

HH Sri Swamiji's visit to Tsunami affected areas:

In Tamilnadu, cuddalore and Nagapatnam areas were severely affected by Tsunami waves. In Nagapatnam region there are 11 famous Divya Desas (Divine Shrines). The world famous handicrafts village "Poompuhar" is one among them. Every year 12 Garuda Murthys from 12 distant places come here on a day and festival will be celebrated in a grand manner of traditional glory. The grandeur of this shrine was sung by Thirumangai Alwar. This is that holy place where river Cauvery joins the Sea. Fishermen of this area are highly devoted souls who had immense faith in Lord and are highly dedicated in serving Him. They are so strong in their conviction and belief that other religious people couldn't shake them from their religion nor make them become prey to their money, to get converted into their religion !! These days this sort of conviction is not there even in those who speak about God !

Chennai Vikasatarangini Services:

Chennai VT volunteers have responded immediately to the needs of the Tsunami victims in the rehabilitation centres. VT Volunteers provided them shelter, food, clothing etc., as immediate relief to those fishermen who survived from the disaster, in the area called 'Kovalam'. Sriman Vummadi Balaji sponsored for several tons of Bleaching Powder that was sprayed all over the beach areas where hundreds of dead bodies were lying. Medicines worth about Rs.20 Lakhs were distributed to the survivors. Clothes were distributed to 432 children.

Why is this area Chosen ?

In this Poompuhar region, all 350 houses were damaged. Children who went out for their business with the tourists, on that Sunday morning, never returned. Those 30 children who didn't go on that job, survived alive. Later some Missionary organisations asked these families to handover their children to convert into their religion, but, villagers have bluntly rejected the offer saying that **" Let our children starve to death, but we shall not allow conversion from our faith"**. Later on similar other big organisations tried to trap these innocent fishermen showing an offer of Rs.5Lakhs per head. But, these people didn't succumb. In that village, a group of fishermen families are

devotees of Thirumangai Alwar whereas remaining are devotees of Lord Venkateswara of the Annan Koil. As these families rejected religious conversion, they were not given any help because, their mission is conversion, not to help the sufferers.

These days even religious heads are giving written declarations saying that you can demolish this temple etc., curbing the original history, spreading false notions and also behaving in anti-traditional ways. Those who are supposedly looked by the world as protectors or Dharma are themselves deceiving the society for the sake of pecuniary interests, thus acting against Dharma, trying to establish their supremacy and power. How come these laymen, Villagers, fishermen exhibit such a staunch faith in their God, without surrendering to Money ?? !! This news arose horripilation and excitement and Sri Swamiji decided to help such great devotees at any cost.

Visits to Tsunami Affected areas:

On 17th January HH Sri Swamiji visited those places and blessed the fishermen families with his Divine grace, endowing them with moral courage and spiritual strength. Sri Swamiji presented them the nets, clothes, utensils, food material. HH Sri Swamiji arranged a Matsya Narayana Swami Temple (Narayana in the fish form) and blessed them to worship Him by themselves. Sri Swamiji promised Sewing machines to those women. The Divine message of Sri Swamiji soothed their hearts from the shock of disaster and grief of lost relatives. Local MLA Sriman Ranganathan, Village President Kum.ManiMekhalai etc., participated in the meeting. VT and JET members from Chennai and Sriman Velukkudi Krishnan Swami also participated in the programme. Sriman Thirukkottiyur Madhavan conducted the whole programme in an organised manner.

Sri Swamiji visited Kovalam again on 17th Feb and presented boats, big fishing nets etc. to those victims. Many boat engines which were brought to Sitanagaram were reconditioned and they were presented by Sri Swamiji to those fishermen families.



On 19th January, HH Sri Swamiji visited the Tsunami affected places in Nellore district and those people felt the ecstatic divine experience with His Divine grace. Sri Swamiji with undisturbed cheer and driving Spirituality, distributed Lord SriKrishna golden coins to more than 1000 victims. The joy of those people knew no bounds for the compassion and concern of Sri Swamiji, for their welfare.

From there HH reached Ongole area where there are Tsunami victims. The fishermen village Ramachandrapuram near Pandillapalli was touched by the grace of Sri Swamiji. HH Sri Swamiji appealed those villagers to send their children and youth who are interested in getting educated, to whom all sorts of teacher training will be given, who in turn can return to their village after successful completion and educate children of their own areas. Sri Swamiji also said that he will also arrange a good school premises in their village, where these JET trained teachers (fishermen youth) can work for developing their villages. Villagers were eager to take part and expressed their deep gratitude to Sri Swamiji with their joy filled hearts.

Sri Swamiji presented them fishing nets, boats, got their boat engines reconditioned. In many villages some the victims bargained with our co-ordinators saying that we don't need your help, Government is providing us everything, how much money will your organisation give to us? In some places the victims adopted unethical means too selling their religious faith etc., for the money they are getting from various organisations. Sri Swamiji pitied them and prayed for their well being.

On request of Fishermen from Machilipatnam, HH Sri Swamiji arranged for reconditioning of many fishing boat engines. **Humanity is the mark of a Man.** An ideal Man who exemplified human role by his 'life' is none else than Sri Rama who is the worshipping deity of our Sri Swamiji. His mission heads towards Universal Welfare.

Now the project of constructing 350 houses for Tsunami victims in Pumpuhar Tamilnadu is the task on hand. Usually, many NGOs are working on different relief activities in the Tsunami affected areas for which they are collecting funds. Atleast 4% to 40% will go for administrative cuts. Whereas, JET is committed to spend every penny on the End User **only** and the Administrative cut is Zero Percent for our JET

taken projects. Let us join in His mission to serve Divine with the Mission **serve all beings as service to God.**

FIRST TRIBAL SCHOOL - FIRST ANNIVERSARY 26th JAN 2005.

HH Sri Swamiji reached Allampalli by 1.30 in the midnight. All the villagers and teachers eagerly waited for HH Sri Swamiji and upon His arrival there was a sudden upsurge of joy in those people. The whole surroundings reverberated with the divine name "Jai Srimannarayana".

On 26th morning after Thirtha Goshti, Indian Flag hoisting ceremony was conducted in the school ground with great honour and patriotism. After singing Vandemataram and Janaganamana the Programme went on extremely well with the messages blessed by the elders, great cultural programmes and also daring demonstrations like jumping through the fire rings, walking on long sticks etc. wonderfully displayed by those children.

The school celebrated its first anniversary with grand glory. 305 tribal students are studying in the school and free hostel facility is provided for 102 deserving tribal children. Mid-day meals was also sanctioned to the school.

Adilabad District Educational Administration appreciated the achievement of the school, making a remark that many such government schools haven't yet reached this level even after so many years of effort.

New Trainee Teachers who are going to take charge for conducting similar school in Warangal District were also undergoing on-hands experience in this school.

Sri Swamiji appreciated that Besides childrens' interest, it is the encouragement from the parents and the villagers that made these kids glow with the light of knowledge and wisdom. HH reminded the local authorities to materialise the Collector's promise of erecting a Power transformer, lay proper road to the village and institute a drinking water tank for the school. Authorities responded positively for this reminder. That evening, an official from Tribal Welfare Association Adilabad Sriman Seshadri IAS came to take blessings of Sri Swamiji and promised to extend all his co-operation in developing this area. People from 11 Thandas participated in this programme and Food was served to all the participants.



**Completed 63 Githa Jyothi
Dharmakshethras:**

650 Villages in the Adilabad district are conducting Githa Jyothi with great glory since 2 years. VT Volunteers have charged these villagers in the remote and backward areas with spiritual strength and moral standards. People have adopted the two principles of Githa Jyothi and started their endeavour to develop their villages.

HH Sri Swamiji graced on 27 Jan 05 -
59th Dharmakshethram -Chennur Coal Mines
60th Dharmakshethram -Srirampuram
28 Jan 05 - 61st - Jennaram
29 Jan 05 - 62nd- Manchirial
30 Jan 05 - 63rd- Sirpur Kagaznagar

Astonishingly, people in Manchirial stood steadfast and took oath during Dharmakshethram Programme, inspite of continuous down pour of rain.

8th GOPA:LO:PA:YANAM - AWARD

The prestigious Go:pa:lo:pa:yanam award dedicated for recognising the yeoman services of a great scholar in the field of Sanskrit Vedantha or Dravida Vedantha or both was conferred upon U.Ve.Sriman S.T.P.V.Konappacharya Swamy of Rajahmundry, by HH Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji on 4th Feb 2004. He is a highly recognised scholar, master of both the Vedanthas. A citation of honour and a cash award of Rs.50,000/- were presented to him on the occasion.

From California USA - Vishnu Reddy

With the Magalasanams from HH Sri Swamiji, we celebrated Dhanurmasa Vratam in our area for the first time under the guidance from the disciples of HH Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji. We had pravachans of Kum.Saradaji everyday in English and Telugu (recorded available on Request)

Kum.Saradaji gave pravachan in English at Livermore Temple, In Hindi at Fremont Temple and in English at Sunnyvale Temple with commentary while Pdt Srinivasanji (of Fremont Temple) was performing Puja on Stage. Raghu, Murali, Radha, Vamsi, Pavan, Madhu, Sarala, Samana and so many volunteers worked towards spreading the Message. There was no sponsorship to

participate in Puja and all donations were put to Tsunami Relief Fund.

About 500-600 Devotees voluntarily attended Puja. Many of them learning for the first time, about Mother Go:da. Prasadam was served after Puja.

There are similar reports from Washington, Houston and Newjersey too.

**Sri Ramayanam on Telebridge for
USA devotees: - From Chitraji**

With the Mangalasanams of our Acharya HH Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji, Sri Ramayanam Parayana (Chanting) and also explanation by JET Prajna teachers is being telecast live on our JET Bridge daily at 8:00pm CST, since 20th February.

The response and participation has been tremendous. Our JET Prajna Teachers are doing their best and they are bringing Sri Ramayanam to us daily on time, in the similar tone of expression by our Acharya. HH Sri Swamiji is travelling a village a day and performing Chanting, Homam and discourse at each place. While our Acharya is doing this for the whole year travelling throughout the country, Teachers of JET Prajna are doing a wonderful job of teaching the morals and human values extolled by Sri Ramayanam. They are giving fantastic, mind blowing discourses, all with deeper meanings of Sri Ramayanam. They are the trained Teachers of HH Sri Swamiji's school, enlightening us with the blessed messages, in a wonderful way.

The chanting of Sri Ramayana is so sweet that it elevates us to Divine planes.

Any one interested in your family and friends may be informed to join this divine activity. Instead of we going in search of Sri Ramayana..., with the Grace of our Acharya Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji, Sri Ramayanam is brought to our homes. Do not miss this opportunity. We welcome your comments, questions and suggestions. You may send mail to either jetusa @yahoogroups.com or ebhakhthinivedana@yahoo.com

Jai Srimannarayana !

