

## **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM CECILIA GEORGE**

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My Dear Friends: Peace! Joy! Love!

On the first week of Advent we gave training to 20 women from different villages on Oyster Mushroom production at SASAC- I. This included visual instructions and first hand practical training on the spot. All the women were happy to participate on this training. For this we too are happy.



This week SOJASI-SASAC-II team is making three hundred (300) mushroom cylinders to hang in a small section of the old Piggery building. The advantages at SASAC-I are: there are enough space and unlimited water!

This year has been bit confusion. We had a new Father Director after a long time. And the process of merging of SASAC-I and SOJASI (SASACII) was physically challenging because of the distance between the two. Bringing the staff from SOJASI to all the way down to SASAC- I and clearing the un-tended fields were not easy.

Now we have a new Priest Fr Sandeep Beck SJ at SASAC- I who loves to work in the fields. He's a good addition to the team. He looks after the entire farming area of SASAC- I now. We've been able to give work (thanks to our Brother and sister in Canada) to few local poor women and men as casual workers who work under Fr Sandeep. [ Photo : L-R: Fr Sandeep Beck SJ and Mrs Sabita Luth who look after the vegetable gardens at SASAC I and II respectively ]





Sharmila Pakhrin (widow-grandmother) a casual worker at SOJASI was quite sick with TB (tuberculosis) of the lungs for two months. Last month I gave her some money for food and medicine. This morning she came and told me that she wanted to come back to work because she needed money for medicine and food. Doctor told her to take rest and medicine for six months. Now I have a dilemma, I cannot put a sick person to work and I want to help this old woman who was very hard working and was with us for a long

time. Then I thought you my brothers and sisters and I felt better and warm in my heart and numb limbs. Your thought gave me assurance to help Sharmila. So I gave her some money and told her to go home and rest. Thank you so much for I could do this for Sharmila.

The highlight of this year was when our dear friends from Calgary, Canada came and visited us. They brought a festive mood in our Mornig Star Home for poor children. These dear friends represent all our friends in Canada who love us and support us to love and help poor men and women, poor children, sick widows, lame deaf and dumb as children of God. We are very grateful to God to have friends like you. Thank you for being Rev Fr Abraham's friends then and our friends now.



Welcome David Wong, Susanne and Gabreille Savard, (Brother's festival: Anamika, Akancha Clarence) and Clarence Kroft



Canadian Friends organized a group Birthday Party for the Morning Star children.



Morning Star Home: Anamika, Neha R, Neha C and Ishaya will write grade ten Board exam and go to High School and Eden Ruth will write grade twelve exam and will go to Collage for B.Com next year.

Thank You so much for everything. May Baby Jesus bless us all, our friends, families and loved ones. Wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed 2020! Love and Prayers from all of us,

Your Sister in India,

Cecilia George