



Zone 2b

Squirrel Monkey



Argentina



Bolivia



Brazil



Chile



Colombia



Ecuador



French Guyana



Paraguay



Peru



Uruguay



Venezuela

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COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSE	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
Argentina	28	579	10	1	1
Bolivia	3	62	5	1	
Brazil	50	911	110	1	4
Chile	3	44			
Colombia	10	202	38	1	1
Ecuador	4	61	7	1	2
French Guyana	1	5			
Paraguay	1	33			1
Peru	5	118	26	1	
Uruguay	1	52	6		
Venezuela	17	295	2	1	1
Total	123	2,362	204	7	10



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In Argentina, a roving Sathya Sai Centre allowed devotees from distant places to meet twice a month. The National Council also visited the six regions of Argentina, to promote workshops and service activities.

SSIO members served breakfast and lunch to indigent parents and children at the Casa Feliz Sai (Happy House of Sai) in Buenos Aires every Saturday. The volunteers also organised recreational and education activities, as well as medical and dental services for the community. Sathya Sai volunteers also provided paediatric and dental health care, and distributed food to needy families.

In Bolivia, the SSIO held devotional, educational, and service activities in Sucre, Cochabamba, Santa Cruz, and La Paz, the capital. In Sucre, SSE classes were held regularly during 2015.

Workshops in human values were held in the Hogar Mallorca, an institution for homeless youth in Sucre. Similarly, other training courses in human values were organised in Sucre and Cochabamba, for SSIO members and the public.

Notable service activities included the delivery of 209 water packages for victims of floods that occurred in the Beni area of Bolivia; distribution of dressmaking materials to 40 convicted women felons; and the donation of underwear, socks, sports clothes, and 120 towels for the needy inmates of the Psychiatric Institute of Sucre.

In Brazil, the Sathya Sai School of Ribeirão Preto hosted its annual Harvest Festival on 13th June 2015, uniting the diverse school community of 240 students, their families, staff, and teachers. The festival celebrates the arrival of winter through sharing of seasonal foods such as corn and churros, along with music and games for children and adults. The entire school was decorated with flags and lights, and the festivities were greatly enjoyed by more than 600



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visitors, setting a new record. Besides the festival itself, a long-awaited sports court was inaugurated, and students from every class performed a typical Brazilian dance on the court.

During 1–4 October 2015, the Brazilian Sathya Sai Foundation participated in an interfaith meeting promoted by the municipality of Petropolis (City of Peter), a hilly town near Rio de Janeiro and summer residence of the last Emperor of Brazil, Peter II. The meeting, held at the historic Crystal Palace, was called Arati and highlighted Indian culture and spirituality. An estimated 9,500 people attended the meeting. The City Council also established 2nd October as Krishna Day, to be celebrated annually. SSIO volunteers displayed books and audio-visual material and distributed about 400 booklets and leaflets on the teachings of Sathya Sai Baba.



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In Chile, heart-warming service activities were held in the cities of Iquique, Puerto Montt, and Santiago, where meals were served to destitute people. In Santiago, volunteers distributed food every Sunday morning. In Iquique, Sathya Sai volunteers took to the streets at night to serve those who need a hot meal.

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In Ecuador, a public conference was held in Guayaquil on transformation through the practice of human values, on 3rd March 2016. Senior SSIO leaders addressed an audience of about 150 educators and teachers. The Assistant Secretary of Education, who oversees education for 2,500 local children, attended the conference and showed interest in implementing SSEHV in the schools of Guayaquil.





In Colombia, a Sathya Sai volunteer, Maria Feliza Mosquera, has raised abandoned children in a rented country house, 17 km from the city of Medellín, for the past 16 years. She has provided a loving home, food, education, and human values classes to the children she has rescued from the streets. At present, she cares for 41 children, ages 1–19. In 2015, Maria Feliza Mosquera was honoured with the Titanes Award, in a contest sponsored by Caracol, one of the most important radio stations of Colombia, for the promotion of peace in children affected by violence.

The government has granted a licence for elementary education to the Sathya Sai School of Funza, Colombia. In a ceremony held on 26th April 2015 to commemorate this achievement, the foundation stone containing a few pieces of consecrated material from Sai Kulwant Hall in Prasanthi Nilayam was laid for the new school headquarters. The new headquarters of the Sathya Sai School of Funza was inaugurated on 22nd February 2016. Over 180 local residents participated in the opening ceremony of the new school for 200 students. In addition, members of the SSIO of Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru, as well as representatives of state government, private educational institutions, churches, and others, witnessed the landmark event.

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In Paraguay, Sathya Sai members served fruit and yogurt to about 300 patients in a psychiatric hospital on Sundays. Volunteers also distributed clothing for babies in a home for teenage mothers.

In March 2016, the SSIO hosted a conference during Easter in Asunción, the capital city. The event, titled “Sai Is Here, Lives in My Heart,” was attended by 119 SSIO members from several countries in South America.

In Peru, during July and October 2015, Sathya Sai volunteers offered medical services in a needy community known as Eden del Manantial, in Ticlio Chico, Villa Maria del Triunfo, located south of Lima. Dentists and doctors provided free medical services to patients, and a nourishing lunch was served to 250 people. SSIO members also conducted workshops in human values for children, ages 6–12.

In November 2015, volunteers from the Sathya Sai Centre of Trujillo and the Sathya Sai Group of Cajamarca distributed warm clothing, school sweaters,





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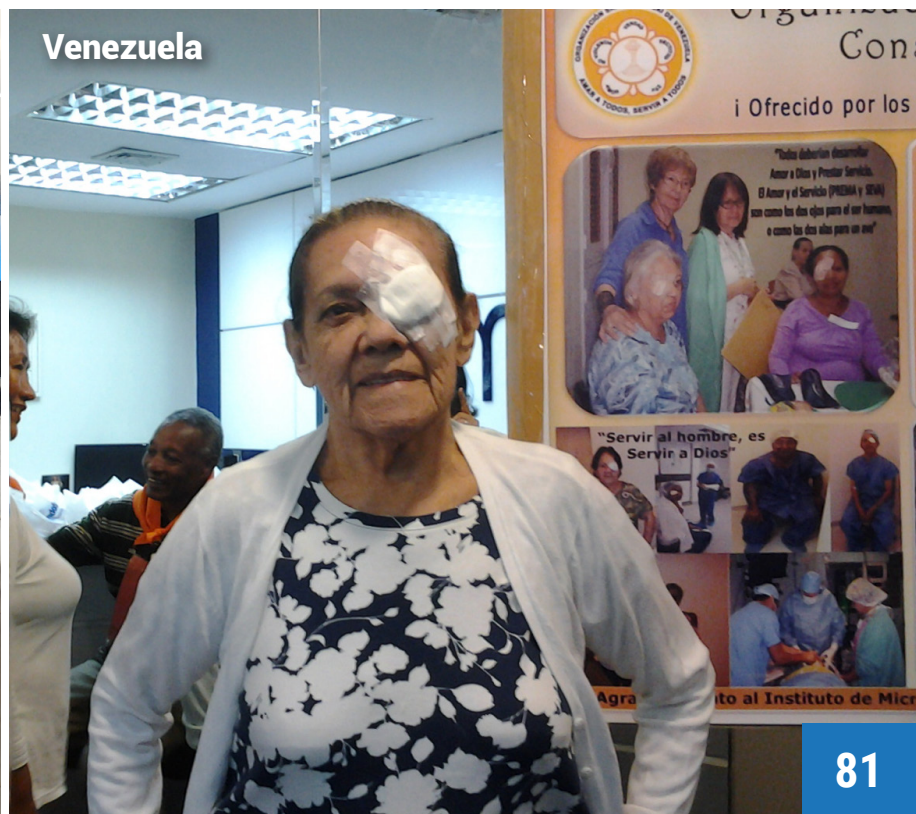
scarves, blankets, and other supplies to 170 students of the Alcides Carrión school, in the village of Pango (3,600 m elevation) in La Libertad, located in northern Peru.

In Uruguay, the SSIO successfully expanded the SSEHV Training Programme to include arts teachers and psychologists, besides regular teachers. The courses are free and open to society as a whole, although its main objective is to educate teachers. During April and May 2015, the SSIO presented the programme to 15 teachers in a high school and to 25 teachers in a primary school, in Montevideo.

In Venezuela, Sathya Sai volunteers, doctors and ophthalmologists hold cataract surgery camps every year. On 31st October 2015, 20 elderly patients received free surgeries and intraocular lenses. The Institute of Ocular Microsurgery Caracas (IMOC) provided the operation theatre and specialized personnel while 15 Sathya Sai volunteers provided general support.



Peru



Venezuela