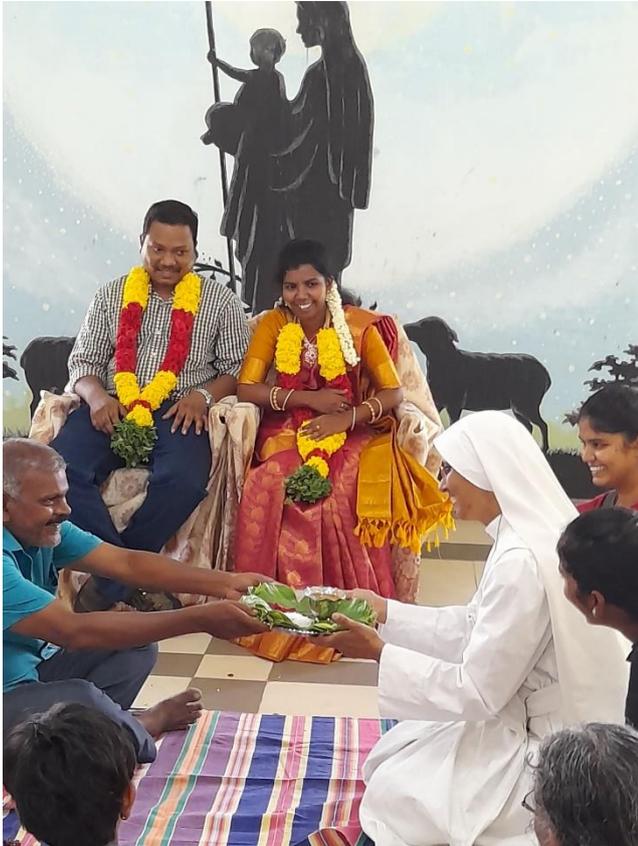


Dear Friends and Benefactors,

Many things happened in the last six months. One of our girls, Kala, got married in May to a Tamil boy from Mumbai. How do we find a boy who lives so far away? It's thanks to St. Joseph who is given this



task of finding boys for our girls, as the father of this family. You know, in India, it is the duty of the fathers to find boys for their daughters, so St. Joseph, the father of the Holy family and our father also has this duty and he does well, finding the right kind of boys for the girls. We marvel sometimes as how well he does it.

The people in different parts of India have different customs for marriage. At the engagement after exchanging rings, the two families exchange gifts and the boy's family as they give gifts to the girl's family says, "From now on your daughter is our daughter and our son is your son" and the girl's family does similarly saying, "Your son is our son and our daughter is your daughter". This is a custom particular to this family. Who says that a virgin can't be a mother!

In June, our Indian novice, Sr. Maria Johana, sister of our prior, Fr. Therasian Xavier, made her



first profession in Italy in a beautiful ceremony. Fr. Therasian and Sr. M. Immaculata went to Italy for the profession after getting the visas just four days before the ceremony.

Sr. M. Johana came back to India with us for a month of vacation. We took advantage of this occasion and arranged a girl's camp. She was the principal of our school before, so most of the girls were eager to see her again. Almost 20 girls from outside came and with our girls, we had a total of 50 girls. Lot of fun games were conducted and new songs taught. Our girls have become experts in conducting



The youngest two, Porkodi and Iniya are happy to be allowed to come to the camp!

games and in helping the sisters. After a short notice, they came up with a beautiful banner welcoming the girls and helped in preparing the games, snacks etc.,



*Oh, yes Sister, we understand perfectly well now!*



*Trying their hand at making sacrifices rosaries*



*The Angelic Choir!*



Ulagammal, reigning from her throne!

In May, Ulagammal, which in Tamil means Mother of the world, died after receiving all the comforts of the religion, after long years of suffering. She was bed-ridden for the last 12 or 13 years. She was with us for the last 11 years. Though bed-ridden and unable even to move, she reigned from



Last obsequies for Ulagamma.



her bed, controlling everybody with her high pitch voice which can heard wherever you are in the whole building!

In August, the saints from heaven along with Infant Jesus came to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Heart with us!



The Heavenly Court



Thank you for continuing to support us. Please keep us in your prayers as we remember you every day at the foot of the altar.

In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,  
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Palayamkottai, India

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