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COVID -19 - DON BOSCO NERUL REACHING OUT

UPDATE: Month of August 2020

The month of August has seen the easing and opening of businesses. Many have got back into earning an income. Yet many are still at home without a job or any form of income. It is to these that Don Bosco Nerul, continues to reach out, to those in dire need. It is a challenge to sift out those that are not in need yet want to hoard or sell of the ration kits to the grocer stores.



We have continued to reach out to families, situated in locations of Karave Gaon, Belapur, Panvel, Kharghar, Turbe and Seawoods. Besides these needy families, a couple of other needy groups were an Orphanage in Seawoods, where after regularly giving them food essentials, our Salesian brothers have been conducting interactive songs, games etc. with the orphan children. Another needy group, 'Divyang Samajik Sanstha' comprising more than 125 handicaps people who have been totally dependent during the lockdown period and in need of constant support. We have begun collaborating with them to find out workable career options, training, using, or making their identity documents to procur govt. schemes. We have helped them with ration, during the lockdown and are looking forward to reach out to them to make them self-reliant.

We are now concentrating on moving from food relief to helping the needy obtain a skill to make them job-ready. Some of the mothers of our Oratory children went to 'D-mart' and 'Reliance Fresh' for jobs, they were asked for a Std. X certificate. Since none of them had completed their schooling. They took up the challenge and now 17 young ladies from 19-45yrs old have enrolled and taking online coaching classes to appear at the end of this scholastic year for their SSC through the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) system. They are having additional life skill and spoken English coaching besides their regular online tuitions. Those that wanted to enrol but did not know to read well are being prepared for the next batch.

We are now searching means of helping poor families become self-reliant, encouraging entrepreneurial activities, 'Learn to Earn' pick up skills from other vendors, etc. We are now transiting from giving food relief to training and seeking jobs for these needy.

We thank you for all the support we have been receiving in any form. May God bless you for your generosity and grant you the graces, which you and your family stands in need of.

To our Mother of God! Happy Birthday! Wish you all A Happy Feast of Nativity of Blessed Our Virgin Mary.

Stay safe, stay Blessed!



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