuring traditional aboriginal dances accompanied by the drone of the didgeridoo (an indigenous wind instrument) and the rhythm of clapsticks. At the conclusion of this drama, the children sang a famous Australian song, “I am Australia” which highlighted unity in diversity and the rich spirituality of the traditional people of Australia. At the end of this beautiful presentation by the children, clothes were presented to them. This was followed by Bhajans and distribution of Prasadam.

## Pilgrimage of Middle East and Gulf Devotees

A group of more than 200 devotees came on a pilgrimage to Prasanthi Nilayam from nine Middle East and Gulf countries, such as Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iran, Sultanate of Oman and U.A.E. to offer their salutations at the Maha Samadhi of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba and to bask in the spiritual ambience of Prasanthi Nilayam in the holy month of Ramadan. During their stay at Prasanthi Nilayam, from 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2011, they made two music and cultural presentations on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> August 2011. The venue of these presentations was Sai Kulwant Hall which was befittingly decorated with flowers, colourful buntings containing the flags of nine participating countries and cloth hangings carrying common teachings of Islam and Bhagawan Baba. While a big banner on the northern gate of the hall displayed in bold letters “Ramadan Kareem,” a beautiful crescent adorned the top of Prasanthi Mandir, denoting the sacredness of the occasion.



Universal Mevlevi Dance, Turkey



Pilgrimage group from Poland

### The Universal Mevlevi Dance

On 9<sup>th</sup> August 2011, devotees from Turkey presented an enrapturing music and dance programme entitled “The Universal Mevlevi Dance.” The programme started with a procession of devotees of the nine participating countries, carrying a crystal replica of the holy mosque of Abu Dhabi. Entering the hall from the northern gate of the hall, the devotees of the participating countries in their traditional attire carrying flags of their respective countries moved slowly towards the dais accompanied by the rhythmic beat of music and sacred hymns of Islam. The procession led by the devotees of Turkey came near the Samadhi of Bhagawan and offered their reverential salutations to Him. A brief introduction of the Turkish culture and sacred tenets of Islam followed this procession. After this, the musicians of Turkey played their traditional musical instruments and sang sacred hymns, offering their musical tribute to Bhagawan. The grand finale of the programme was the marvelous dance entitled “Sema – the Universal Mevlevi Dance” or the Whirling Dervish, representing seven stages of mystical journey of man’s spiritual ascent to the Perfect (God). The dance was performed by six dancers don-

ning white gowns and long brown caps. Lost in the ecstasy of devotional music, the dancers in their graceful rhythmic whirling movements from right to left transported the viewers to a divine plane by their mystical dance. A recitation of verses from the Quran followed the dance, and the programme concluded with a prayer for peace to all, bhajans, Aarti and distribution of Prasadam.

## Sarva Devatateeta Swarupa Karuna Sagar Sai – A Musical Presentation

The devotees of Middle East and Gulf countries made their second presentation in the form of a musical offering entitled “Sarva Devatateeta Swarupa Karuna Sagar Sai” (transcendental and compassionate Lord Sai) on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2011. The programme commenced with a brief introduction, wherein a speaker dwelt on the unity of all faiths, the love and compassion of Bhagawan and the need to experience His love. This was followed by recitation of sacred hymns from the Quran and a musical presentation. Each song was preceded by a short commentary which stated various incidents depicting how Bhagawan gave the experience of all gods and holy places to some devotees.

## Pilgrimage of Devotees from Poland

A group of 126 devotees from Poland came on a pilgrimage to Prasanthi Nilayam from 6<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August 2011. On 20<sup>th</sup> August 2011, they presented a programme of devotional music in Sai Kulwant Hall. Starting their programme with Ganapati Prarthana (prayer to Lord Ganesh) in Sanskrit, the group sang English and Polish songs for nearly one hour, suffusing the entire milieu with devotional fervour.

## Prasanthi Festivals

### Buddha Purnima

On 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011, about 500 devotees from 11 countries (Afghanistan, Bhutan, Brunei, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam) participated in the celebration of Buddha Purnima in the sacred precincts of Prasanthi Nilayam. The main theme of the festival celebration was “Nirvana – the End of Suffering.” The programme consisted of bhajans, chanting of sacred Buddhist Mantras and Rudram chanting. In addition, there were talks by eminent speakers about the teachings and love of Lord Buddha and Bhagawan Baba.



Buddha Purnima

### Christmas Celebrations

The sacred festival of Christmas was celebrated at Prasanthi Nilayam with great solemnity and devotion. A large number of devotees took part in the celebrations. The entire Prasanthi Nilayam bore a festive look with various types of Christmas decorations. Sai Kulwant Hall, the venue of the celebrations, was specially decorated with colourful buntings, festoons of various designs, Christmas trees and beautiful flowers. At night, the colourful serial lights on various build-



Christmas programme by the Croatian Choir

ings in the Ashram and trees presented a charming spectacle. Major events from the Christmas celebrations are described below.

### **Croatian Choir's Musical Presentation**

The first Christmas programme was presented on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2011 by about 180 devotees who came to Prasanthi Nilayam from Croatia, Serbia, Macedonia, Slovenia, Montenegro and Bosnia to participate in Christmas celebrations. This group of singers and musicians, both ladies and gents, rendered devotional songs in many languages with elegant ease and total perfection and delighted the devotees in Sai Kulwant Hall by their versatile singing. Their first composition was a Telugu song, "Kapadu Sai Devuda" (Lord Sai, protect me) which was followed by devotional songs in English, Croatian, Macedonian, Slovenian and Bosnian languages. After this, they presented the evergreen Hindi song, "Humko Tumse Pyar Kitna" (Sai, You know how much we love You). Thereafter, they sang Bhajans which were followed in chorus by all devotees. At the conclusion of their presentation, clothes were presented to all participants.

### **International Adults Choir**

The second Christmas presentation was made by the International Adults Choir on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2011. The choir consisting of about 165 ladies and 75 gents, featuring singers and musicians from nearly 40 countries of the world, offered a soulful rendition of Christmas carols and devotional songs in praise of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba and holy Christmas. Commencing their programme with Ganesha



**International Adults Choir**

Prarthana (prayer to Lord Ganesh), the singers and musicians kept the audience spellbound for nearly one hour, singing with verve and devout feelings 16 devotional songs which included "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Joy to the World, the Lord has Come," "Glory and Praise to the Lord the Almighty," "Sai is Love, Just Love, Real Love, Pure Love." They concluded their presentation with "Om Amen-Amen Amen, Om Santhi, Santhi, Santhi." Perfect synchronisation of a variety of musical instruments and voices of the singers presented a sumptuous musical treat to the audience. The fusion of Eastern and Western lyrics and melodies was refreshingly exhilarating. At the conclusion of the programme, clothes were presented to the participants. This was followed by Bhajans and distribution of Prasadam. The programme came to a close with Aarti.

### **International Children's Choir**

The concluding programme of Christmas celebrations was the International Children's Choir consisting of 54 children from 18 countries on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2011. The programme entitled "The Gift of Love" was a beautiful mix of Christmas carols and



**International Children's Choir**

children's experiences with Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. Starting their programme with a prayer to Lord Ganesha, "Om Sri Ganesha Jai Om Sai Ram," the children sang 15 songs in English, Spanish, Telugu and Sanskrit, concluding appropriately with the song, "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells." The songs were interspersed with the children's personal experiences with Bhagawan which conveyed His love for children. Be it the rendition of the songs or the accompanying music, the children gave an impeccable performance, providing a befitting finale to the grand Christmas celebrations at Prasanthi Nilayam. At the conclusion of the programme, clothes were presented to the children and Prasadam was distributed to all.

## Chinese New Year

Every tradition that reaches the Lotus Feet of Bhagawan brings native values and a rich cultural heritage while seeking the ultimate Divine blessing. Chinese New Year 2012 began on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January and is the Year of the Dragon symbolising activity, great vitality, luck and prosperity. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year of these celebrations in Prasanthi Nilayam. On 28<sup>th</sup> January evening, over 250 devotees, from Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore staged celebratory events.

The theme chosen for this year's celebration was "Love and Gratitude." The programme commenced with the Lighting of the Chinese Candle by Dr. V K Ravindran and Bro. Billy Fong, senior officials of the Sathya Sai International Organisation from Zone 4. The first item was a traditional Chinese prayer conducted by elderly women devotees from Malaysia wearing traditional Chinese prayer attire. Then the melodious prayer song of Kuan Yin calling out the Chinese Goddess of Mercy was played, setting a soulful backdrop for the prayer.

This was followed by the offerings of traditional Chinese items like mandarin oranges, 'nian gou' (a traditional Chinese cake), red dates and other delicacies etc. by children from Indonesia and Malaysia. This was followed by a Chinese prayer ceremony. A priest dressed in an ancient Chinese costume offered pranams to Bhagawan in an ancient Chinese poetic style. The priest expressed gratitude on behalf of the four categories of people namely the Government officials, the farmers, the workers and the business communities, and prayed for continual blessings and prosperity for the common people.

The next item was a performance by the "Pa Shen" – the ancient Chinese immortals. These Immortals, eight in number, represent the transformation of man to God. They represent the 8 Chinese values of discipline, detachment, compassion,



Celebrations of Chinese Lunar New Year



Chinese New Year Celebrations

love, non-violence, sacrifice, humility and gratitude. These eight immortals sang a traditional Chinese New Year song describing the significance of the holy occasion.

In his welcome address, Bro. Billy Fong, the Zone 4 Coordinator for Chinese New Year, elaborated on the importance of the value of love and gratitude to parents which is the cornerstone of Chinese civilization as well as the core of Swami's teachings. The highlight of the evening was a drama presentation on the Legend of Miao Shan, a princess who renounced worldly comforts in pursuit of the Ultimate Goal finally to emerge as a Bodhisattva. At the end of the presentation all the participating children were felicitated with special gifts. Prasadam was distributed to the entire audience.

Earlier, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 36 High Lamas of Tibetan Order from Sera Jhe Monastery in Mysore joined by hundreds of devotees from various countries, including

westerners, presented a Buddhist devotional evening engulfing Prasanthi with holy chants. The proceeding began with initial offerings by Capt. Ong and family, organisers of the day's presentation. This was followed by the offering of Tibetan Khatas by the High Lamas, amulets and Naivedyam by devotees from Singapore.

Purificatory rites continued next, with the backdrop of Buddhist chants followed by group chanting of Buddhist verses and Mantras from Holy Scriptures coupled with rites by the High Lamas.

The second part of the programme commenced with the chanting of various Buddhist Mantras,

namely, Special Prayers composed on Bhagawan and Tibetan Buddhist Chants for Universal Peace 2012. The Master of Ceremonies, Ong Sai Keet, elaborated on the significance of the mantras, rites and other proceedings. At the end of the day's events, all the High Lamas were felicitated with special presentations before the Mangala Aarti offering.



## Conferences

### International Youth Conference

On 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011, a World Youth Conference was organised on the theme "Ideal Sai Leadership" in the Poornachandra Auditorium, Prasanthi Nilayam. More than 450 delegates from 70 countries participated in this conference. The proceedings began on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011 with the opening prayer and introductory remarks by Sri Shitu Chudasama, International Youth Coordinator. Dr. Michael Goldstein, Chairman, Sri Sathya Sai World Foundation addressed the delegates about Ideal Sai Youth and leadership.

International Youth Coordinators from various zones shared their experiences of implementing many programmes that helped in promoting human values and transformation of the heart. These youth leaders included Ivan Bavcevic from South-

ern Europe, Parani Kumar and Anjali Daswani from Asia, Perla Yannelli Fernandez Silva from Latin America, Aparna Murali from North America, Mathias Seital from Northern Europe, Anatolii Dikunov from Russia and Alvin Leo from Australia. The delegates were divided into study circle groups, which deliberated on the ways and means to promote Sai ideal leadership, and their summary reports were presented by the group facilitators in the afternoon.

The valedictory session of the World Youth Conference was held in Sai Kulwant Hall on the afternoon of 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011. The programme began with Veda chanting followed by talks by two speakers. The first speaker was Sri Shitu Chudasama who recalled how Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba showered His blessings on the youth during the World Youth Conference in 2007 and lovingly distributed His robes to them. The second speaker was Mr. Daniel Strauss, International Youth Coordinator from South America. Speaking on the deliberations of the World Youth Conference, Mr. Strauss stated that delegates were exhorted to awaken their inner divinity to become spiritually mature youth leaders. He observed that in order to awaken mankind to the teachings of Bhagawan, the youth should first practise these teachings themselves.

After these talks by the youth leaders, a group of youth musicians and singers from 16 countries of the world presented a delectable music programme. LASA (Love All Serve All), the group from Europe, enthralled the audience with their fine rendition of songs fused with thrilling music. Bhajans followed this fine musical presentation.

## Sri Sathya Sai International Orthopaedic Conference – 2011 on Pelvis and Lower Extremity

With the blessings of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, the Department of Orthopaedics, Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences (SSSIHMS), Prasanthigram, Puttaparthi hosted Sri Sathya Sai International Orthopaedic Conference 2011 on “Pelvis and Lower Extremity Trauma,” which included lectures and hands-on workshops. The Conference was conducted from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2011, and attended by 178 delegates from many countries. The purpose of the conference was to elucidate the recent advances in all aspects of trauma, complications and treatment. Highly re-



World Youth Conference



Study Circle



Hands-on workshop at the Orthopaedic Conference

puted leaders and teachers in trauma surgery from India and abroad participated in the conference.

The Chairman of Orthopaedics, SSSIHMS, Prasanthigram, Dr. R.Varadachari welcomed the gathering. Inaugurating the conference, the former Director of SSSIHMS, Dr. A.N. Safaya, said that Bhagawan set up the hospital to be a model



to show that high-tech health care can be given completely free of charge to all, and that the SSSIHMS, Prasanthigram, has been doing it for the past 20 years. For humanity to have faith in medical science as a treating profession, it is essential for this model to be replicated elsewhere in the world, he said.

In his talk, Sri. V. Srinivasan, Trustee of the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust, said that the hospital was conceptualized by Bhagawan was really a temple. “It is a temple of healing...where we have hope to the hopeless and love to the loveless,” he said. He further

affirmed that the hospital was no longer just an experiment but stands as a model to show that hi-tech medical care can be provided totally free of cost to all.

In his talk, Dr. Narendranath Reddy, Chairman, Prasanthi Council, described the evolution of the Sri Sathya Sai Global Health Mission from a two-bed hospital set up by Bhagawan in Puttaparthi way back in 1954 to the super-specialty hospitals and the global reach of Bhagawan’s health mission. He said that principles of Sai Ideal Healthcare have inspired thousands of healthcare professionals around the world to deliver ideal medical care to the needy. The talks were followed by scientific medical sessions by Orthopaedic experts in the field of pelvis and lower extremity trauma. The talks were followed by scientific medical sessions by Orthopaedic experts in the field of pelvis and lower extremity trauma.

The second day of the conference began with a two-hour hands-on workshop on Pelvis Fractures in the conference hall annex. In the workshop the delegates had a practical training of performing difficult and complex pelvis surgeries on bone models, guided by experts, thereby gaining valuable experience. The conference also brought in the latest technology and treatment available for treating complex injuries. Dr. David Templeman, Professor, Dept. of Orthopaedics, University of Minnesota School of Medicine, Past President, OTA said “The trip was great experience. The accomplishments of the Swami are simply incredible. You may want to consider approaching the International Committees of both the AAOS and the OTA (individually) to work for long term collaboration in terms of teaching and visitor exchanges”

The Head of Department of Orthopaedics, SSSIHMS, Dr. Kailash Rao in his closing remarks thanked Bhagawan Baba for his kind benevolence for the successful completion of the conference. Further, he thanked all the faculty members for their time and for sharing their expertise. All the faculty members were felicitated by the Department of Orthopaedics for participating in the conference.



## Service Activities

Swami says that the best way to love god is to love all and serve all. In addition to participating in the service projects in their own countries, overseas devotees enthusiastically participate in service activities in the ashram and the villages nearby when they visit Prasanthi Nilayam.

During Guru Poornima celebrations a medical camp was conducted for 5 days from 11<sup>th</sup> July to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2011. Twenty healthcare providers including 16 doctors, a nurse and pharmacist and two paramedical volunteers served 1,612 patients. About 165 patients received acute care treatment which includes blood glucose test, nebulizer, I.V. fluid, IM/SC injections, wound dressing and EKG. During Bhagawan's Birthday celebrations another medical camp was conducted for 7 days from 18<sup>th</sup> November to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011. Twenty five healthcare providers including 17 doctors, a nurse and pharmacist and 6 paramedical volunteers served 3,303 patients. About 398 patients received acute care treatment. Patients who needed follow up care were referred to the SSSGH and SSSIHMS hospitals in Puttaparthi. Overseas doctors serve the patients and teach the post-graduate students at SSSIHMS, Prasanthigram and SSSIHMS, Whitefield. They also treat the patients at Sri Sathya Sai General Hospitals both at Puttaparthi and Whitefield.

During the Dasara celebrations, devotees and youth from United Kingdom join the students of the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning in the annual Grama seva project since its inception in 2000. In the year 2011 the Grama seva project started on September 28<sup>th</sup> and went on for nine days. With great humility and grace the villagers accepted food *prasadam* and clothes from the UK youth and the students.

Many devotees from overseas serve at the western canteen and at the Chaitanya Jyothi museum. Visiting professors from overseas participate in teaching and research activities of the various campuses of SSSIHL.



International Medical Camp team



Patient receiving urgent care



Registration of patients



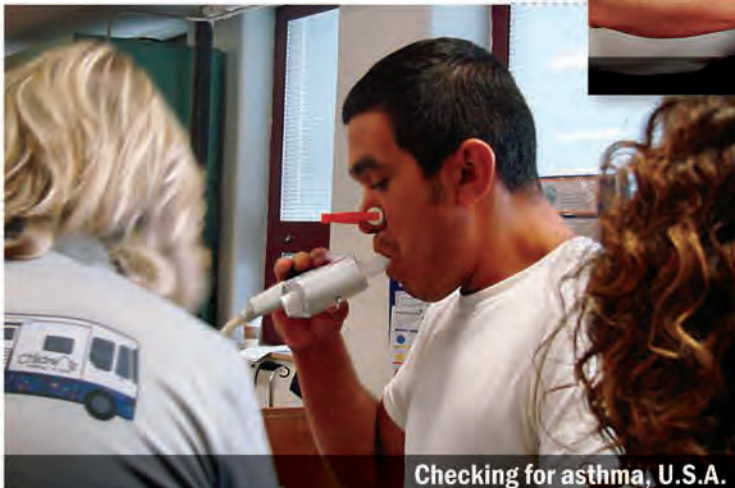
Sai Volunteers give gifts to needy children, Haiti



Serving the elderly, Netherlands



Child safety at health camp, U.S.A.



Checking for asthma, U.S.A.



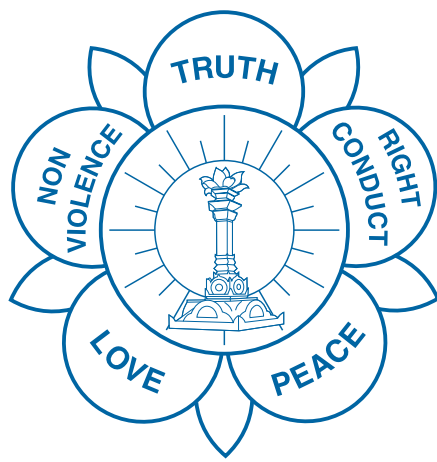
Sai youth prepare birthing kits, Australia



Tribute to Sathya Sai, South Africa



Delivering supplies by boat, Thailand



**Love All - Serve All**