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Meditation

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4: 17-18

Induction Programme of New Staffs:

The new staffs were welcomed in the organization through an induction process from the 1st June to the 12th June. The induction was in two phases, first in RCSA Barrackpore from 1st to 6th and the second in Delhi Headquarters. During which they were formally introduced to CNI-SBSS, its 'Vision' and 'Mission'.

During the 6 days in Barrackpore the group also got an exposure to the community engagement. There was experience sharing and some presentations based upon their first phase in Kolkata along with some site seeing. The participants send some interesting reports and feedbacks following their induction which are available on the co-traveller.

We are happy to welcome the new members in our SBSS family and wish that the good Lord may bless them and be with them as they embark on their new journey. Sandeep and Lovey are based in our RCSA Agra office while Shweta, Indu, Archana and Clement are based at RCSA Barrackpore.

Dr John Appleby's Visit to Marathwada



Dr John Appleby from Newcastle Diocese UK visited Dalit Communities of Marathwada. He travelled extensively to eight of the field-areas spread in Jalna and Aurangabad districts with the teams from DBSS Marathwada and CNI RCSA Pune on the 6th – 8th June. He interacted with the community and also with the members of the People's Organisation (PO) - Manav Adhikar Sangharsh Samiti (MASS) working on the issue of land.

He interacted with each of the DBSS' team-members especially the field staffs and attentively listening to their field experiences knowing the nature of their work, the challenges and problems they faced and the innovative ways of working with the people.

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Kathryn Irwin's visit to Eastern Himalayas Diocese

Kathryn Irwin from the International Communications & Information department of Christian Aid London visited the Eastern Himalayas Diocese from 7th June 2009 – 11th June 2009. She has been in India for the past three months generating information on development impact for the donors in her home country.

During her visit she spent time engaging with the communities, interacting with them and understanding their struggles. She also spent time knowing and understanding the plight of tea garden workers in the area.

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Strategic Action Plan on Climate Change

A team from SBSS gathered at the headquarters from the 16th-19th June and developed CNI SBSS' Policy and Strategic Action Plan '**Enhancing the Integrity of Creation**' on Climate Change. According to the plan SBSS will work on three levels to sustain integrity of creation. They are i) Ecological Conservation ii) Disaster Mitigation and iii) Peace Building and Conflict Resolution.

WCC Conference

Rev. Mrs. Manoj Manjari Nanda attended the WCC Conference on "Churches Response to the Challenges of Racism and related forms of Discrimination and exclusion" in the Netherlands. The conference was organized by the WCC to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the program to Combat Racism in co-operation with the council of churches in Netherlands, ICCO, The Association of Migrants churches (SKIN) Kerkin Actie and Oikos foundation in Doorn, The Netherlands from June 14-17,2009. June 14-17, 2009.

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Core Team meeting and Stock taking of CME

A group from SBSS gathered in RCSA Ranchi from the 23rd to the 25th of June to reflect on CME during the 'Let Justice Roll' phase and work out feasible strategies to make CME more fruitful during the 'Speaking Out' phase.

Meetings/ Conferences/ Training - Workshops attended...

Joy and Ritu attended a 5 days training programme on Understanding-Environment Impact Assesment (EIA) From Screening to Decision Making from 22nd June to 26th June at the Centre for Science an Environment. The knowledge gained during this training programme can help build awareness at the grass root about the environmental impact of the development projects in the area. It is beneficial especially in areas where there are any mines or industries.

Elizabeth attended a 5 days workshop on 'Theatre of the Oppressed' organised by Praxis. The workshop was focussed on the oppressed and the oppressor and would benefit in mobilising the community at the grass root and raising awareness amongst the communities especially the Dalit community on various issues. It will help to make people think and speak for their rights.

Hearty Greetings!

Birthdays & Anniversaries in July'09

Many Happy Returns to our accompaniers – Christo Sebok Bas (17th July) and Valsa Thomas (22nd July). May Lord Almighty bless them abundantly and be with them always.

We also remember family of our accompanier celebrating their Wedding Anniversary and offer prayerful wishes for the long companionship of Mrs & Mr Shyam Lal (15th July).

Days to Remember in the month of July'09

Doctors Day on 1st July and World Population Day on the 11th of July

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