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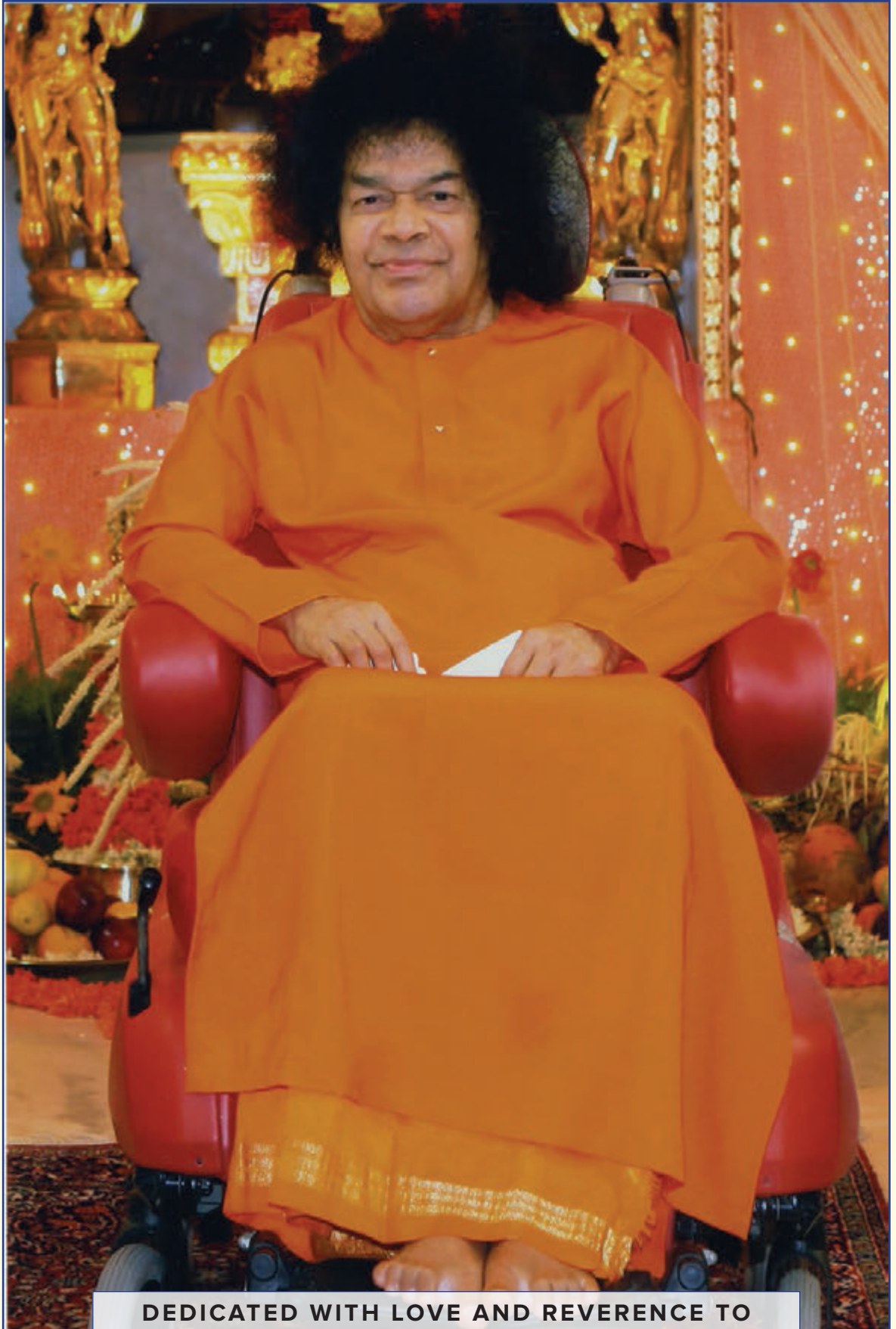
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“Love alone can reveal the Divinity latent in all. Love is God. Live in love. Love lives by giving and forgiving; Self lives by getting and forgetting. Love is selflessness; Selfishness is lovelessness. Do not waste your life pursuing the narrow interests of the self. Love! Love! Become what you truly are – the embodiments of love.”

–Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 25th December, 1979



DEDICATED WITH LOVE AND REVERENCE TO

Sri Sathya Sai Baba



“First, what should be the characteristics of persons in the Sai Organisation? Their hearts should be cool like the moon. Their minds should be pure like butter. Their speech should be sweet like honey. It is only when you have a heart cool as the moon, a mind pure as butter and speech sweet as honey, will you be a worthy member of the Organisation. When these three qualities are present, there will be Divinity.”

–Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 20th November, 1995

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FOREWORD

“Treat all as the children of one God. Whomsoever you may serve, consider you are serving God. Then you will experience the Divine. You are bound to have that experience soon. Never give up the Organisation. Regard it as the breath of your life. This is real penance. Having this firm resolve, become exemplary leaders. This is My sole desire. Swami’s love will accompany you everywhere.”

–Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 18th November 1984

Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba is the incarnation of love. His love transcends the boundaries of time and space. Bhagawan says, “God is love; love is God; live in love.” He exhorts us, “Start the day with love; fill the day with love; end the day with love—this is the way to God.” The best way to love God is to love all and serve all. Loving service purifies the heart and makes us realise our innate divinity. Bhagawan not only exhorted us, He also set an example through the various institutions He established, such as the educational institutions, which are temples of learning; the medical institutions, which are temples of healing; and the mammoth water projects and other projects that serve humanity at large. His life is His message.

Bhagawan gave to us not only this message, legacy, and the honour of being part of His mission of love, but also the means to do this in the form of the Sathya Sai International Organisation (SSIO). The SSIO has been serving society through various activities, including educational, medical, disaster relief, community service, and spiritual activities all over the world. This Annual Report gives the highlights of such activities for the period April 2013–March 2014 at the regional, national, and international levels. These activities were conducted through the efforts of nearly 2,000 Sathya Sai Centres in 126 countries.

The education report herein highlights the character-building pedagogic activities of 30 Institutes of Sathya Sai Education (ISSEs), 39 Sathya Sai Schools, manifold Sathya Sai Education in Human Values (EHV) programmes worldwide, and Sai Spiritual Education (SSE) programmes in 86 countries.

Bhagawan propounds that healthcare is the fundamental right of every human being. Inspired by the ideals set forth by Sri Sathya Sai Baba on healthcare, many dedicated medical professionals and volunteers rendered comprehensive, universal, state-of-the-art medical services, free of charge, with love and compassion, to more than 170,000 patients in about 35 countries, during the reporting period. The medical report gives an overview of these activities, which were delivered through medical camps, medical clinics, mobile clinics, and also through veterinary camps.

Youth are the future leaders and are an integral part of the SSIO. The report on Sathya Sai Youth summarises the service, educational, and spiritual activities conducted by the youth around the globe. Sathya Sai Youth mobilised a global initiative called “Serve the

Planet,” focussing during this reporting period on the theme, “Feeding the Needy.” This initiative was carried out with love and unity by members of the SSIO throughout the world on or around 20th October 2013, in honour of Avatar Declaration Day—the day when Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba revealed His divinity and His divine mission in 1940.

This Annual Report also highlights the activities of various community service projects, such as offering food, clothing, school supplies, and daily provisions to the needy; constructing and repairing homes and community buildings; visiting homes for the elderly, prisons, and convalescent hospitals; mentoring at-risk students; and providing humanitarian relief to those in need following natural disasters such as hurricanes, floods, and earthquakes.

Immediately after the destruction caused by Super Typhoon Haiyan in November 2013 in the Philippines, the SSIO sprang into action. Since then, beyond the initial stages of disaster relief, the SSIO has continued to provide medical and dental services, food to the needy, and school supplies to the children. The SSIO also undertook reconstruction of a damaged school in the affected area. In addition to the Philippines, the SSIO engaged in disaster relief projects in Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia/Herzegovina, Indonesia, Italy, Sri Lanka, and Haiti. For its timely and exemplary services, the SSIO has been honoured with awards and recognition by authorities in many countries.

The Prasanthi Events report herein showcases cultural activities performed by members of the SSIO in Prasanthi Nilayam during the reporting period. These activities emphasised the harmony of religions and the universality of all faiths, reinforcing Bhagawan’s message that there is only one religion, the religion of love.

Bhagawan teaches us that the hands that help are holier than the lips that pray, and that wherever His work is done, He manifests Himself there. Many of those who follow His message and teachings and serve selflessly have had personal experiences of His omnipresence. His message of love and selfless service continues to inspire and transform millions around the world. We pray to our loving Lord Sathya Sai to lead us from untruth to truth, from darkness to light, from death to immortality, from duality to nonduality, from diversity to unity, and from grief and despondency to eternal bliss. We are indeed blessed and fortunate to participate in His divine mission. May we redeem our lives by His divine grace and blessings.

Samastha Loka Sukhino Bhavantu – May All the Worlds Be Happy.

Jai Sai Ram.

Dr. Narendranath Reddy

Chairman, Prasanthi Council



LIST OF SELECTED WEBSITES OF THE SATHYA SAI INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION

The SSIO has been serving society through various educational, medical, disaster relief, community service, and spiritual activities all over the world. This Annual Report gives highlights of such activities for the period April 2013–March 2014 in 126 countries. Beyond the content of the articles in this report, further information about the activities, updates, and current programmes of the SSIO may be obtained by visiting the four website links listed below. The SSIO websites have different emphases and content, and are updated with recent information.

Sathya Sai International Organisation (SSIO) – <http://www.sathyasai.org>
Official central website and directory of the SSIO, containing information on events, special projects, publications, official communications and much more.

Sathya Sai Universe – <http://saiuniverse.sathyasai.org>
Official SSIO website reporting service, educational and spiritual activities from around the world, on an ongoing basis.

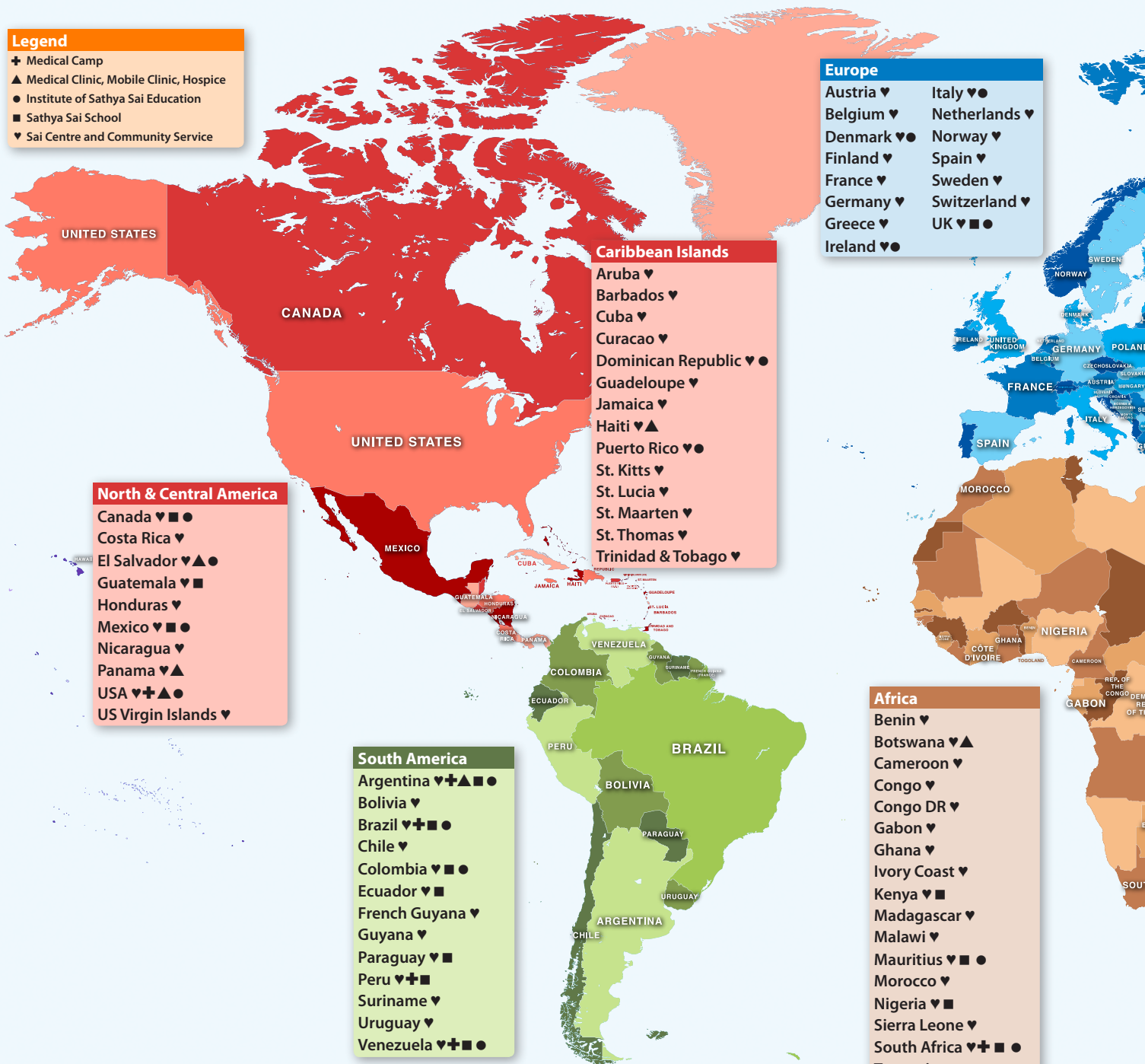
Humanitarian Relief – <http://www.sathyasaihumanitarianrelief.org>
Official SSIO website with information on major humanitarian relief service projects supported by the SSIO.

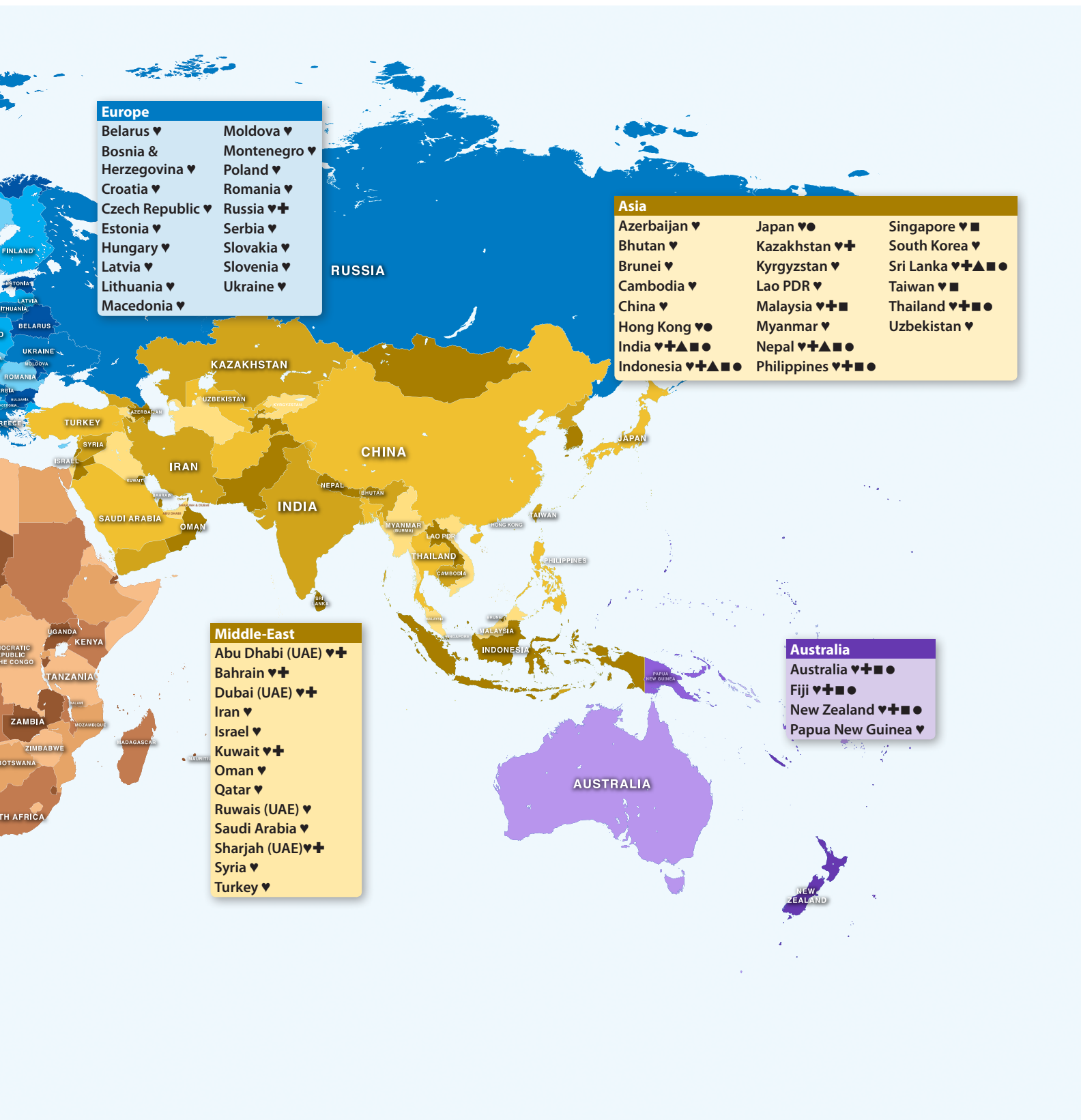
Sai Love In Action – <http://www.sailoveinaction.org>
Official SSIO website featuring stories of service activities with a focus on individual transformation through service.

Sathya Sai International Organisation

Legend

- ✚ Medical Camp
- ▲ Medical Clinic, Mobile Clinic, Hospice
- Institute of Sathya Sai Education
- Sathya Sai School
- ▼ Sai Centre and Community Service







"We should get rid of the thought that service activities are being done for others. You should understand that they are being undertaken for your own sake and for your own betterment."

–Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 14th July, 1984



Medical camp during disaster relief, Philippines

SATHYA SAI GLOBAL HEALTH MISSION

"Even more than the drugs the doctors prescribe, the sweet, soft words they speak and the love and sympathy they evince can cure better and quicker the illness of their patients. Look upon them as your own kith and kin, as your special guests and as your closest friends and attend them lovingly and with unflinching care. I call upon you to maintain this attitude in every situation."

– Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 28th August, 1976

For many years, the SSIO has been providing free healthcare in a timely fashion for those who need it most. Bhagawan has repeatedly blessed this effort to help needy patients globally, and the SSIO has stepped up its efforts through medical camps, medical clinics, dental camps and clinics, medical education and teaching, and the delivery of healthcare for people in need after massive natural disasters.

During this reporting period, an estimated 100,000 patients were lovingly treated in 28 medical clinics in nine countries. In addition, about 72,000 patients were seen in 144 medical and dental camps in more than 35 countries. Sathya Sai Mobile Clinics served more than 32,000 patients in four countries. Over 100 blood donation camps were held in six countries, collecting about 10,000 pints of blood. About 3,500 doctors, paramedics and volunteers participated in this loving service in every continent except Antarctica.

The SSIO also arranged for 25 overseas physicians and 28 dentists to rotate in the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences (SSSIHMS) and the Sri Sathya Sai General Hospital (SSSGH) in India, where they saw about 6,900 patients. Two medical camps were held in Prasanthi Nilayam, in which about 5,900 patients were examined. In addition, teaching and training of medical residents at SSSGH and SSSIHMS were conducted in paediatrics, family medicine, cardiology, CTVS, neurosurgery, orthopaedic surgery, and radiology.

The Sathya Sai International Center for Medical Services shipped medical equipment and goods to many countries, including India.

ZONE 1

During the reporting period, 12 medical camps were held in 16 cities in the USA, where about 700 healthcare professionals and 1,826 volunteers served about 5,200 patients. In addition, about 2,600 patients were seen in two permanent medical clinics in California, USA. Examples of medical services rendered in the USA are shown below. In addition, specialised medical missions were undertaken in Trinidad and Tobago, and in Guyana, where 166 complex surgical and interventional procedures were performed.

USA

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Each Saturday morning, the local Sathya Sai Organisation provides medical services at the Venice Free Clinic. In 2013, medical and dental care were provided to 812 patients by 12 medical professionals and 32 Sathya Sai volunteers.

SAN LORENZO, CALIFORNIA

The Ashland Free Clinic was established by the Sathya Sai Organisation in Northern California several years ago. It provides services to adults each Saturday morning and paediatric services on Wednesday evenings. In 2013, 2,484 patients were seen, and of these, 939 patients received treatment from a dedicated team of 43 physicians and 52 Sathya Sai volunteers.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

A year-long clinic has been functioning continuously in Colorado Springs, where 20 medical personnel served 254 patients during this reporting period. Sathya Sai doctors, in partnership with the Colorado Asian Health Education and Promotion Organisation, served needy patients referred by homeless shelters and soup kitchens. Services included primary care, dental health, women's health, diabetes management, post-hospital follow-up, bone densitometry, mammograms, pulmonary function testing, and exercise testing for cardiac evaluation.

ST. ANN, MISSOURI

On 12th October 2013, 125 Sathya Sai volunteers served more than 190 patients at the Holy Trinity Parish in St. Ann, Missouri. General health screening, blood tests, and a bone marrow donor registration drive were carried out in collaboration with 15 other local and national community health centres and organisations. For further details, see the report on Zone 1.



Medical camp, USA

DES MOINES, IOWA

On 28th September 2013, 20 Sathya Sai doctors and 59 Sathya Sai volunteers at the Epworth United Methodist Church served 120 patients. Services rendered at the camp included blood tests for glucose and cholesterol, and blood pressure and body mass index measurements. Specialists provided consultations in internal medicine, paediatrics, orthopaedics, optometry, dentistry, nursing care and nutrition,



Patients with fibroids in the waiting room, Guyana

GUYANA

The SSIO of Guyana and Sai doctors from abroad collaborated with the government of Guyana to arrange for uterine fibroid surgeries for needy patients who had been waiting many years for treatment. From 8th–23rd November 2013, two Sathya Sai med-

ical teams from the USA performed the medical procedures successfully. Further details may be found in the report on Zone 1.

ZONE 2A

Sathya Sai devotees of Zone 2A served 1,272 patients in a permanent medical clinic in El Salvador and about 700 patients in four medical camps in the Dominican Republic and Panama.

EL SALVADOR

Doctors operated a Sathya Sai Clinic in the Neuroscience building of the Hospital de Diagnóstico in the capital city of San Salvador. Medical care was provided to homeless patients who could not afford to see a doctor. Further details are available in the report on Zone 2A.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

In November 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers in San Francisco, Dominican Republic, held a medical camp in El Montazo. Services were rendered by 22 volunteers and two physicians, all of whom journeyed over the central mountain range (Cordillera Central) to reach the remote area. More than 100 indigent people were seen at the camp, some of whom walked for four hours to get to the medical camp, while others arrived on donkeys and mules.



Medical camp, Panama

ZONE 2B

In Zone 2B, nine medical clinics served 13,464 patients. In addition, 22 medical camps were conducted in Zone 2B, where about 3,700 patients received medical care.



Haemodialysis for children, Argentina

ARGENTINA

Nine medical clinics provided services to 13,464 patients who received medical care from 20 physicians, in the specialties of general medicine, paediatrics, dentistry, ophthalmology, dermatology, and psychiatry. In addition, six medical camps were held. Further details may be found in the report on Zone 2B.

BRAZIL

In 2013, 39 physicians in 12 specialties conducted nine medical camps in Brazil. The doctors examined a total of 1,837 patients.

Medicines were distributed, 22 vaccines were administered, and fluoride dental treatments were provided to 59 patients. More than 100 laboratory tests were performed. In addition, four workshops on healthy foods and oral hygiene were conducted.

VENEZUELA

In November 2013, a medical camp was carried out in Pocumare del Tuy. Doctors specialising in general medicine, paediatrics, gynaecology, and dentistry treated about 350 patients. A pharmacist provided medicines. During the medical camp, recreational programmes were conducted for children, based on stories, drama, and songs demonstrating human values. The children received toys, school kits, oral hygiene kits, and bags filled with nutritious vegetarian food.

ZONE 3

A total of 14,087 patients were seen in medical camps in Fiji and the Philippines during this reporting period.

FIJI

From 5th to 10th May 2013, the eighth annual medical camp was conducted in Viti Levu, Fiji, for the benefit of more than 3,000 patients. A Fiji-Australian medical camp was held 18th–23rd August 2013. The report on Zone 3 provides further details about this loving service.

PHILIPPINES

In response to the devastation in the Philippines from typhoon Haiyan in November 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers from many countries conducted medical, dental, and vision camps in the affected areas, beginning on 17th November 2013. The first set of medical camps was conducted in the town of Ormoc and on the island of Biliran. The medical team thereafter continued to provide free services and medicines to those in need. Several thousand people in the typhoon-devastated regions received much-needed health care services through this reporting period. Further details may be found in the report on Zone 3.

ZONE 4

In Zone 4, 73 medical camps were held, at which medical services were rendered to an estimated 17,000 patients. In addition, 42,000 patients were seen in 10 medical clinics. Sathya Sai Mobile Clinics made about 250 trips and served more than 32,000 patients. Thus, more than 90,000 people received loving health care services from Sathya Sai volunteers in Zone 4. In addition, 79 blood donation camps were held in five countries in Zone 4, collecting 5,500 pints of blood.

SRI LANKA

Regular medical clinics are held once or twice a month at three locations, serving about 40 patients on each occasion. These clinics provide general health screening and offer free medicines. In addition, Sathya Sai organisation volunteers staff a 35-bed cancer hospice to provide compassionate care for terminally ill patients.

Nine medical camps were held, in which 12–23 health care professionals served a total of 2,969 patients. A vision camp was conducted in late 2013, in which Sathya Sai ophthalmologists saw 1,415 patients, performed 74 cataract surgeries, and distributed 658 pairs of prescription eyeglasses.



Dental camp during disaster relief, Philippines



Medical camp, Sri Lanka



Sathya Sai Mobile Clinic, Sri Lanka



Medical camp, Nepal



Children's rehabilitation centre, Greece

A Sathya Sai Mobile Clinic provided medical, dental, and vision services to about 2,500 patients. The Zone 4 report provides further details about these medical services.

INDONESIA

A Sathya Sai Mobile Clinic made 245 trips, during which physicians served 30,000 patients. Two medical camps were held, in which 865 patients were seen; and about 16,000 patients were provided services at four permanent medical clinics. Three blood donation camps were held, collecting 125 pints of blood.

Heavy rains, along with poor drainage and the release of water from a dam near Jakarta, caused flooding in Kamung Pulo and the areas surrounding Jakarta in January 2014. Sathya Sai volunteers offered humanitarian relief services immediately, including medical intervention. Details may be found in the Zone 4 report.

NEPAL

Three permanent medical clinics in Nepal provided loving medical care to 22,444 patients. In addition, numerous medical camps and blood drives were held. About 2,054 pints of blood were collected. The National Blood Bank in Nepal has repeatedly recognised the Sathya Sai Organisation of Nepal as the most significant blood donor group in the country. The Zone 4 report contains more information on medical services in Nepal.

ZONE 6

As part of a sustained community service, a paediatrician with an assistant visited needy families in Perama near Athens, rendering loving health care to children. Volunteers also visited many disabled children at the Children's Recuperation and Rehabilitation Centre in Voula Attiki. Further details may be found in the Zone 6 report.

ZONE 7

A Sai Boundless Service Camp was organised in Poland during 1st–7th July 2013, where medical and community services were rendered, as described in the Zone 7 report. Also, a medical camp was held on 23rd July 2013, in which 58 Sathya Sai volunteers from Holland, Germany, Slovenia, Bosnia, Herzegovina, and Lithuania served 450 patients, while the doctors visited a number of disabled and elderly individuals at their homes.

ZONE 8

In Zone 8, medical camps were held in the Russian-speaking countries, during which 6,821 patients were served. The SSIO of Kazakhstan conducted a major medical camp from 1st to 10th August 2013, in Saran. Medical camps were also held in Ropsha village, near St. Petersburg, Russia, and in Grishkovtsi village, in Ukraine. The Zone 8 report contains further information on these health care services.



Medical camp, Kazakhstan

ZONE 9A

In Zone 9A, 25 medical and dental camps were held, in which 2,019 patients were seen. Five permanent medical clinics in Botswana and South Africa provided medical services to 10,926 patients. A Sathya Sai Mobile Clinic rendered medical

services to 147 patients. Two blood donation camps were held, collecting about 3,987 pints of blood.



Medical clinic, Botswana

UK

The SSIO of UK organises many healthcare events for the benefit of the needy. For example, on 30th November 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers, in partnership with others, organised a health screening medical camp in an impoverished area of Hayes at the Botwell Leisure Centre. Four doctors, two dentists, three optometrists, and nine nurses, along with 18 Sathya Sai

volunteers served 202 patients. Medical services included blood pressure monitoring, blood glucose testing, body mass index measurement, bone densitometry, diabetes risk assessment, and dental and eye examinations.

MADAGASCAR

On 27th March 2014, the Sathya Sai Centre of Tanà held a medical, dental, and eye camp, at which about 400 children and 30 adults were seen for general medical problems, minor surgeries, routine dental care, and vision screening. The patients included 97 children from the Sathya Sai School in Madagascar. Every patient received free toothpaste, a toothbrush, and vitamins. Eyeglasses and medicines were also distributed.

SOUTH AFRICA

Medical care was delivered in South Africa through a combination of a mobile clinic, a permanent medical clinic, a veterinary clinic, dental clinics, eye clinics, and blood donation drives. In 2013, 701 patients were seen at nine vision camps; 606 patients were seen at 13 medical and dental camps, and 2,566 patients were seen at two permanent medical clinics. In addition, 3,987 pints of blood were donated; 95 animals were treated at a veterinary camp.

ZONE 9B

In Zone 9B, a Sathya Sai Mobile Medical Clinic served 55 patients, and three medical camps were organised to render healthcare services to about 9,900 patients. A health awareness event was held in Oman in December 2013, at which 125 patients were ex-

amined for minor ailments and screened for hypertension, diabetes, and heart disease. In Dubai, a medical camp was held in May 2013 for migrant, indigent labourers, as described in the Zone 9B report.



CONCLUSION

True to the exhortations of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, health care professionals who are His devotees continue to render loving, selfless services to the needy, the destitute, the afflicted, the children, and the elderly throughout the world, without regard for benefit, recognition, or reward. The SSIO continues to or-

ganise and facilitate the delivery of high-quality medical care where it is needed most, with the help of both medical and nonmedical volunteers. The love and compassion with which the services are rendered have drawn recognition from local government authorities in many instances. The vast, global Sathya Sai system of free healthcare continues to expand every year, touching more and more people, and transforming their hearts with love for all—in accordance with the vision of Bhagawan.

“Doctors should be grateful to society for all the knowledge and skills they have acquired from the dedicated labours of others. They should realise their deep indebtedness to society for all they have received from it. Only then, they will use their knowledge and skills in the right way.”

– Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 7th February, 1993



Sathya Sai School, Vila Isabel, Brazil

SATHYA SAI EDUCATION

“Let the message of this educational revolution, insisting on the resurgence of the divine in man, spread to every street and home. You have My blessings in ample measure. You can receive guidance and help always in the fulfilment of this task.”

–Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 31st December, 1984

Sathya Sai Education encourages a lifelong process of holistic transformation for children and adults through Educare and its applications in Sai Spiritual Education (SSE) and Sathya Sai Education in Human Values (EHV). During this reporting period, consolidation and advancement of Sathya Sai educational activities continued across the globe, highlights of which are reported below.

SAI SPIRITUAL EDUCATION (SSE)

Sai Spiritual Education (SSE) is based on the philosophy of Sathya Sai Educare and emphasises spiritual awakening through character development and self-transformation. The SSE programme, formerly known as Bal Vikas (“blossoming of the child”), was initially established for the children of Sathya Sai devotees and is delivered through the Education Wing of the Sathya Sai Organisation. During this reporting period, SSE programmes took place regularly in more than 90 countries, and considerable progress was made in preserving interest in SSE among teenagers, through innovative and inspiring pedagogical approaches.

SATHYA SAI EDUCATION IN HUMAN VALUES (EHV)

Sathya Sai Education in Human Values (EHV) focusses on the signal importance of practising the five universal human values of truth, right conduct, peace, love, and nonviolence, throughout one’s life. Aimed at people who are not formally associated with the Sathya Sai Organisation, EHV programmes are taking many new and exciting forms, and are being extended beyond traditional school settings into community groups and organisations. These programmes are spreading rapidly across cultural, religious, and other “boundaries,” in more than 50 countries.

INSTITUTES OF SATHYA SAI EDUCATION (ISSE)

The Institutes of Sathya Sai Education (ISSEs) are legally-constituted bodies that operate under the supervision of the Education Committee of the SSIO. The 30 ISSEs around the world are engaged in a variety of EHV-related activities, which include organising teacher and facilitator training, maintaining cooperative oversight of Sathya Sai Schools, developing and publishing human-values training materials for schools and communities, conducting workshops for parents, and other activities.

SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS

The 39 Sathya Sai Schools outside India serve as models for the integration of EHV into the mainstream curricula of schools and other educational organisations. They express and encourage key aspects of an ideal education: a pedagogy of integral education that integrates spirituality into academic curriculum, an emphasis on the role of the teacher as exemplar, a school culture based on unconditional love, and life application of the five universal human values—truth, right conduct, peace, love, and nonviolence. Sathya Sai Schools have achieved glowing reputations and are widely recognised as being among the top schools in their respective countries with regard to academic achievement, exemplary citizenship, and excellence of character.

ZONE 1 COUNTRIES

The Canadian ISSE convened a national meeting of Sathya Sai leaders to develop action plans to ensure that EHV becomes recognised as an ideal model for education by 2020. During the first quarter of 2014, the Institute sponsored a national “Art from the Heart” art contest, to nurture positive values in students and to create awareness of the ISSE of Canada and its programmes. The Institute is expanding parenting and other outreach programmes to new populations across Canada

and establishing ethical guidelines for research. The Sathya Sai School of Toronto tied for the number-one position among the top schools in Ontario, for the eighth consecutive year.

In Israel, the basic theories of Educare were presented to participants at a recent EHV workshop. One notable feature of this workshop was that it brought Jews and Arabs together in harmonious pursuit of a common, human-values-centred goal. This is a prime example of how Bhagawan’s approach to Educare can sponsor unity and harmony under extremely adverse conditions. Ongoing SSE teacher training is another area of activity in Israel.

The ISSE of the USA completed its third annual residential instructional programme and established formal partnerships with two Montessori schools and another educational organisation. EHV programmes were initiated in two elementary schools, a middle school, and two universities. EHV community projects are underway in an adult prison, a youth detention centre, and a shelter for battered women. A comprehensive

text, the *Sathya Sai Educare Study Guide*, was also published by the Institute. A national survey was conducted to learn more about how challenges facing SSE teachers and students might be creatively addressed. Several SSE summer camps were held in various parts of the country.

The ISSE of the West Indies offered Course One for educators and conducted EHV workshops and introductory presentations to a wide range of educational professionals and community leaders. Training for teachers was conducted in partnership with the Youth, Culture, and Sports Ministry. A teachers’ and parents’ handbook and a series of articles on Educare were published, along with new guidelines for early childhood education centres.



ZONES 2A AND 2B COUNTRIES

The Latin American countries of Zones 2A and 2B are Spanish-, Portuguese-, and French-speaking, and are host to 11 ISSEs—in Mexico, El Salvador, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Guadeloupe, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, and Argentina. There are also 14 Sathya Sai Schools in the two zones—two in Mexico, one in Guatemala, one in Colombia, two in Ecuador, one in Venezuela, five in Brazil, one in Argentina, and one in Paraguay. The ISSEs support EHV activities in dozens of public and private schools, in nearly every country in Latin America. They also provide after-hours EHV school care in nine complementary Sathya Sai Schools in Colombia, Venezuela, Argentina, and the Dominican Republic. They have recently developed an innovative network among the Institutes to offer inter-institute courses. Following the national standards of different countries, basic and advanced courses on EHV have reached thousands of professional teachers. Most of the Sathya Sai Schools extend from primary through secondary levels and teach more than 1,650 students across Latin America. EHV programmes for teenagers have also been established in several countries.

The ISSE of Brazil continues to enhance and extend various training programmes while providing a wide range of other Sathya Sai School and EHV-related activities through its branches across the country. During the reporting period, graduate students completed MSc and PhD theses based on EHV at universities in Brazil and Mexico. The ISSE of Dominican Republic offered EHV workshops to police and city employees, and is currently collaborating with the government to form a new school. The ISSE in El Salvador conducted its 25th training course for teachers. The Sathya Sai School in Guatemala began working in positive partnership with the National Sports Centre for the benefit of its K–12th grade students. In Guadeloupe, the ISSE has focussed its efforts on a group of local mothers who work with their children in applying human values in the home and in school.

The ISSE of Mexico provided an ambitious array of trainings and follow-up programmes for trainers, teachers, psychologists, and social workers. A regional Sathya Sai Academy has been established and meets monthly in Monterrey. It received authorisation from the National University of Mexico to offer a Master's degree in EHV



ISSE course, Peru



Sathya Sai School, Guayaquil, Ecuador

that will commence in 2015 and will be recognised by the Federal Ministry of Education. Mexico has Sathya Sai Schools in Chihuahua and Cuernavaca, both of which offer classes from kindergarten to grade six.

In Panama, the ISSE works with an adopted school and sponsors a combined annual Sports Day for SSE students from two cities. The ISSE of Puerto Rico conducted multilevel EHV training activities, seminars, and workshops, for educators, parents, and youth. In addition, 28 municipalities across the country participated in a third competition of stories on human values.

ZONE 3 COUNTRIES

The Southern Pacific countries of Zone 3 have four ISSEs and four Sathya Sai Schools. A zonal education retreat on innovations in teaching values to adolescents was held in Sydney, Australia. The Australian ISSE conducted its introductory course in five different cities during this reporting period. The Institute also provided parenting courses in Australia and New Zealand. All the teachers of the Sathya Sai Primary School in Murwillumbah, Australia,

have been trained in EHV through courses run by the ISSE. The students in this school, which has become well established in the local community, have achieved a good reputation for excellent discipline and have received awards from a local art festival in poetry reading and music. Their art also has been displayed in a local art gallery. The Education Wing of the SSIO of Australia has revamped its training of SSE teachers, placing a greater emphasis on supervised practical training.

The Australian ISSE trained 17 senior educators who now have become trainers in the ISSE of New Zealand. The Institute recently launched its first training programme for Course One and participated in the training of SSE teachers. The Sathya Sai Preschool in Auckland continues its outreach to the parents of impoverished Pacific Islanders and Maoris and is impacting their communities positively. A pilot programme has been launched for SSE parenting classes.



Sathya Sai School children at festival, Philippines



Teacher training, Australia

The ISSE of Fiji has developed a series of booklets on human values for kindergarten, primary, and secondary schools, as well as a handbook for parenting. The Ministry of Education has approved the introduction of EHV in all state schools. Principal Education Officers across the country are now required to work in collaboration with the ISSE. The Ministry of Education officially recognised the Sathya Sai School and provides grants, staffing, and other resources. Fiji's SSE programme grew considerably during this reporting period.

The ISSE of the Philippines conducted training and follow-ups for teachers in Ilagan. The Sathya Sai Primary School actively participates in all local interschool activities, with 80 percent of parents participating in the school's many outreach projects. The Philippines has an emerging SSE program.

ZONE 4 COUNTRIES

The Sathya Sai Academy in Malaysia hosts training and EHV activities for children, youth, and adults. A notable part of Malaysia's SSE programme is the Teen Youth Programme, in which teens attend classes in 22 Sathya Sai Centres to strengthen their spiritual grounding and to develop self-confidence. At Malaysia's Sathya Sai Primary School graduating students performed well in their public examinations. More than 250 participants attended an Educare 2014 Conference, organised in collaboration with the University of Malaya and the Ministry of Education.

The ISSE of Nepal trained more than 1,200 teachers and nearly 500 master trainers from the government sector during this reporting period. The two Sathya Sai Schools of Nepal have, in combination, 48 teachers and 718 students. EHV training was conducted for 1,216 teachers during the reporting period. The total number of ISSE-trained teachers in the country has now reached 10,390. Nepal currently has 1,015 SSE teachers and 14,000 students active in SSE classes. A prominent aspect of Nepal's SSE programme is that students practise placing a ceiling on their desires and feed the poor with their savings.

The ISSE of Thailand held two training courses for 11 attendees at the diploma level. The Rajabhat Pranakorn University places its teacher trainees at the Sathya Sai School for a one-year teaching experience. The school also received distinguished awards for



Students serving the mentally challenged, Thailand



Teen youth camp, Malaysia

outstanding selflessness and social service, and for the school's sustainable development and creative care of the environment. Every student graduating from the Sathya Sai School in Thailand was admitted to a university. SSE and EHV classes are underway in Bangkok and in three other cities.

With the support of the Ministry of Education, the ISSE of Indonesia has trained more than 3,000 teachers and educators. During this reporting period, 10 professors from Islamic universities visited the Sathya Sai University in Puttaparthi. Following their visit, the Institute signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Indonesia Islamic Teachers' Association and three universities, to conduct EHV seminars for 210,000 Islamic teachers and other professionals. EHV has also been included in the national curriculum by the Ministry of Education. The Sathya Sai School in Bali has gained an excellent reputation for its academic results and excellent character education. The Insan Teladan School is recognised as a model school, having been selected as the best among 10 schools vying for that title. Several schools in Indonesia have included EHV in their curricula.

Construction of a Sathya Sai School in Laos has commenced. Sri Lanka has a Sathya Sai School and students in well-established SSE and EHV programmes. The ISSE of Sri Lanka provided training for the teachers in both programmes. Singapore has a kindergarten school and an SSE school that is cooperatively supported by five Sathya Sai Centres. Cambodia's EHV programme provides English-language skills to local community children.

ZONE 5 COUNTRIES

The EHV programme launched by the ISSE of Hong Kong in partnership with the South China Normal University in Gong Cheng County, Guangxi Province, China, has entered Phase 2. This initiative presently serves 10 schools using staff trained by the ISSE of Hong Kong. In Yang Shuo County, Guangxi Province, more than 70 teachers and principals from 10 schools are participating, along with the local education bureau's senior personnel, university professors, and graduate students, in a two-year introductory action research phase. ISSE personnel conduct seminars and ongoing chat-groups with teachers, visit participating schools, and provide other resources. EHV has been integrated into the mainstream schools in Qinghai Province, where six model schools have completed their third round of professional development. In Hong Kong, the Queen Eliz-



abesth group of schools continues to be active in EHV. At a girls' school in Hong Kong, EHV is integrated into the Life Education Programme for Forms 1, 2, and 3.

There is a Sathya Sai Kindergarten in Taiwan. EHV classes are held in two elementary schools, and SSE classes are also underway.

ZONE 6 COUNTRIES

During this reporting period, a new website with a central database was established by the ISSE of Southern Europe, for each country in its local language. The "Story of Marty" website demonstrates how Educare and EHV may be transmitted through a project-based approach.

In Italy, conferences were held for teachers, nurses, and care managers. In Greece, bi-monthly EHV lessons were started, and a human-values summer camp was held. Croatia held an EHV retreat. In Serbia, a basic EHV course was conducted, and a human-values workshop was held for children from dysfunctional families. Bosnia and Herzegovina held two EHV seminars. In Switzerland, SSE classes were held weekly in Geneva and monthly in Zurich. EHV was conducted for students in extracurricular classes at schools in Las Palmas, Spain, where an EHV-trained school counsellor also works directly with students. Public conferences on EHV were held in Las Palmas and Madrid. Five EHV workshops were also held in Madrid. In the Canary Islands, a seminar with monthly follow-up workshops was conducted for local teachers. In Slovenia, the Institute conducted a one-day seminar for Sathya Sai Organisation members, and EHV classes were conducted for ninth-grade students. EHV classes for children were conducted in Macedonia.



Children in a drama, Switzerland

ZONE 7 COUNTRIES

The European ISSE, with its German campus serving as a hub for Zone 7 countries and its Russian campus as a hub for Zone 8 countries, works in close cooperation with the ISSE of Southern Europe. During this reporting period, diploma Course Two for educators was conducted in Lithuania, the Netherlands, and Hungary; and Courses One, Two, and Three were offered in Germany, Russia, and Spain. Emphasis was also placed on the training of trainers.

A series of “Human Values for Life” seminars were conducted for SSIO members in Russia, Germany, Lithuania, Hungary, Austria, Denmark, and Sweden, to deepen their understanding of Sathya Sai Centre activities and to inspire spiritual leadership through personal transformation. In Germany, an additional focus for these seminars was on leadership for professionals and managers (“Human Values in Business”) and health care workers (“Human Values in Health Care”). The German campus also conducted a pilot project of seminars for social and medical professionals on time management, self-confidence, alertness at work, and compassion for patients and clients. Seminars on human-values-based songs, creative design, drama, and performing arts, aimed at strengthening methodological competences and skills, were offered as Advanced Training Courses for Certified SSE Teachers. Most of the countries in Zone 7 conduct SSE classes and sponsor EHV projects for both children and adults.



Attendees of training course for Zones 7 and 8



Teacher's conference, Russia

ZONE 8 COUNTRIES

Teacher-trainers from the ISSEs of Southern Europe and Europe staff the training courses and provide updates for the countries of Zone 8. During this reporting period, several trainers completed their final requirements for the full training course. A team of teachers also prepared and conducted a variety of EHV programmes for children, parents, and teachers. More than 150 creative outreach activities and programmes were conducted across the Zone.

Along with a number of seminars for teachers and parents, SSE classes were offered, mostly in Russia. Several SSE camps were also held for children, and, in Kazakhstan, SSE students took part in a medical camp. A 12th zonal conference for SSE teachers also took place during this period.

ZONE 9A COUNTRIES

The African ISSE, headquartered in Zambia, has branches in Ghana and Kenya. It offers introductory, intermediate, and standard diploma courses for professionals, and is recognised by the Ministry of Education. Sathya Sai Schools exist in all three countries. The two basic Primary Schools and the High School in Zambia have had a 100 percent success rate in national examinations, and the girls Primary School has been recognised as the best in the state.

The ISSE of UK is developing training programmes for teachers, along with an interactive website and new EHV packets for schools. The South African ISSE continues to refine and expand its EHV programmes. The three Sathya Sai Schools—together serving about 800 non-residential students—have achieved creditable results in national examinations. New Castle School has 12 teachers and 222 students, including 48 indigent students, in Grades 0–9. Chatsworth School has 21 teachers and 360 students, including 25 indigent students, in Grades 0–12. Lenasia School has 212 students in Grades 0–7. More than 2,000 students participate in various ongoing SSE programmes.

The ISSE of Mauritius regularly conducts teacher-training and parenting programmes for its Sathya Sai School as well as for some mainstream schools. With its active participation in national cultural events, the Sathya Sai School for primary, pre-primary, and disabled children has gained widespread recognition. The Family Values Programme, sponsored in ten economically challenged areas, has proven to be highly successful, with official police-department statistics showing a 35–45 percent reduction in alcoholism, violence, and other social ills. In Kenya, the Sathya Sai School in Kisaju provides free education, board, and lodging for 164 destitute students. With its large grounds and emphasis on student participation in farming, the school has become self-sufficient. In addition to academics, children are taught carpentry and computing, and are encouraged to respect the local Masai cultural values. In Botswana, SSE classes are held regularly for 92 children.



Sathya Sai children, Mauritius



Students at Sathya Sai School, Kisaju, Kenya

ZONE 9B COUNTRIES

An estimated 182 SSE teachers conduct weekly classes for 1,359 children in this Zone. In Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates, emphasis is placed on unity of faiths and love. Kuwait and Oman have undertaken forays into the larger commu-

nity with EHV. SSIO members in Kuwait recently initiated an EHV programme titled “Human Values: The Essence of Life,” and the SSIO of Oman, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, has embarked on a project to integrate human values into public education and this was implemented in various schools in Muscat. Another ongoing project undertaken with the Ministry, which is also supported by UNESCO, is an essay-writing and poster-making competition in schools under the title, “Spreading the Light through Human Values.”



Teacher training, Oman



Teachers taking examination, Oman

CONCLUSION

This reporting period has seen consolidation and expansion of Sathya Sai educational activities throughout the world, in countries with both large and relatively small Sathya Sai Organisations. Strong evidence continues to emerge from the ISSEs and Sathya Sai Schools indicating that integration of spirituality into the educational process has powerful and lasting transformative effects on the character, cultural achievements, and academic attainments of

children, adolescents, and adults, as well as across the local communities in which those individuals reside. Sathya Sai educators continue to serve as instruments of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba in His universal educational mission.



“You are eating an apple. Is it for the benefit of the apple, that you are eating it? No, it is for your own health! Similarly your actions, worship or meditation is only for your own happiness and satisfaction. The only thing God cares for is purity and steadfastness. Purity in thought, word and actions is all that matters to God.”

– Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 10th April, 2000



Service by youth, Germany

SATHYA SAI YOUTH

“The youth of today are the future leaders of the nation and the architects of the new society. The future of a nation depends on its youth. The strength of the youth lies in their spirit of patriotism. The primary duty of the youth is to render service to the society. The physical and mental strength of the youth is the foundation on which a nation is built.”

–Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 14th January, 2000

The Sathya Sai Youth Programme was established by the SSIO to encourage youth between the ages of 18 and 35 to learn and practise human values as defined by the life and teachings of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. Currently, the programme is established in 75 countries outside of India. The programme was developed to provide a forum for like-minded youth to meet, discuss, and encourage one another in leading a purposeful life based on human values.

Sathya Sai youth around the world are actively engaged in community service projects, and in spearheading key initiatives related to education, environment, disaster relief, and rehabilitation. Sathya Sai youth have been gaining experience in facilitating youth camps, retreats, and conferences. A number of youth currently

hold key leadership positions in the SSIO and continue to support various humanitarian and other activities conducted by the SSIO.

As an offering for Bhagawan's 88th Birthday, Sathya Sai youth around the globe were blessed with the opportunity to prepare birthday cards for Him, which were compiled and offered in a Treasure Box.

A "Serve the Planet" (STP) initiative was launched on 20th October 2013 as a global service project of the SSIO. On this date in 1940, our dearest Lord Sai, founder of this noble spiritual organisation, declared His divine mission to re-establish the practice of human values around the world. The goal of the STP initiative was to unite Sathya Sai volunteers around the world in a common service project in their respective geographic areas. Sathya Sai youth, along with senior members of the organisation, had formulated this programme with the intent that it be conducted on the same day around the globe and that

it implement Bhagawan's message of Love in Action. Participation by the public was also encouraged. The theme of the STP initiative in 2013 was "Feeding the Needy."

Sathya Sai volunteers throughout the world (outside of India) joined the youth in serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner, including hot meals, to the homeless living on the streets and to residents of homeless shelters, community centres, homes for the elderly, children's homes, convalescent hospitals, nursing homes, orphanages, and women's shelters, and to patients and their families at emergency rooms in hospitals. Sathya Sai volunteers joined the youth also in delivering food to communities living in extreme poverty. Food baskets containing supplies such as grains, cereal, oil, milk, pasta, rice, fresh vegetables, and fruit were distributed to needy families and refugees. Sathya Sai youth gathered at local food banks to pack thousands of food bags to be delivered to low-income families and seniors.

The October 2013 STP initiative undertaken by the Sathya Sai youth grew into a worldwide service project with nearly 10,000 Sathya Sai volunteers jointly serving an estimated 60,000 needy people. Some of the volunteers undertook programmes to serve and care for animals. Inspired by the global response for the 2013 STP initiative, the 2014 STP theme, "Children: Our Future," was announced by the SSIO.

In addition to the STP initiative, Sathya Sai volunteers and youth also continued to offer various other services to the needy, such as organising blood-donations drives, medical camps, and healthy-living programmes; providing hygiene kits and cleaning supplies to selected groups; providing birthing kits for disadvantaged women; offering haircuts, showers, and clean clothes, shoes, and bedding to the homeless; conducting service activities for the mentally challenged; providing school supplies to children; planting trees and vegetable gardens in needy communities; teaching human values and stress-relieving exercises; participating in park restoration projects; collecting



rubbish on city and village streets; cleaning beaches and riverbanks; and renovating houses for needy people.

The following report provides an overview of notable initiatives and activities undertaken by the Sathya Sai youth in each zone of the SSIO, during the period April 2013–March 2014.

ZONE 1

A first all-Zone 1 youth conference was conducted at Camp Green Lane, Pennsylvania, USA, during 23rd–25th August 2013. In preparation for the conference, youth participated in a Service Day and a Ceiling on Desires programme. Sixty percent of the attending youth worked in unison to organise the conference, which included dynamic keynote speakers, enlightening workshops, cultural programmes, and a service symposium.



Zone 1 youth conference



Youth sadhana camp, Dominican Republic

The youth continue to play an active role in their respective Zone 1 countries, regions, and Sathya Sai Centres. They lovingly organise and participate in numerous service activities, such as blood donations, tutoring programmes for low-income neighbourhoods, and distribution of food to the needy. Some of their unique service projects during the reporting period included support to the Sathya Sai International School in Canada; construction of homes through a building project in Guyana; service to the needy in remote areas accessed by boat; organisation of a vocational sewing course for housewives in economically challenged areas of Suriname; care for visually impaired people and children with cancer in Trinidad and Tobago; and relief efforts in the USA following Hurricane Sandy.

More than 7,500 needy people were served by youth from all the Zone 1 countries, during the 2013 Serve the Planet initiative.

ZONE 2A

An estimated 500 Sathya Sai youth, including members of two newly-formed groups from Guatemala and Puerto Rico, actively

support national Sathya Sai activities within Zone 2A, in the Devotion, Service, and Education Wings. The youth participate in service activities conducted by Sathya Sai Centres throughout the Zone. They also conduct a mentoring and tutoring programme, in which more than 100 children are registered.

In April 2013, about 50 Sathya Sai youth participated in a retreat held in Mexico for members of the SSIO of Latin America. As an offering to Bhagawan on His Birthday in 2013, a radio programme for teenagers titled, “Growing with Values,” was broadcast by the youth through Radio Sai in El Salvador.

More than 1,000 people in 15 locations throughout the Zone were served food by Sathya Sai youth as part of the Serve the Planet initiative.

ZONE 2B

More than 250 Sathya Sai youth take part in various programmes of the SSIO, with many of the youth holding leadership position at all levels in South America.

The July 2013 Latin American Youth Conference, held in Venezuela, was followed by many regional and national conferences conducted by the youth throughout the Zone. The meetings, suffused with devotion, spiritual knowledge, and divine love, supported and strengthened character, leadership, and the spirit of selfless service. Sathya Sai youth continue to take a leading role in conducting SSE classes in Sathya Sai Schools and in carrying out various service activities for the needy. They also organise study circles, meditation programmes, and veterinary and ecological services.

ZONE 3

In the various South Pacific island nations of Zone 3, Sathya Sai youth participated in the Serve the Planet initiative.

In Fiji, a group of youth sang Christmas carols at a number of homes serving special-needs populations and at a local hospital. In January 2013, the youth packed and delivered goods and provisions to disaster-affected areas. Sathya Sai youth participated in a local medical camp, and a number of youth tutored students at the Fiji School for the Blind on a weekly basis.

The Sathya Sai youth of Australia have implemented a national youth leadership model, identifying youth who demonstrate leadership potential. These youth undertook leading roles in planning and coordinating publications, service, devotion, drama, music, and other projects of the SSIO. During a pilgrimage to Prasanthi Nilayam for the 2013 Christmas celebrations, approximately 50 youth functioned as team leaders.



Planting trees, Fiji

In June 2013, Sathya Sai youth from New Zealand met to plan initiatives and activities for the upcoming year, and a leadership workshop in Auckland followed that meeting. National youth conferences were held in all the Zone 3 countries.

ZONE 4

In the Southern and Southeast Asian countries of Zone 4, an estimated 9,500 youth participate in various activities of all SSIO Wings—at the centre, state, and national levels. Sathya Sai youth conduct study circles, spiritual enrichment programmes, national retreats, and workshops. They work with EHV students on a regular basis

to strengthen their spiritual grounding and their leadership abilities, to better serve within the organisation. The youth are actively involved in blood-donation drives, tree-planting initiatives, orphanage and convalescent-home visits, cooking and serving hot meals, and values-based education for children. Over the past two years, most countries within the Zone have hosted national youth conferences, covering a vast spectrum of topics relevant to youth development and enrichment.



Youth cleaning up, Nepal

In eastern Nepal, 20 Sathya Sai youth are actively involved in a water project serving 335 families. Spreading the message of peace, about 200 youth hosted a Buddha Poornima Peace Rally that was attended by 400 local community members.

In Malaysia, Sathya Sai youth have developed a bimonthly programme to address the needs of teen youth.

More than 60 alumni from the Sathya Sai School of Thailand are engaged in conducting career-guidance and inspirational sessions for the School's graduating students.



Youth distributing supplies, Sri Lanka

Village service is a regular project of Sathya Sai youth in Sri Lanka. During a recent national youth conference, 350 families were provided service by 329 youth delegates.

In Laos, about 60 Sathya Sai youth launched the programme, “United Hearts for Sai’s Children,” which provides services for more than 40 blind children.

About 20 Sathya Sai youth in Singapore continued to serve the elderly during the reporting period, through their “Willing Hearts” service programme.

About 40 Sathya Sai youth from Bali, Indonesia, conduct various ongoing health, education, and community service programmes in local communities.

ZONE 5

Comprising several countries in the Far East, Zone 5 has seen an active engagement of Sathya Sai youth in spreading Bhagawan's EHV message, through various initiatives.

In China, the youth assist with teacher-training programmes at a local school, which are intended to train teachers to use human values in their academic curriculum.

Sathya Sai youth in Hong Kong assist with an EHV programme on Saturday mornings at primary and secondary schools, and help the students prepare for standardised aptitude examinations conducted by the government.

In Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Japan, Sathya Sai youth conduct classes and study circles on EHV throughout the year. Youth across the Zone also participate in distributing food and serving hot meals to the poor, and in visiting homes for mentally-challenged adults.



Youth serving the mentally challenged, Hong Kong

ZONE 6

In Europe, Sathya Sai youth from Zones 6 and 7 jointly publish a quarterly magazine titled *LOVExpress*, which contains reports of Sathya Sai youth activities and inspiring reflections on Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's teachings. They also participate in the activities of the Zones' Sathya Sai Centres and Groups.

The youth played an active role in the Serve the Planet initiative of 2013—in both planning and execution. Many abandoned animals were fed as part of this initiative.

In France, Sathya Sai youth have held regular monthly meetings, at which they conduct interactive workshops on self-development, leadership, and human-values topics.

In Spain, approximately 25 Sathya Sai youth participated in EHV training programmes. In Madrid, Sathya Sai youth organised a Christmas programme to entertain and offer gifts to about 200 children from a poor neighbourhood.

In Greece, youth participate in regular service activities. Sai Youth camps have enabled participants to deepen their understanding of Bhagawan's teachings and to practice the teachings in their daily lives.

About 25 Italian youth participated in conferences and workshops on EHV for spreading Bhagawan's divine message to hundreds of visitors. The youth also assisted in providing medical care for disabled people.

ZONE 7

The year 2013 was filled with a number of projects in Zone 7, with joyful participation by the Sathya Sai youth. The youth also contributed toward SSIO programmes in general.

The SSIOs of Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, the Netherlands, and the Czech Republic continued to engage and encourage the talents and innovative ideas brought forth by the youth.

In the Netherlands, monthly "youth days" included speeches, study circles, workshops, and service activities. Over the past two years, Sathya Sai youth from the Czech Republic and Germany organised a Sathya Sai Leadership Training Programme.

European youth also released a first music album, titled *Sai Vision*. Lyrics of the songs are based on spirituality and human values.

More than 40 Sathya Sai youth from nine different countries of Zones 6 and 7 refurbished a building for the elderly. Many youth in Zone 7 dedicated their support



Youth serving children, Poland

to EHV projects in Denmark and Poland. A recent project involved organising a “Sai Boundless” Service Camp, to help impoverished Polish villages. In 2013, 10 Sathya Sai youth from five European countries, along with Polish Sathya Sai youth, conducted a seven-day programme based on human values for 60 children.

ZONE 8

Zone 8 countries have more than 100 Sathya Sai youth who are actively involved in all Wings of the SSIO. A 13th Zonal Youth Conference and a first Zonal Youth Festival was held in March 2014. The theme of the conference was “Happiness Is Our True Nature,” under the motto, “Achieve Happiness and Share It with Others,” and the theme of the zonal youth festival was “Happiness Lies in Realisation of Oneness.” All events at both the conference and festival were filled with purpose and deep spiritual meaning, motivating and encouraging the youth.

In Ukraine, a new national youth programme called “Immersion” was launched in Kiev in February 2014. Under this programme, youth periodically dedicate a day to immerse themselves in Bhagawan’s teachings. Regular virtual youth study-circles are also conducted to connect youth electronically from different countries within the Zone.

Sathya Sai youth participated in weekly “Feeding the Needy” programmes in all Zone 8 countries. A total of 1,116 people were served during the 2013 Serve the Planet initiative.

Service projects organised by Sathya Sai youth in Russia from the Ural, Volga-Ural, Siberian, southern and northwestern regions included renovation work in a hospital and in a home for the elderly; roof restoration and landscaping of a needy person’s home; preparation of an area for a family camp; cleanup of an urban



Youth conference, Zone 8

area and a river bank; landscaping for a boarding-school property; and painting of a children's playground at a shelter for children. The youth also visited children in a rehabilitation centre and in boarding schools.

In June 2013, Zone 8 Sathya Sai youth organised a Sai Olympics event.

ZONE 9A

Sathya Sai youth from the African and British Isles countries of Zone 9A participated in the 2013 Serve the Planet initiative and collectively served or distributed 22,083 meals and grocery hampers to the needy. The Zone's youth also participated in ongoing projects such as service at cancer centres, orphanages, medical clinics, and camps. In some countries, "Liquid Love" (blood donation) programmes, which typically collect over 200 pints of blood annually, have been adopted as national SSIO projects, after being initiated by the Sathya Sai youth. Easter was celebrated by distributing nearly 1,000 Easter eggs and toys to children in 12 hospitals. The youth participate in activities

at the Zone's Sathya Sai Schools on Sports Days. They also help with the upkeep of the schools, and they organise mentorship programmes on behalf of the students of these schools.

An integral goal of the Young Adult Wing is to work closely with all other Wings of the SSIO. The Sathya Sai youth supported and participated in a programme by EHV students and women from the Ladies Forums, who came together in an effort to showcase Bhagawan's teachings through a play titled "Overpower Evil and Family Human Values." A musical presentation was offered by the youth during a Sathya Sai



Youth leading devotional singing, Mauritius

Human Values Day that was organised by the SSIO Spiritual Wing and attended by people from all faiths.

"Information to Transformation" and "Spirituality to Leap Forward" workshops were conducted as a platform for youth coordinators, with the aim of training them to become better leaders. Youth Living for Truth (YL4T) is a provincial-based programme undertaken by youth for youth. Past and present YL4T sessions have featured music and drama; lectures, study circles, and quizzes; and *bhajan* sessions. YL4T is a platform that creates opportunities to delve deeply into Sai teachings. Workshops on EHV and its effects for 10-to-17-year-old children were conducted in various schools. A programme focussing on the SSIO's Nine-Point Code of Conduct was developed. Under this programme, youth interact on a regular basis for study circles, service activities, and devotional singing.

ZONE 9B

About 60 Sathya Sai youth in Zone 9B work closely with Sathya Sai service teams. In UAE and Oman, senior members of the organisation have delegated leadership responsibilities for many of the Sathya Sai service activities to the youth team. Throughout Zone 9B, elders have both supported and integrated the youth into service projects and various other activities of the organisation. For example, the youth participate regularly in a project distributing food and hygiene hampers to the needy.

To help mitigate the effects of the region's summer and winter weather extremes on transient worker populations, Sathya Sai volunteers, including the youth, have mobilised to serve workers exposed to the elements. Sathya Sai youth along with senior Sathya Sai volunteers serve hot tea in winter and cooling *laban* (a buttermilk drink) in summer. Sathya Sai youth and elders in Bahrain and Dubai provide this service to more than 2,000 people every week at construction sites and other outdoor work sites.

In Oman, Sathya Sai youth represent an integral part of the "Serve Autistic Individuals" (SAI) project. For example, they join in regular weekend sessions to train autistic children in activities for daily living (ADLs), including various communication skills and motor skills. As part of the SAI project, they also participate in the following sub-programmes: World Autism Day, Mother's Day Out, Beach Day Out, and Movie Screenings.

An annual sports meet is a major activity organised exclusively by the Sathya Sai youth of the SSIO of Dubai, for the benefit of more than 300 EHV children, parents, and others.

CONCLUSION

In keeping with Bhagawan's maxim, "*The future of the country depends on the skill and the sincerity of the youth,*" youth leaders worked closely with senior members of the organisation during 2013–2014 to develop a new initiative, the Sathya Sai International Youth Leadership Programme (SSIYLP). The SSIYLP, which builds on Bhagawan's vision of training the youth in ethical and moral leadership, for the progress of humanity toward global peace and prosperity, is expected to commence in January 2015. SSIO Youth Festival is also being planned, scheduled to be held in Prasanthi Nilayam in July 2016, with the participation of Sathya Sai youth worldwide, to offer to Bhagawan a colourful festival consistent with His spiritual teachings.

With devotion and dedication to Bhagawan's teachings, the Sathya Sai youth are forging ahead to become messengers of divine love and lead the world. They are demonstrating leadership qualities, talents, and skills that will slowly and steadily transform society all over the world. The sample of selfless service activities and events reported above serves to indicate the vast and limitless potential of the Sai youth for divinising the world. They are truly the "Ambassadors of Love" for our beloved Lord, Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba.



National award to the SSIO – highest blood donor in Nepal

AWARDS AND HONOURS

“Service to the Lord alone matters, and that service alone is the reward—one does not seek anything more than just the opportunity of doing service unto Him, to the best of one’s capacity.”

– Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 25th March, 1958

Bhagawan always stressed that selfless service rendered with love and compassion is its own reward. True to His teachings, Sathya Sai volunteers have been engaged in many forms of services activities throughout the world. The beneficial effect of such work, which is transforming society and uplifting humanity, has been recognised in many parts of the world. Examples of such recognition are listed below.

BOTSWANA

In recognition for donating blood, the Sathya Sai Centre of Gaborone was awarded the Best Blood-Donating Church Award for 2013-2014 on 14th June 2013 by the Ministry of Health.

CANADA

In Edmonton, Canada, the Sathya Sai Centre of Edmonton was recognised with the Urban Forestry Award on 15th August 2013, for planting thousands of trees across Edmonton.

In Toronto, the Honourable Jim Karygiannis, Member of Parliament, presented a certificate from the Government of Canada to the Sathya Sai School Parent Council on 14th May 2013 for hosting the successful Toronto Walk for Values.

KUWAIT

The SSIO of Kuwait received a certificate on 13th June 2013 from the Honourable Minister of Health for being the third best organisation for blood donations.

LAOS

In Laos, the Governor of Borikhan District awarded a certificate on 15th August 2013 to the SSIO of Laos, for humanitarian services rendered on 6th July 2013 to the victims of floods.

MAURITIUS

The SSIO of Mauritius was once again awarded the trophy for Best Blood Donor in 2013–2014 by the Ministry of Health on 13th June 2013, during the World Blood Donors Day celebration.

MYANMAR

In Myanmar, on 12th October 2013, the Su Taung Monastery School at Yangon awarded a certificate to the SSIO for conducting EHV training for 23 teachers and for the construction of a water reservoir.



Certificate presented for Walk for Values, Canada



Award for humanitarian services, Laos

NEPAL

In Nepal, the National Blood Bank presented a national award to the SSIO of Nepal at a conference held during 13th-14th June 2013, for donating the highest amount of blood in the country.

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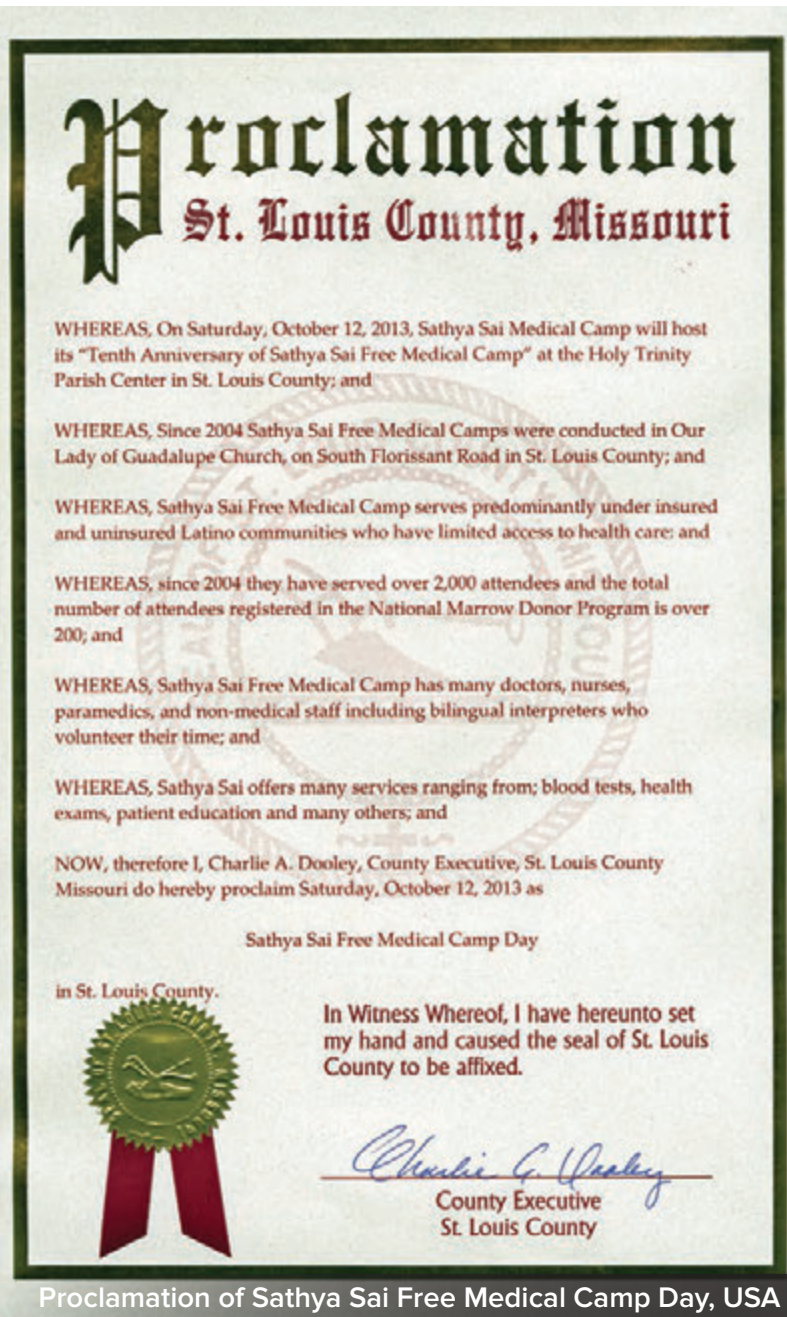
In Oman, the Serve and Inspire (SAI) Group was presented a plaque on 14th June 2013 by an official from the Ministry of Health for organising monthly blood donations in 2013.

SOUTH AFRICA

In Durban, South Africa a special recognition was bestowed on the SSIO on 19th October 2013 for blood donation.

USA

On 12th October 2013, the Chief Executive of St. Louis County in Missouri, USA issued a proclamation declaring 12th October 2013 as Sathya Sai Free Medical Camp Day to commemorate the 10th annual medical camp in St. Louis, Missouri.



Proclamation of Sathya Sai Free Medical Camp Day, USA

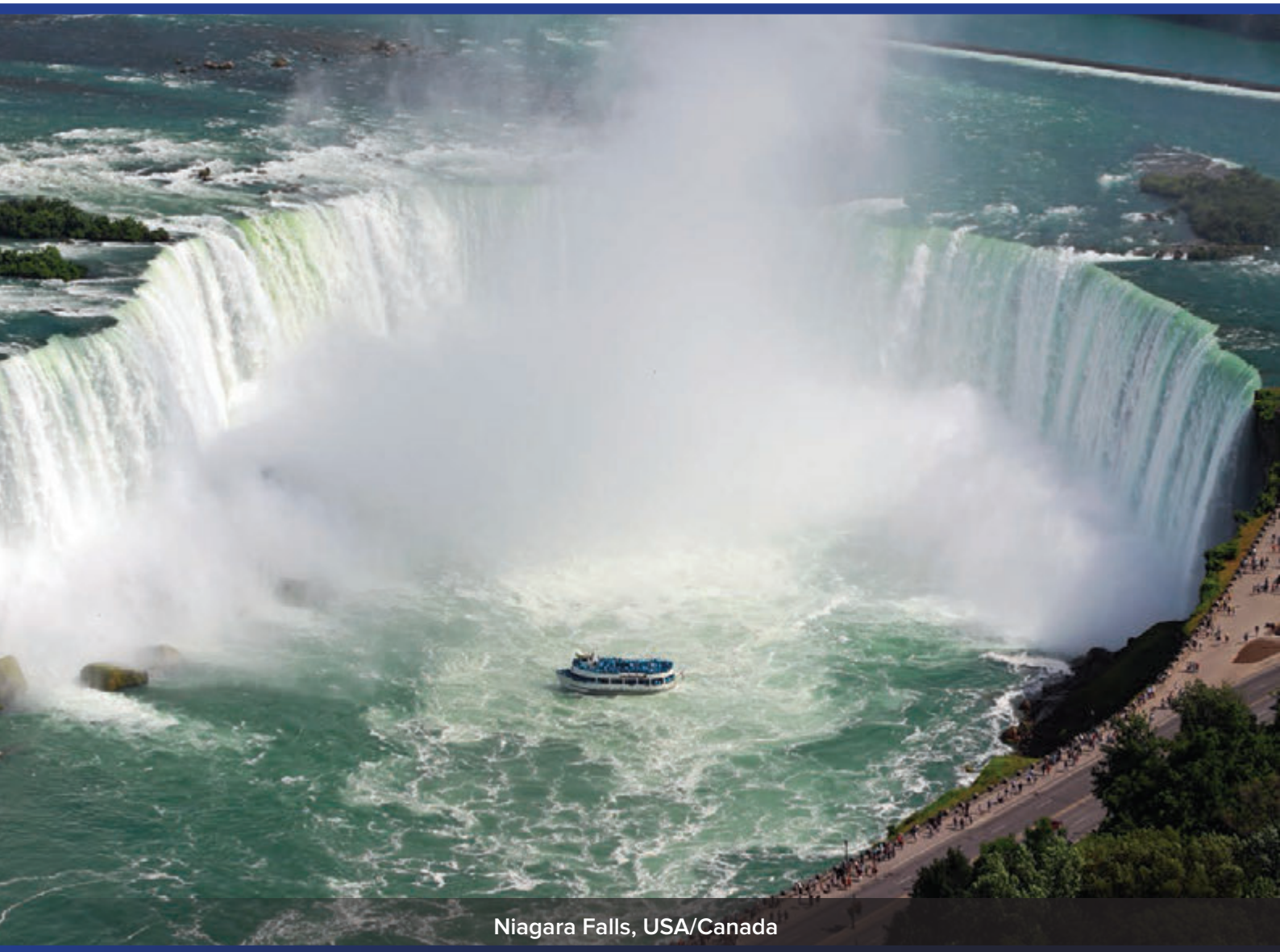
done in this spirit, it will lead in due course to self-realisation. It is this kind of selfless, spiritually-oriented service that is needed today."

"All service should be regarded as an offering to God and every opportunity to serve should be welcomed as a gift from God. When service is

—Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 19th November, 1987



ZONE 1



Niagara Falls, USA/Canada

ARUBA
BARBADOS
CANADA
CURACAO
GUYANA
ISRAEL
JAMAICA
ST. KITTS

ST. LUCIA
ST. THOMAS
SURINAME
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
USA
US VIRGIN ISLANDS

CANADA

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

On 15th June 2013, about 500 Sathya Sai Organisation members in the Greater Toronto area held a consecration ceremony for the Sathya Sai School, Canada, at its new premises at 451 Ellesmere Road, Scarborough. The ceremony brought together religious leaders from Hinduism, Buddhism, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity in a multifaith event, as well as local, regional, and national elected government officials. The ceremony began with groups of SSE children led by multifaith representatives dressed in traditional religious garb and carrying banners for each of the five human values: truth, right conduct, love, peace and nonviolence. Following the welcome speech by Dr. Thayananthan Thayaparan, Chairman, SSIO Canada, the multifaith representatives spoke about the teachings of their sacred scriptures and offered prayers from their respective religions. City Councillor Raymond Cho presented the principal of the Sathya Sai School with a certificate on behalf of the Toronto City Council and Ward 42, Scarborough-Rouge River, commemorating the consecration ceremony. He spoke about the excellent and ongoing cooperation between the SSIO of Canada, the City of Toronto, and the community.

The first “Walk for Values” was initiated in 2003 by the Sathya Sai School, Canada, to encourage participants to pledge to the practice of a human value for the following year and to spread awareness of the human values. The walkathon has since spread to ten cities across Canada and to four continents, involving nearly 40 cities. A wonderful show of unity was displayed at the 11th Annual Walk for Values in Canada, held during May and June 2013 in the cities of Cornwall, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Yellowknife, and Vancouver. The venues prominently displayed banners and signs on human values.

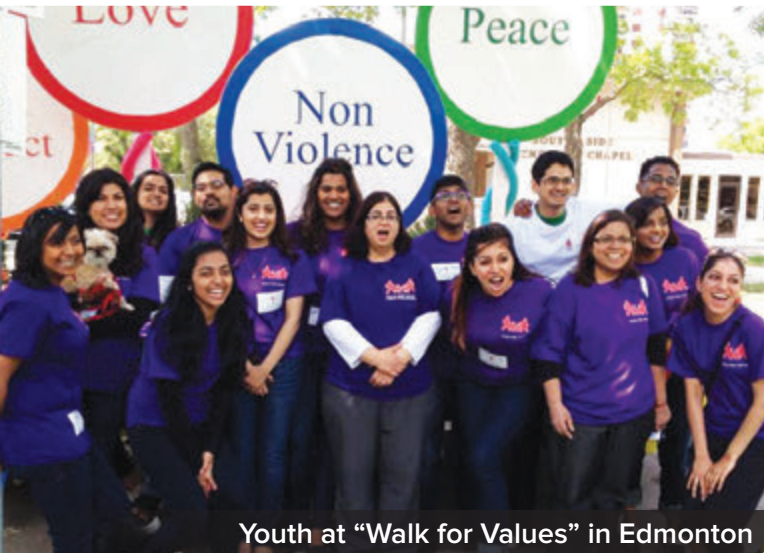


School children in procession with interfaith leader



Religious leaders at multifaith ceremony

In Toronto, a stage adorned with colourful flags of countries around the world symbolised the unity of various cultures, faiths, and ideologies. Several thousand people participated in this event, held in front of the city hall. Members from various faith groups attended the event. A Catholic priest



Youth at “Walk for Values” in Edmonton



“Walk for Values” participants in Vancouver

paid homage to Sathya Sai Baba, Jesus, Buddha, Mohammed, and other prophets and thanked everyone for bringing joy and happiness to the City of Toronto. The Honourable Jim Karygiannis, Member of Parliament, presented a certificate from the Government of Canada to the Sathya Sai School Parent Council for hosting the Toronto “Walk for Values,” stating, “For your commitment to fostering a sense of community among Canadians of all backgrounds...to ensure our bright and sustainable future...I know that you will continue to help better the lives of all Canadians, and strive to do the same worldwide.”

The processions in Edmonton, Vancouver, and Toronto featured mobile floats, attractively decorated with the names of the five human values (truth, right conduct, love, peace, and nonviolence). Edmonton’s Walk was held at McIntyre Park, a local hub of the city. In Winnipeg, participants marched in front of the

Manitoba Legislative Building and along the beautiful Assiniboine River. In Yellowknife, Sathya Sai devotees joined the Canada Day Parade, carrying banners on human values and quotes from Bhagawan. Saskatoon’s Walk for Values was inaugurated by the city councillor, Mr. Randy Donaer, who spoke about the importance of practising human values in daily life.

Dedicated to promoting character education in schools, the ISSE of Canada invited public schools in Canada as well as the Sathya Sai School of Canada and SSE students to submit entries for a national art contest titled “Art from the Heart,” in order to nurture positive values in students. The contest was held from 1st February through 30th April 2014.

In March 2014, the ISSE also introduced the Dynamic Value Parenting programme, earlier developed by the Sathya Sai Organisation, as a community outreach initiative at a Gurudwara in Toronto.

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

Sathya Sai Centres across Canada responded to the “Serve the Planet” initiative by offering food to the hungry on 20th October 2013. In British Columbia, the Sathya Sai Centre of Vancouver organised a service event in downtown Eastside Vancouver. Volunteers prepared and served food to more than 300 individuals at Oppenheimer Park. In Ontario, the Young Adult Wing of the Organisation conducted a day-long project, serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner to the homeless in Toronto. In other parts of Ontario, Sathya Sai volunteers delivered food to shelters, soup kitchens, and other institutions that serve individuals facing homelessness and other challenges. In Brampton, for example, volunteers delivered 341 pounds of food to the Knight’s Table Soup Kitchen.

GUYANA

MEDICAL SERVICES

A critical need for uterine fibroid surgeries was first brought to the attention of the SSIO of Guyana in August 2012 following the Divine Showers Youth Convention, which was attended by His Excellency Donald Ramotar, President of Guyana. At the president’s urging, arrangements for the services of an international medical team of Sathya Sai volunteers from the USA were finalised in early 2013, in close cooperation with government authorities.

Two Sathya Sai medical teams from the USA, consisting of four to five individuals each, performed 52 uterine fibroid surgeries at Georgetown Hospital and West Demerara Hospital in Guyana from 8th–23rd November 2013. Every surgery performed was successful, and not a single patient screened for surgery was left out. The patients diagnosed with fibroids had been waiting patiently for four to seven years. Consequently, many of them had extraordinarily large uterine fibroids with multiple adhesions and lesions, which led to complicated surgeries lasting over three hours in many cases.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

An Educare workshop was conducted on Saturday, 12th October 2013, by the ISSE of West Indies, Guyana Chapter, at the New Opportunity Corps (NOC). This is a detention facility for delinquent youth located on the Essequibo River, which can be reached only by boat. During the course of the journey, Sathya Sai volunteers were fortunate to experience an unplanned encounter with the Honourable Donald Ramotar,

president of Guyana, who happened to be in the area. Upon learning about the upcoming workshop on human values, the president wanted to meet with the Sathya Sai educators. Three Sathya Sai educators accordingly met with President Ramotar and briefed him about the workshop at NOC, which was an outcome of a Sathya Sai conference the president

had attended earlier. This fortuitous meeting was believed to be a result of Sathya Sai Baba's grace, since the group had unsuccessfully tried to get attention from a lower-level minister earlier, for the same event.

The Educare workshop was held successfully. The youth who attended the presentation were well behaved, alert, receptive, and participated fully in the workshop. The staff and youth inmates of NOC then presented musical programmes to show their appreciation for the loving services rendered. The NOC was impressed with the presentations and requested that the Sathya Sai educators return within two weeks to conduct another workshop for the remaining staff. They also requested that the group hold a workshop at Kuru Kuru College of Education, about 30 kilometres from Georgetown.



Doctor examines fibroid surgery patient



Attendees of Educare workshop

BHAGAWAN'S MAHA SAMADHI OBSERVANCE

As an offering to Bhagawan on the second anniversary of Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi, Sathya Sai volunteers in Georgetown, Guyana, constructed and donated a new house for a needy family of seven on 23rd April 2013. The

recipients appreciated the fact that they did not have to endure further hardships in their old, dilapidated quarters, since the rainy season was at hand.

Sathya Sai volunteers cooked and served dinner to 200 homeless people on Sunday, 21st April 2013.

On 17th July 2013, the SSIO of Guyana donated a number of wheelchairs to the Ministry of Health at Georgetown, Guyana. The minister of health, Dr. Bheri Ramsaran, thanked the SSIO and expressed hope that the relationship between the government and the Sathya Sai Organisation would grow in the future. This service project was reported in a local newspaper, the *Guyana Chronicle*.

ISRAEL

A hallmark of Sathya Sai education is the unity of all faiths and the practice of human values. The SSIO of Israel is taking sincere steps in that direction by spreading Bhagawan's teachings about the basic human values that transcend all religions and nationalities (truth, right conduct, love, peace, and nonviolence). Sathya Sai educators in Israel have presented workshops on EHV to Arabs and Jews, while working together in harmony. The Druze are a distinct and separate religious community living in the Middle East. As a result of this work, teachers from the Islamic, Jewish, and Druze faiths are working together, in classrooms and other venues, organising plays and other activities.

JAMAICA

On 20th October 2013, as part of the Sathya Sai Organisation's global "Serve the Planet" initiative, Sathya Sai volunteers of Jamaica served breakfast to more than 80 homeless individuals at the Marie Atkins Shelter Home in Kingston. In addition, 120 people at an infirmary and 50 homeless individuals in Ocho Rios were offered food.

ST. LUCIA

During October 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers of St. Lucia offered food to 30 homeless persons as part of the Sathya Sai Organisation's global "Serve the Planet" initiative. This loving service brought joy to recipients and volunteers alike.



EHV training with multifaitth teachers



Teachers at EHV training in Israel

SURINAME

In June 2013, the SSIO of Suriname conducted a medical camp. The Sai health care team included young adults, doctors, and medical students. Residents from a remote village were transported to the camp by bus. Screening was done for a variety of medical conditions, including high blood pressure and diabetes. Some minor illnesses were treated. Doctors and medical students gave talks on a healthy lifestyle. Each participant in the medical camp received a food package containing water, fruit, and health-food snacks. At the conclusion of the camp the participants were transported back to their village by bus.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

MEDICAL SERVICES

During May 6th–11th and June 3rd–8th 2013, the SSIO of Trinidad and Tobago performed a total of 68 angioplasties at the Mt. Hope Medical Complex in Trinidad. Previously, in 2012, a donation by the SSIO of 250 arterial stents had been accepted by the minister of health, Dr. Fuad Khan, who subsequently authorised the use of the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex facilities for this project.



Surgeons performing angioplasty operation

COMMUNITY SERVICES

On 4th August 2013, about 200 volunteers led by the Pasea Sai Centre of Trinidad conducted a service project in Sea Lots, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, in which 2,000 meals were prepared and packed into 500 parcels for distribution. The aim was to transform a crime-ridden community through Bhagawan's love by distributing food and clothing.

For most of the inhabitants of Trinidad and Tobago, going to a popular beach called Mayaro is a way of life, but for some this activity is a mere wish. For the past 20 years the SSIO of Trinidad and Tobago has conducted a service project that brings visually-impaired persons (VIPs) to the beach. For the past five years, Sai Young Adults have taken the lead in this project. On an auspicious day in the month of October 2013, the VIPs



Service to the visually impaired

were transported to the beach to enjoy a day of sun, sea, sand, and Sai. The programme began with a devotional offering of multifaith songs and prayers, followed by lunch and a dip in the water. During this year's event, the VIPs themselves put together a programme on how to interact with the blind, providing a list of do's and don'ts to the volunteers. A fun-filled programme followed their presentation.

A team of 50 volunteers from Trinidad and Tobago built 30 prefabricated houses for needy families. Each house was completed in about three hours, with concrete foundations poured a few days prior to construction. The houses are hurricane- and termite-resistant. They have French windows, a steel roof, two bedrooms, and a larger room utilised as a kitchen, living room, and dining room. The houses were presented fully furnished with wardrobes, living room furniture, toilet fittings, electrical fixtures, a table and four chairs, and a kitchen sink. Recipients were also given a food hamper, basic toiletries, curtains, and bed sheets.

Young Adults of the SSIO of Trinidad and Tobago, working with the Just Because Foundation—which assists children with cancer and their families—surprised children on their birthdays with birthday cake, ice cream, a present, and a happy-birthday helium balloon. This service is conducted throughout the year.



Construction of pre-fabricated house



Young Adults visiting cancer clinic



Distributing food in village

DISASTER RELIEF

In 2011, after floods in North Trinidad destroyed the homes of many low-income families, young adult members of the SSIO spent significant time with the displaced children at a shelter. The families have since been relocated. On 13th July 2013, the young adults revisited these children, hosting nine of them, ages 1 to 10, at a “Fun Day” event. The project began with the young adults contacting the families, who had been relocated to apartments. The Fun Day programme was designed to encourage the children’s self-confidence through the development of an awareness of their innate talents and gifts. Each child received school supplies and other gifts, including a set of Bible stories and activity books. Each family received a hamper stocked with essential foods.

EASWARAMMA DAY OBSERVANCE

The SSIO of Trinidad and Tobago hosts an annual “National Easwaramma Sports and Family Day” in May, which brings the entire Organisation together as one. This event is planned jointly by the Young Adult and Education Wings of the SSIO. The young adults attended to every detail and planned the games and prizes for children attending the SSEHV programme. The theme for 2013 was “Ready, Set Go! Let Sai’s Love Flow.”

BHAGAWAN’S MAHA SAMADHI OBSERVANCE

In observance of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba’s Maha Samadhi, Sathya Sai volunteers of Trinidad and Tobago gathered on 21st April 2013 at the Sai Nilayam, the headquarters of the SSIO of Trinidad and Tobago, to serve needy families from the central region of Trinidad and Tobago. Three wings of the Organisation—Service, Devotion, and Education—collaborated for a fun-filled day, with activities such as musical chairs, face painting, balloon and toy distribution, and an air-filled bouncy castle. Clothing, back-to-school items, and books were distributed. Children and parents participated in an EHV session focussed on the topic, “The Power of Prayer.” At the conclusion of the event, Sathya Sai volunteers journeyed to the families’ homes and delivered essential household items including food bags, bed frames, mattresses and bed sheets, study tables, paints, kitchen utensils, and a wheelchair.

“God Himself regulates every single act within every living being...Whatever He gives, accept it, it is for your highest good.”

–Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 22nd April, 2000

USA

MEDICAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

On Saturday, 23rd June 2013, the SSIO of Southern California, in coordination with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, organised a first annual “Bonita–National City Community Free Health Screening Day” in Bonita, California. About 300 Sathya Sai volunteers, 30 medical professionals covering nine specialties, “Friends in Sight” volunteers from the Lions Club, and dental students and dental assistants from local schools, provided loving services. A total of 210 needy patients received medical care, including 118 in primary care, 116 in dental care, and 160 in vision care. Laboratory services provided at the camp included 57 blood tests and five peak pulmonary flow tests. A total of 129 patients with abnormal results were referred to clinics for follow-up medical work, and 102 women received gynaecological exams, bone density tests, mammograms, and Pap smears. Vision services included complete eye examinations and the giving away of 144 pairs of free prescription eyeglasses. In addition to health screening services, the camp provided families and individuals with hygiene kits and bags of food containing jars of peanut butter and jelly, rice, beans, and other nonperishable items. The low-income, multilingual community was very appreciative of the services.

On 7th October 2013, Region 8 of the SSIO of USA held its 8th annual Oxnard Medical Camp, near Los Angeles, California. The camp included 350 nonmedical volunteers and a medical staff of 33 doctors, 15 nurses, 3 phlebotomists, and 31 medical assistants, serving a total of 628 needy patients.

On 12th October 2013, Region 4 of the SSIO of USA held the 10th annual medical camp in St. Louis, Missouri. The chief executive of St. Louis County issued a proclamation declaring October 12, 2013, as Sathya Sai Free Medical Camp Day, to commemorate the 10th anniversary of this medical camp. Loving services were rendered by 13 doctors, 4 nurses, 15 paramedics, 55 Spanish interpreters, and 38 nonmedical volunteers. More than 190 patients received a variety of health services, including



Dental care at Bonita Medical Camp



Free eyeglasses at Oxnard Medical Camp

blood tests and vital examinations to screen for acute and chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia, asthma, osteoporosis, breast cancer, and hearing loss. Other services included bone mar-

row donor registration to recruit donors for minority groups who are under-represented; behavioural health, nutrition, and diet consultations; and a directory for low- or no-cost medical care. Dental and mental health care screenings were also provided. Bicycle helmets were given to children, along with instructions for proper fitting, and parents of young children were given child seats and help with installing them in their vehicles.

On the night of 21st December 2013, about 20 Sathya Sai volunteers from the Arcadia, Glendale, and Hollywood Centres of Southern California distributed 300 blankets and packets containing food and water to homeless individuals sleeping on the streets of downtown Los Angeles.

DISASTER RELIEF

On 20th May 2013, a particularly devastating tornado hit the town of Moore, Oklahoma, causing loss of life, destroying almost 13,000 homes, and significantly affecting more than 33,000 people. Shortly thereafter, on Friday, 31st May, several other deadly tornados hit Oklahoma City, injuring hundreds more and creating additional damage and significant flooding in the area. While more than 1,200 tornados occur in the USA each year, only 60 such class EF-5 tornados have been recorded in the country since 1950. The storm also produced heavy rain and hail, with floodwaters topping four feet in Oklahoma City.



Serving patients at St. Louis Medical Camp



Tornado devastation



Cleaning up after tornado

All Sathya Sai Centres in the South-Central Region of the USA sprang immediately into action by providing food and basic supplies to the needy and by rendering help and solace to tornado victims. Dozens of Sathya Sai volunteers participated in the relief work in Oklahoma City by helping to receive, organise, and distribute relief supplies and to aid in the clean-up efforts. The SSIO also worked with a needy community of about 80 homes and 320 people to reconstruct houses, design a water-purification system, and provide electric supply.

BHAGAWAN'S MAHA SAMADHI OBSERVANCE

Sathya Sai Centres throughout the USA observed Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi Day through organising a variety of community service and devotional programmes, highlighted below.

All 27 Sathya Sai Centres throughout the Pacific Southwest region arranged various service activities from 20th to 24th April 2013, including distribution of more than 10,000 pounds of food to 250 needy families in Oxnard, California, and an offering of home-cooked meals to more than 200 homeless people in downtown Los Angeles.

Between 24th and 27th April 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers from the Mid-Atlantic region, consisting of eight states along the East Coast of the U.S., served home-cooked food at shelters, provided canned food to food banks and soup kitchens,



Sai volunteers helping to pack 14,280 meals at North Texas Food Bank

distributed hygiene kits, and undertook environmental restoration initiatives in the Hurricane Sandy storm-affected areas.

On 13th April 2013, 35 Sathya Sai volunteers from Chicago-West Suburbs Centre packed food items into 111 boxes for shipment to the hungry children of Trinidad and Haiti. On 24th April, Sathya Sai volunteers in Chicago, Illinois, served breakfast to the homeless. On 27th April, Sathya Sai volunteers of the Chicago-North Suburbs Centre served dinner to about 35 homeless people in Arlington Heights. On the same day, 70 Sathya Sai volunteers in the Chicago area helped to pack more than 16,800 meals for needy children.

Sathya Sai volunteers in Des Moines, Iowa, labelled 8,000 food packets on 27th April 2013 for the “Meals from the Heartland” programme, which feeds hungry people around the world.

About 200 bagged lunches were prepared and served to the hungry and homeless in downtown Orlando, Florida, on 20th April 2013. On 27th April, lunch was served to another 200 homeless people at the St. Francis House in Gainesville, Florida.

On the morning of 27th April 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers from Memphis, Tennessee, served a five-course, home-cooked meal to 220 women and children at a local women’s Rescue Mission and donated more than 50 large cans of mixed fruit to a community kitchen for the hungry.

The Sathya Sai Centre of Austin, Texas, observed Bhagawan’s Maha Samadhi Day with both devotional programmes and service activities. The Centre members also planted nearly 50 rose plants, adding to several hundred rose bushes already in place along the fence line at the Austin State Hospital, which hosts the Sathya Sai Centre.

Eighty-five members of the Sathya Sai Centre of Dallas, Texas, enthusiastically helped to pack 14,280 meals at the North Texas Food Bank. The food and supplies were bagged, boxed, and loaded onto 17 pallets. In addition, 536 pounds (243 kilogrammes) of food were donated.



Serving hot meals in Los Angeles



Preparing sandwiches in Orlando

On 24th April 2013, members of the Sathya Sai Centre of North Houston, Texas, distributed 36 organic meals in biodegradable containers at a local homeless shelter. They also helped establish a garden near the shelter by demonstrating to the residents how to plant seeds and assisting them in planting vegetables. The



Serving meals on Avatar Declaration Day in Florida



Preparing meals in St. Louis

South Houston Sathya Sai Centre of Texas organised two service activities during the week of 24th April. One team of volunteers prepared and served hot meals of pasta and salad to about 150 residents at two homeless shelters in the downtown Houston area on 27th April. Before dinner, SSIO young adult volunteers engaged about 35 residents in a “story time” activity, in which participants read an inspiring story, discussed the lessons learned, and shared their experiences. On 27th April, another volunteer team comprised of SSE children and volunteers from the Houston and Austin Sathya Sai Centres drove to a rural area in East Texas near Kirbyville and prepared large gift bags containing essential household items, packaged food, dental hygiene items, laundry and washing soaps, and toys for children. The volunteers then delivered the gift bags door-to-door to 82 needy families.

The Sathya Sai Centre of Charlotte, North Carolina, observed Bhagawan’s Maha Samadhi by joining in the waste recycling drive and collecting electronic waste for Earth Day on 22nd April 2013. On 24th April, a scholarship grant of 500 dollars was pre-

sented to the Bethlehem Centre of Charlotte for a deserving and needy child starting college. This award is part of the biannual awards that the Centre sponsors to honour both Bhagawan’s Maha Samadhi in April and His Birthday in November. An estimated 20 volunteers served lunch to about 100 guests at the Dilworth Soup Kitchen on 27th April.

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

Across the USA, Sathya Sai Centres observed Avatar Declaration Day in October 2013 with service activities and devotional meetings. Sathya Sai volunteers prepared and served hot meals to the homeless, the elderly, and the poor, and distributed meal and snack packets. They served food at soup kitchens and stocked the shelves of food pantries. Sathya Sai volunteers also distributed coats, blankets, hygiene kits, and schools supplies to the homeless, both in shelters and on the streets. In northern Colorado, volunteers distributed food packets to people who had been rendered homeless as a result of devastating floods that occurred in late summer 2013. In Texas, members from both the North Houston and the South Houston Centres distributed toiletry kits and food to needy families in three impoverished communities located more than 100 miles from their Centres.

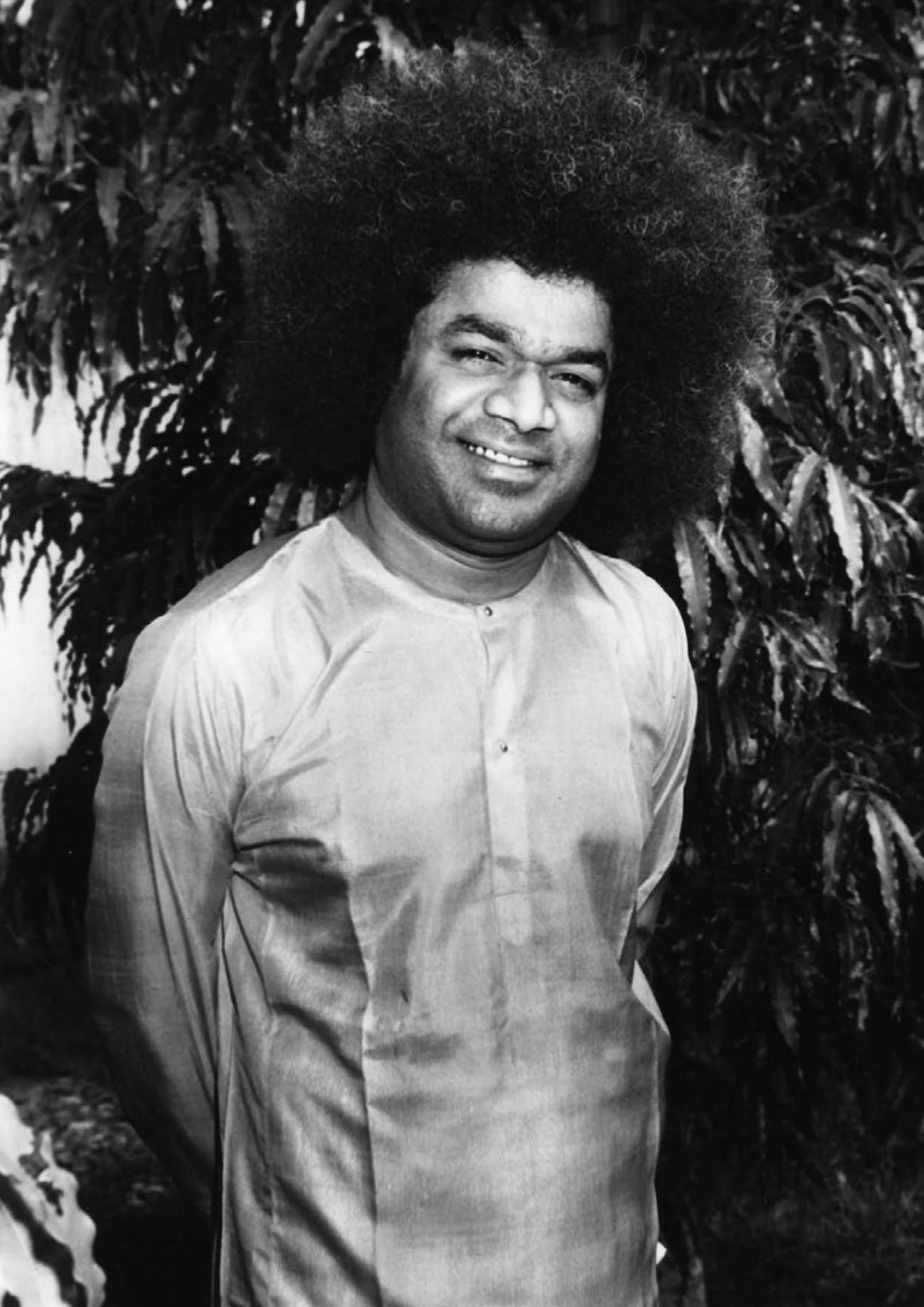
US VIRGIN ISLANDS

On a weekend in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, in honour of Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi, Sathya Sai volunteers offered homemade meals at the Elder Shelter Home, the Yellow Cedar Home to the Physically Challenged, the Bethlehem Home for the Homeless, and the Nana Baby Home for Orphans. Individual white towels and hand towels were also distributed, signifying Bhagawan's pure love for all.

A devotional programme was held in honour of Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi in St. Thomas on 24th April 2013 by members of the Sathya Sai Organisation, members of the Living Hope Cathedral, and members of the India Association of the Virgin Islands. The hall was decorated beautifully by Sathya Sai volunteers with the pink and blue colours of Prasanthi Nilayam. "Live in Love" was the central theme. A heart-warming children's play titled "Love Is Life and Life Is Love" was staged, and two guests addressed the group. One spoke about Sikhism and the teachings of the Guru Granth Sahib. The second speaker, a member of the Christian clergy, shared the message, "God is One, and His love Is Infinite."



Children present a drama for Maha Samadhi



ZONE 2A



Jaguar Temple, Guatemala

COSTA RICA
CUBA
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
EL SALVADOR
FRENCH GUYANA
GUADELOUPE
GUATEMALA
HAITI
HONDURAS

MEXICO
NICARAGUA
PANAMA
PUERTO RICO
ST. MAARTEN

COSTA RICA

A Sathya Sai volunteer, who is an agronomist, assisted by his three sons, planted an organic garden in San Jose, Costa Rica for orphan children in June 2012. The orphans learnt to tend a garden and grow their own food, and learnt the principles of sustainability. They planted several kinds of vegetables such as spinach, radish, beans, corn, and carrots and herbs such as oregano, rosemary, and thyme. The children learnt to eat healthy food and were proud and happy to eat from their own garden, planted by themselves. The project inspired self-confidence, satisfaction, and enthusiasm among the 14 orphans who participated.

Sixteen devotees participated in a beautiful programme at the Sathya Sai Centre of San Jose, Costa Rica, on 24th April 2013. After opening prayers and *bhajans*, three speakers delivered inspiring talks. During the following week, Sathya Sai volunteers served breakfast to a group of individuals with HIV.



Organic garden in San Jose, Costa Rica



Maha Shivaratri celebration, Cuba



Workshop on human values, Dominican Republic

CUBA

More than 70 Sathya Sai devotees attended Maha Shivaratri celebrations in Cuba. The event, commencing on the evening of 28th February 2014 and lasting through the night, included devotional singing, meditation, and films about Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. The Indian Ambassador to Cuba, accompanied by his family, attended the event. In an extraordinary development, the Cuban authorities have authorised the SSIO of Cuba to meet on Saturdays at the Masonic Lodge in the capital city of La Habana, for the purpose of teaching classes on the Light Meditation.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The president and five members of the ISSE conducted a workshop on human values on 15th and 16th March 2014 at a town hall in

Santiago, Dominican Republic. More than 100 participants, including the mayor, community leaders, and the local police, were informed about human values as taught by Bhagawan, and how to apply them at work and in their personal lives. The mayor of Santiago had requested this workshop for the benefit of public officials as well as the community. The workshop was well received and solidified the link between the community and the ISSE for future work.

EL SALVADOR

MEDICAL SERVICES

In San Salvador, the capital city of El Salvador, a Sai Care Clinic in the neuroscience building of the Hospital de Diagnóstico has been providing health care for those in need continuously since 1st April 2006, when it opened with Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's blessings. On Saturdays from noon to 5:00 PM, Sai volunteer doctors offer medical services in neurology, psychiatry, gynaecology, and general medicine. Prescription

medicines are also dispensed free of charge at a pharmacy operated by Sathya Sai volunteers. More than 100 patients are provided loving and free health care monthly. The clinic's services benefit needy and destitute people, including seniors who do not qualify for social security or other health services. Many of the patients are homeless and sleep on the streets or in public dormitories; they receive breakfast twice a week from Sathya Sai volunteers. Flyers detailing the location and hours of the medical clinic are given out during the breakfast service.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Sai Young Adults from the Gerardo Barrios Sathya Sai Centre in San Salvador have recently redecorated the Centre's main hall and SSE classroom. The Centre shares a building, constructed by the Sathya Sai Foundation, with wheelchair residents who live on the first two floors, and the third floor is designated for the use of the Sai Centre. The redecorating generated enthusiasm for attendance in educational classes, and now up to 11 SSE children and 8 adolescent youth are participating in the classes. A manual for the adolescents was prepared by the Young Adult Wing.



Doctor with patient at Sai clinic, El Salvador



Patient receiving package of medicines

GUATEMALA

An unusual transformational service activity was initiated in July 2013 by a former Sai Young Adult coordinator. Accompanied by his brother-in-law, he used to visit inmates at a prison in Guatemala City. The prison had a workshop with sewing machines, which were used only to repair clothing for the inmates and their families. Since the former Sai Young Adult coordinator was employed in a clothing-assembly plant, he thought about giving some of that work to the inmates. Arrangements were then made for the inmates to produce sample clothing, such as shirts, pants, and underwear. Thereafter, orders started pouring in, for 500–1,000 pieces, including from other countries such as Costa Rica, Mexico, and the USA. The inmates were paid minimum wage but were happy to be employed. The prison officials were happy, too, because violence in the prison diminished significantly, since everyone was working productively. When larger orders for 10,000 pieces and more started to arrive,

the Sathya Sai volunteer found it necessary to work inside the prison all day—and then could not leave for security reasons. He also obtained permission for women with relevant experience to come in to work at night, to help fill the orders on time. In the future, the Sai volunteer intends to set up a factory outside the prison to employ former inmates upon their release.

HAITI

Sathya Sai volunteers serve food daily to children living in camps. In honour of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's Birthday on 23rd November 2013, the coordinating volunteer, Shanti, who oversees the feeding of hundreds of children in Haiti, planned to invite 88 children to come to the Sai Operations Centre for *bhajans* and a supper. Food was accordingly prepared for 88 children. To their surprise, more than 500 parents, children, and other camp residents showed up for the *bhajans*, including the entire congregation of a nearby church. Since there was little room in the Sai Operations Centre, the crowd overflowed into the street, and everyone sang devotional songs till past the midnight hours. They did not come to eat, but the Sathya Sai volunteers, out of compassion, cooked well into the early hours of the next day in order to serve food to the large assembly. Finally, all the participants enjoyed a sumptuous dinner. Upon waking the next morning, Shanti found the photograph of Swami in the altar covered with *vibhuti*, which was taken as a sign that Bhagawan was happy with the selfless service offered by His devotees.



Child receiving meal

MEXICO

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

In Mexico, teachers have formed the Academy of Sathya Sai Human Values under the leadership of the ISSE. The Academy holds monthly or bimonthly meetings, during which teachers exchange experiences and plan training sessions for new teachers.

On 13th April 2013, 25 teachers attended the third meeting of the Academy, in Monterrey. The ISSE hosts a weekly radio programme on human values, during which many listeners call in for more information. One teacher described this radio programme during which she relates human values stories from the Sathya Sai Manuals. Two other teachers shared their experiences of the EHV classes they teach to children every Saturday afternoon in a public library. In addition, the ISSE conducts classes in human values for youth, ages 11–17, in a detention centre. The conduct of the boys and girls who take these classes has been shown to improve considerably, helping them to become better prepared to lead normal lives upon release.

A 5th annual Latin America EHV Internship Diploma Course, a residential training programme, took place 4th–31st January 2014, in Cuernavaca, state of Morelos, Mexico.

Twenty students from Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, and Argentina attended the course taught by 17 facilitators from five countries. On 19th January, the group visited the pyramids of Teotihuacan, and the city of Taxco, where a discussion was held on the spiritual traditions of pre-Spanish and current Mexican cultures. Week-long classes were held at the Sathya Sai School of Cuernavaca, with apprentice teachers and students attending classes daily. In a closing ceremony, children from the Sathya Sai School presented spiritual songs and hymns about light. The graduates of the diploma course constitute teachers in the Sathya Sai Schools, members of the ISSE, and other educators who wish to incorporate the knowledge and experience gained from such a training programme into their own educational system.



Children from Sathya Sai School, Cuernavaca

DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

During the period 7th–9th February 2014, a Latin American Congress was held in San Luis Potosí, México to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the SSIO of Latin America. The purpose of the Congress was to analyse the strengths and challenges of the SSIO of Latin America, and to make plans for spreading the message of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba in the coming years. About 125 Sathya Sai volunteers, from

23 countries of Latin America, USA, Spain, and India, alongside 120 SSIO members from Mexico, attended the event. Each of the countries in Latin America had responded to an extensive questionnaire during retreats held in prior months, which allowed the SSIO officers to prepare a comprehensive programme, prior to the Congress. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Narendranath Reddy, Chairman, Prasanthi Council, and Mr. Gary Belz, Chairman, Sri Sathya Sai World Foundation, with the symbolic lighting of a lamp. Nine workshops on “Sai Leadership” and photography exhibitions on SSIO activities in Latin America were held the following day. The event concluded with devotional songs from different countries of Latin America. A web book was published afterward, capturing the complete proceedings of the Congress for those who could not attend.



Workshop at Latin American Congress of the SSIO

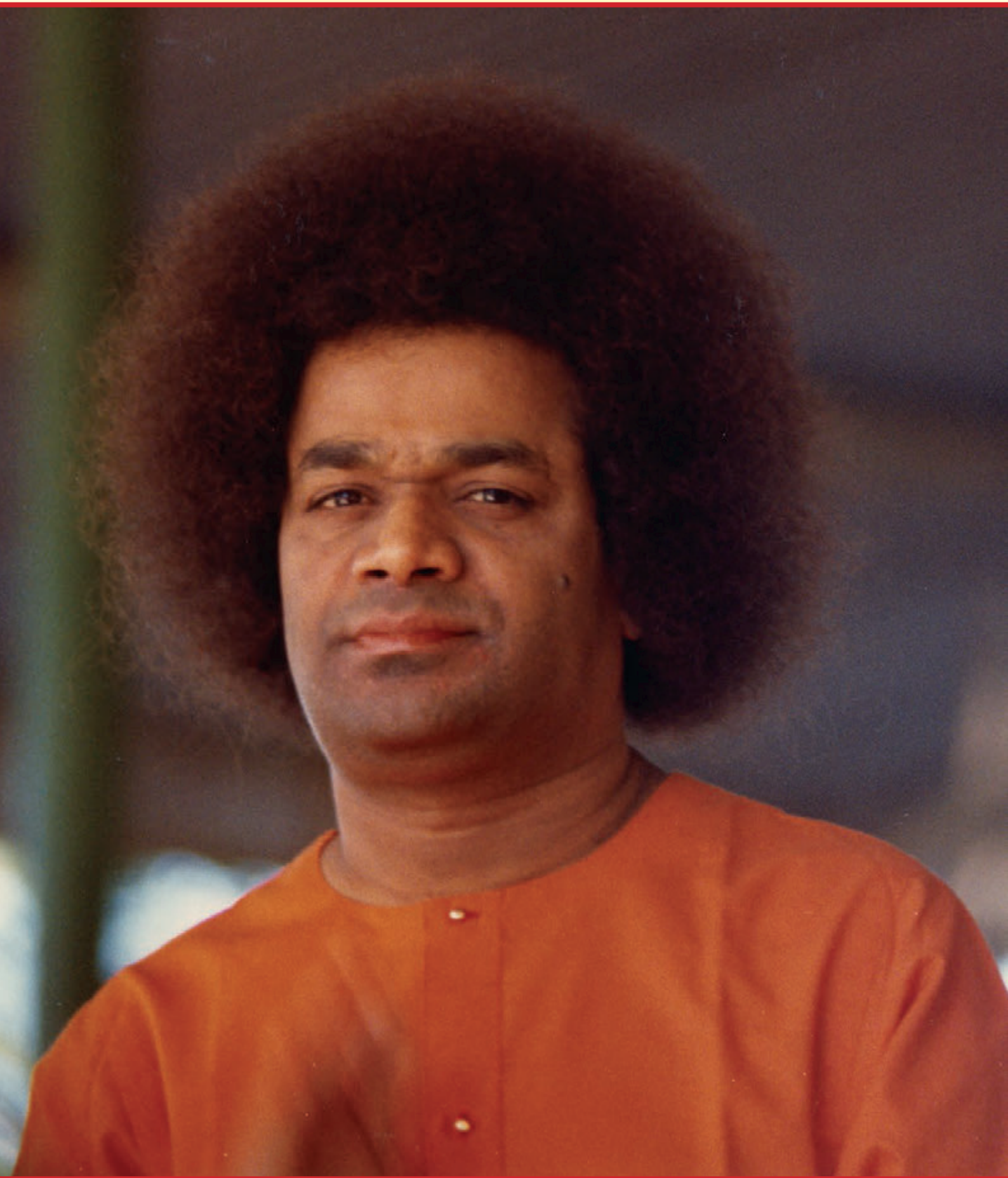


Medical Camp in Panama

PANAMA

In observance of Avatar Declaration Day, the SSIO of Panama held a medical camp in Lomas de Campana, Capira, Panamá, on 16th November 2013. More than 30 Sathya Sai vol-

unteers, 9 doctors, a surgeon, 14 nurses, and 6 dentists provided medical services to 273 needy patients suffering from cold, myalgia, skin infection, hypertension, intestinal parasite, and other common ailments. Mammograms and gynaecological services were offered to 57 women. Eye glasses were dispensed to 114 people, and 153 people received dental care, including prophylaxis, amalgam fillings, and fluoride applications. Sathya Sai volunteers also distributed medicines, clothing, shoes, and food. The shoes distributed at this and other medical camps are used shoes that have been reconditioned by a retired shoemaker who is a member of the SSIO of Panama.



ZONE 2B



Iguazu Falls, Argentina/Brazil

ARGENTINA
BOLIVIA
BRAZIL
CHILE
COLOMBIA
ECUADOR
PARAGUAY
PERU

URUGUAY
VENEZUELA

ARGENTINA

MEDICAL SERVICES

During this reporting period, six medical camps were held in Buenos Aires, one in Rio Negro, and one in Santa Fe, for the benefit of 1,121 persons. A vision camp also was held in Santa Fe, during which 71 people were examined and 58 eyeglasses distributed. Workshops were held on the topics of disease prevention and human values. At a medical camp in Gonzalez Catan, Buenos Aires, 92 patients received medical services in the specialties of paediatrics, internal medicine, general medicine, dentistry, otolaryngology, gynaecology, dermatology, cardiology, neurology, and ophthalmology. In addition, Pap smears, ultrasound, ECG, and blood pressure measurements were performed, and pets and other animals received veterinary care. Sathya Sai volunteers conducted workshops on health care and human values at the medical camp.

Sathya Sai volunteers in Salta, Argentina, serve lunch to needy people every Saturday. Once a month, they arrange for a paediatrician to examine the children. On 5th October 2013, the Sathya Sai Centre of Salta organised a children's vision camp at a campsite located 20 kilometres from Salta City. An ophthalmologist and three medical assistants from the Saravia Olmos Foundation conducted 70 eye examinations for children, as well as for a few parents. In addition, 33 eyeglasses were distributed by Sai Medicare.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

In many cases, children are involved in EHV activities after school hours, where they learn about love, gratitude, right conduct, self-respect, inner peace, and nonviolence in a playful and motivational manner, sometimes through or



Eye examination at vision camp



Ophthalmologist examines child

accompanied by games or plays. Evidence shows that these values are easily absorbed and contribute positively to the character of the children as they grow up.

Since 2005, SSIO volunteers have lovingly served the residents of Florencio Varela, an extremely poor neighbourhood in Buenos Aires. With the help of 10 volunteers, they provide food to 50 children, thrice weekly, along with free health care. A general physician, a paediatrician, a dermatologist, an otolaryngologist, a dentist, and a psychologist render medical services to about 100 needy people every month. The children also receive human values education and participate in school-support activities, crafts, games, and music. Christmas Day and the birthday of every child are celebrated. On Sundays, a special breakfast is served, with freshly baked bread, milk, and tea; other meals include cakes, cookies, pizza, and vegetables. In the beginning people used to come only for the food; now they come in search of peace and love.

The Noccan Kani House, which belongs to the SSIO of Argentina, is located in a poverty-stricken area approximately 20 kilometres from the city of Santa Fe, near a settlement of about 2,000 aboriginal people. Sathya Sai volunteers have rendered loving services at the Noccan Kani House, a two-story building with adjoining structures for medical and dental services, for the last 22 years. Medical care is provided bimonthly to the low-income community by eight medical and general volunteers. Mothers from the local community receive instruction in dressmaking and in human values. Sathya Sai medical, vision, and veterinary camps are also organised here periodically by the SSIO of Argentina.



Happy children at Florencio Varela

BOLIVIA

Sathya Sai members in Santa Cruz and La Paz regularly visit elderly residents in asylums, orphanages, and hospitals. Sathya Sai volunteers also distribute food to the needy and the homeless in metropolitan cities and in small villages where neglected and indigenous people live in abject poverty. Providing food to the homeless is an on-going activity of SSIO members in La Paz and Cochabamba.

Since 2013, ISSE of Bolivia has been training teachers in human values in the cities of Sucre, Santa Cruz, La Paz, and Cochabamba.

BRAZIL

The SSIO of Brazil operates five Sathya Sai schools in different parts of the country, and supports an active ISSE that has trained thousands of professional teachers in human values education as taught by Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

Nearly 300 people from all nine regions of the country attended a national meeting of the SSIO of Brazil on 21st and 22nd September 2013. The programme included devotional activities, lectures, theatrical performances, and devotional singing, as well as study circles in preparation for the Latin American Congress held in early 2014.

About 30 Sai Young Adults of the Southeast Region II of Brazil held a meeting on 6th and 7th August 2013, with the theme “The Role of Youth in Society.” The meeting focussed on loving behaviour in a competitive world, with consideration for the happiness of others. The meeting highlights included dynamic outdoor presentations, lectures, music, and films. All speakers and meeting facilitators were young adults.

In observance of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba’s Maha Samadhi, about 100 SSIO members in Rio de Janeiro sang devotional songs at the Sathya Sai Centre of Vila Isabel for a 24-hour period starting on 23rd April 2013.

Sai Young Adults in Brazil celebrated Avatar Declaration Day 2013 on 20th October by distributing food to 375 needy people in the south, southeast, and northeast regions of the country.



Sathya Sai youth teaching children, Brazil



National meeting in Brazil

CHILE

The SSIO of Chile is one of the oldest in South America. Sathya Sai volunteers serve food each week to the needy and the homeless in Santiago. Sathya Sai volunteers have also worked successfully with other faith-based groups to serve the needy in Iquique, in the northern part of Chile. The young adults not only take part in serving food to homeless people, but during the winter they also distribute blankets, shoes, sneakers, bedding, clothing, and nylon plastic sheets for rain covers with those who cannot afford such basic necessities.



Children's dance, Colombia



Walk for Values, Ecuador

COLOMBIA

Many educational activities take place in Colombia. The Young Adult Wing of the SSIO of Colombia conducts human values-based children's activities in a school in Bucaramanga, in eastern Colombia. Regular medical camps have been held for many years, bringing hope and relief to hundreds of people. Sathya Sai volunteers have also provided a house as a temporary shelter for needy families arriving from the countryside with children in need of medical treatment in Bogotá. The families receive food, computer classes, EHV classes, and tutoring for the children. In addition, craft workshops, sewing, and cooking classes are offered to the adults, as well as people living in nearby areas.

ECUADOR

The small country of Ecuador is blessed with two beautiful and inspiring Sathya Sai schools. They maintain high spiritual and academic standards, even though they are situated in areas of extreme poverty. The national educational authorities have been favourably impressed with their visits to the Sathya Sai schools; as a result, EHV has started to transform the educational system.

Ecuador held its first Walk for Values on 16th November 2013, inspired by similar programmes in Canada and Australia. The first event was organised with the approval and sponsorship of the municipality of Guayaquil, Lima, Peru. Prior to the event,

each student's family reflected upon one value they would like to embrace at home. The families then pledged to uphold their selected value throughout the year, made a banner, and carried it during the walk. About 200 people participated joyfully in this walk, singing human values songs. At the completion of the walk, the children recited poems and presented a talk on Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. The community further resolved to organise the human values walk every year.

PARAGUAY

Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's 88th Birthday was celebrated at the Sathya Sai Kindergarten, Light Droplets, in Asunción, Paraguay, where hundreds of people, including Sathya Sai members, attended a cultural programme and enjoyed dinner. On 23rd November 2013, the children of the Sathya Sai School performed group activities and presented songs based on human values. Every week, Sathya Sai volunteers visit patients in a neuropsychiatric hospital, which is a source of comfort and relief to patients who crave love and attention.

PERU

MEDICAL SERVICES

Two medical camps were organised on the outskirts of Lima in October and December 2013. During the October camp, 105 needy individuals received care in general medicine, dentistry, obstetrics, and psychology. They also received prescribed medicines. In the December camp, 63 patients were examined in the same medical speciality areas and given prescribed medicines. Six to ten medical professionals participated in each camp, along with about six volunteers. Sathya Sai volunteers in Peru continued to deliver prescription drugs every month to the Trujillo Teaching Hospital. During Christmas 2013, medicines were donated to medical centres in the mountains of the Huacaybamba Province, at an elevation higher than 3,000 metres.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

All Sathya Sai Centres of Lima came together to render loving services to four low-income neighbourhoods located at Saint Francis Hill, in the southern outskirts of Lima, on 28th April, 25th August, 20th October, and 15th December 2013. During one event, a vol-



Children at birthday programme, Paraguay

unteer team prepared delicious vegetarian meals for 300 people, working alongside local residents in the kitchen, and more than 70 children, ages 6–12, enjoyed human values songs, games, and group activities.

Since 2011, the SSIO of Peru has served about 300 villagers who live in extreme poverty in Cullcuy, located 3,500 meters above sea level. In winter, many children die and adults suffer from the bitter cold at such a high elevation, so a nationwide cam-

paign was organised for collecting clothes, food, medicines, and supplies. In July 2013, after an 18-hour journey, nine Sathya Sai volunteers arrived at Cullcuy with more than 1,300 kilogrammes of food, clothing, medicines, and other necessities. On arrival, they saw children walking around without shoes in the extremely cold weather. This motivated them to return six months later, in January 2014, to repeat the loving service at Cullcuy by providing shoes, blankets, scarves, and hats for cold-weather protection.



Children in Cullcuy, Peru



Families planting apple tree, Uruguay

URUGUAY

Sathya Sai educators are actively spreading EHV in Uruguay. In October 2013, SSE teachers, students, and their families participated in an activity focussed on nature. Each family reflected on their relationships and wrote down their thoughts on heart-shaped papers. An apple tree was then planted jointly, and the participants placed the heart-shaped papers near the roots of the apple tree, in a symbolic gesture of love as nourishment.

During the past 25 years, 922 educators have been trained in EHV in Uruguay. As part of the 25th anniversary of this initiative, a television programme, *Good Morning Uruguay*, featured the EHV programme. This public exposure of the EHV programme had an amazing impact on the community.

VENEZUELA

Sathya Sai volunteers of Venezuela hold two cataract surgery camps every year. During the reporting period, camps took place on 31st May and 22nd November 2013, with the second camp being held in conjunction with Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's Birthday. At the camps, 39 impoverished elders received free surgeries, and patients received transportation services, medicines, intraocular lenses, and valves. Services were rendered by nine eye surgeons, three anaesthesiologists, one plastic surgeon, nine instrument specialists, about 12 supporting staff, and approximately 15 volunteers.

In November 2013, a medical camp was carried out in Pocumare del Tuy. Doctors rendered loving services to about 350 patients in the specialties of general medicine, paediatrics, gynaecology, and dentistry. A pharmacist provided medications as needed. During the medical camp, recreational programmes were conducted for children, with stories, drama, and songs demonstrating human values. The children also received toys, school kits, oral hygiene kits, and bags filled with nutritious vegetarian food.



Patient after cataract surgery

ZONE 3



Sydney Opera House, Australia

AUSTRALIA
FIJI
NEW ZEALAND
PAPUA NEW GUINEA
PHILIPPINES

AUSTRALIA

MEDICAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

A blood donation project, also known as Liquid Love, is coordinated by the Sai Young Adults in Australia, in collaboration with the Service Wing. It is organised annually between Guru Poornima and Bhagawan's Birthday. The support for this project has been overwhelming from all Sathya Sai Centres, with 168 people stepping forward to donate blood from October to November 2013.

When winter approaches in Australia, many people do not have warm clothes. Over the past year, Sathya Sai members in Queensland and the young adults reached out to the community with a project to donate blankets, warm hats, and gloves to help the needy members of the community. More than 200 blankets were collected and delivered to the needy.

In October, South Australian Sai Young Adults commenced working with the Australian Refugee Association, volunteering as part of their social support programme. This programme utilises a network of trained volunteers who support newly-arrived refugees. Volunteers visit families regularly to offer friendship, guidance, and practical assistance, such as practising conversational English.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

An education retreat with the theme, "My Students Are My Wealth," was held at Bossley Park near Sydney on 10th and 11th August 2013. It was attended by more than 160 educators from various countries in Zone 3. A prominent aspect of the presentations and workshops was a focus on SSE Group 4 students and the youth programme for young adults. A number of dynamic and innovative approaches have been developed by the SSE teachers in various countries, resulting in enhanced retention of Group 3 and older youth.

DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

During 25th–26th May 2013, a one-day youth leadership workshop was held in Sydney, and young adults from every state were invited to participate. The workshop was a success, with positive feedback from all participants.

Also in May 2013, an interfaith event called All Faith Music Festival was conducted. Using the common denominator of sacred song and music, this event brought together, in an atmosphere of harmony, more than 200 people of various faiths, including Islam, Buddhism, Sufism, Christianity, and



"Liquid Love" blood donation project



Uplifting talks at retreat in New South Wales



Seniors entertained in Perth

also Hip Hop Gospel Youth. A Sai choir performed at this happy and joyful event.

Guru Poornima was celebrated by Sathya Sai devotees in the Victoria region under the theme "Walk His Path." Arthur and Poppy Hillcoat, the guest speakers, focussed on women playing a major role in the development of spirituality in the family. At the end of the programme, the children presented a beautiful play, the highlight of the day, with the universal message of the unity of faiths.

In September 2013, 300 Sathya Sai members from all over Australia attended a retreat in the foothills of the Blue Mountains, organised by the New South Wales region. The retreat theme, "Divine Romance," emphasised the trilogy of love—love for God; loving ourselves and realising our innate divinity; and loving others, with the understanding that all are divine. Uplifting and enjoyable talks were given by esteemed guest speakers Arthur and Poppy Hillcoat and Sumeet Tappoo.

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

In observance of Avatar Declaration Day in 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers hosted a morning tea and musical performance for more than 70 seniors in Perth, Western Australia. In addition, two new projects for serving food to the needy were initiated.

In the New South Wales East Region, on 19th October 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers participated in a Bush Care project by planting 740 plants, in support of the local Strath-

field Council. On the following day, more than 60 volunteers including Sathya Sai Young Adults assembled 1,000 birthing kits, which are used in developing countries during delivery of babies, to prevent infection.

FIJI

The Ministry for Education in Fiji has endorsed the EHV programme for schools and has asked the SSIO of Fiji to present workshops for leaders in education to raise awareness about the significance of the EHV programme. Accordingly, workshops were conducted in the districts of Nadi, Lautoka, Ba, Rakiraki, Tavua, Nausori, Suva, and Navua. About 45 educators attended each of the district workshops.

The Fiji Sathya Sai Disaster Relief Committee swung into action after flooding occurred in February 2014 at River Road in Narere. Sathya Sai volunteers distributed 35 packets of groceries to flood victims in March and an additional 75 packets at a later time.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Twenty-five Sathya Sai volunteers organised a Sai Medicare camp on 27th April 2013, at the Nakaikogo Dharma School, Koronivia, Nausori, Fiji. One dermatologist, two dentists, three ophthalmologists, two gynaecologists, and five general physicians, assisted by eight paramedical staff and two nurses, provided medical care to 300 patients. Sixty pairs of prescription eyeglasses were distributed to the needy. Six pharmacists filled 285 prescriptions at this camp. In addition, 17 people participated in a three-hour-long EHV workshop, held concurrently on the premises. Lunch was served to the participants and the community, and 500 informational flyers were distributed, along with certificates of appreciation for all volunteers.

During 5th–10th May 2013, the eighth annual medical camp was organised in Viti Levu, Fiji, by 60 Sathya Sai volunteers from New Zealand and Australia, including 20 doctors specialising in general practice, general surgery, oncology, paediatrics, obstetrics, gynaecology, ophthalmology, optometry,



Doctor treating patient



Hundreds of patients served in medical camps

dentistry, internal medicine, and gastroenterology. The SSIO of Fiji assisted with all arrangements, and local volunteers included doctors, dentists, and other healthcare professionals. Medical services were rendered to more than 3,000 needy patients at A. D. Patel School, Malolo Nadi; Ra High School, Raki; Nadarivatu High School; Keyasi High School, Nadroga; Tagi High School, Tavua; and Viseisei District School and Viseisei Health Centre, Lautoka. The Nadarivatu and Keyasi sites were particularly difficult to access, due to their remote location and proximity to Mount Victoria, the highest mountain in Fiji.

The seventh annual Fiji-Australia medical camp was held during 18th–23rd August 2013 in Fiji. The camp leaders, Dr. Gunu Naker, Dr. K. Nadanachandran, and Dr. Saras Nandan, were assisted by 42 volunteers from Australia, one volunteer from New Zealand, and eight volunteers from Fiji. The first day was dedicated to continuing medical education at the University of Fiji, focussing on women's health. Several lectures were given, and medical papers were presented by a distinguished faculty.

Then, over the next five days, the team of visiting and local medical volunteers, assisted by 40 medical students, drove to remote village schools and set up medical camps. A total of 2,480 patients were registered, and 3,337 medical consultations were provided in the fields of general medicine, ophthalmology, general dental, dental prosthetic, paediatric and women's health, nursing, neurosurgery, medical education, and pharmacy. In addition, at least 750 pairs of prescription eyeglasses were distributed. Local Sathya Sai volunteers helped with the camp operations, and attending medical students received practical clinical training.



NEW ZEALAND

COMMUNITY SERVICES

On 18th October 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers from Hutt Valley, New Zealand, delivered delicious fresh fruit, buns, and bookmarks to about 600 students from three primary schools in the Hutt Valley. The bookmarks carried sayings such as, “Life is a game; play it”; “Concentrate. Do not have a monkey mind”; and “True friendship should be from heart to heart.”

For the past 15 years, the Sathya Sai Centre of Howick-Pakuranga has hosted a quarterly afternoon tea for seniors in the local community. On 8th December 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers visited the Papatoetoe Rugby Club to entertain more than 80 seniors from various ethnic backgrounds. The programme, co-ordinated by Sathya Sai Young Adults, included traditional songs, Christmas carols, and Maori songs beautifully rendered by a Maori choir. The seniors were then treated to a presentation on the life of Nelson Mandela, and Christmas gifts were distributed.

For the past 15 years Sathya Sai volunteers have provided daily breakfast, freshly-baked fruit buns, and stationery to support needy children at the Pomare School, in Lower Hutt in the central region of New Zealand. In 2011, the Hutt Valley Sathya Sai Centre began providing tutoring service at the school, being blessed with the opportunity to tutor Maori, Polynesian, and Caucasian children from low- and moderate-income families, who are challenged with slow learning aptitudes. The volunteers visit the school twice a week for an hour in the morning and offer mathematics tutoring to eight-to-ten-year-old students. The volunteers also teach the students simple breathing exercises to support their overall physical and mental health. The academic ratings of the children have increased significantly after only six months of tutoring.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Sathya Sai Centres and Groups of New Zealand conducted a regional sports event for men, women, and children on 8th March 2014 at St. Leonards Road School, Kelston. Sathya Sai Young Adults took an active part in organising games for the children, who enjoyed playing relays, musical chairs, and obstacle courses. Older children participated in a sack race. Human values were incorporated into all the games, reinforcing what the children had learned in SSE classes.

As many as 80 Sathya Sai members attended the National Active Workers Retreat in Auckland from 14th–16th March 2014, despite the bad weather that prevented many from travelling. The five human values were the central focus of the retreat. The programme emphasised the importance of EHV, learning to

love with firmness in challenging situations, and developing the willpower to follow one's conscience always. Many activities and organisational matters pertaining to the SSIO of New Zealand were discussed, and plans were made for moving forward with Bhagawan's vision of world peace and prosperity.



Workshop on mentoring of youth

DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

“Service Is Love in Action” was the theme chosen for the Sai Youth Conference held in Papamoa, New Zealand, from 31st January to 2nd February 2014. The conference was attended by 120 youth, including seven from Australia and one from Fiji. The New Zealand Sathya Sai Young Adults have participated actively in community-adoption programmes in their respective regions. Over the past year, they helped disadvantaged youth impacted by youth suicide, alcohol abuse, and obesity. They also helped to organise mentoring workshops for academic and personal progress.



Human Value stall at Avatar Declaration Day

DISASTER RELIEF

In September 2010, a devastating 7.1 magnitude earthquake rocked Christchurch. Since then, more than 13,500 aftershocks have occurred. In the aftermath of these earthquakes, the SSIO of New Zealand provided petrol and food vouchers to a number of people needing aid. Further assistance was provided to Fernhill School, which lost a great deal of equipment during the earthquakes. Members from local Sathya Sai Centres, joined by Sathya Sai volunteers from

Wellington, went door-to-door in the affected areas, distributing blankets, home cooked food, and good cheer. These tokens of love were received warmly by those affected by the earthquakes.

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

Avatar Declaration Day was celebrated over the weekend of 19th–20th October 2013 in Auckland, attracting 450 participants. A Community Fun Day was held at Rongomai Primary School on the first day. Five stalls were set up, each featuring one of the five human values in a novel manner. Visitors to the stalls were asked to participate actively, making the experience more memorable. A medical camp was conducted on

the first day, with doctors and nurses serving 53 patients. The second day featured a travelling music festival, the Youth BUS (*Bhajans Unlimited for Sai*). During this event, Sai Young Adults travelled in a bus to a number of Sathya Sai Centres in Auckland, where they sang devotional songs.

BHAGAWAN'S MAHA SAMADHI OBSERVANCE

Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi was observed in Auckland with a programme on the theme, "Be Happy." An estimated 500 people attended the event, featuring educational and entertaining presentations, including an outstanding play titled "99 Gold Coins."

PHILIPPINES

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Once every month, Sathya Sai volunteers undertake "Livelihood Service" by collecting and distributing about 1,000 kilogrammes of fabric remnants to approximately 35 women in need. The women are given training to produce useful household items, which they can sell in local markets to generate income.

Sathya Sai volunteers served an orphanage in Antipolo, operated by the Missionaries of Charity, founded by Mother Teresa. Lunch was served once a month, and the volunteers also provided the orphanage with a month's supply of milk, beans, and laun-



Disaster relief operations – serving children



Students cooking at festival



Children at fiesta



Altar unaffected by Typhoon Haiyan

dry soap. Upon request, Sathya Sai volunteers also began providing rice each month.

Bhagawan's second Maha Samadhi was observed on 27th April 2013 by distributing grocery bags to 108 seniors and by offering food to 108 elders and to 36 sick and abandoned children. On the following day, a medical camp was conducted, treating 200 medical and 150 dental patients.

Easwaramma Day was observed on 5th May 2013 at Sai Samahan. In addition to other programmes, the SSE Group 2 children presented an interactive talk on Gayatri chanting, as well as on the benefits of vegetarian food.

On 21st July 2013, the town of Pililla, where a Sathya Sai School is located, celebrated its patron saint, St. Mary Magdalene, by holding a fiesta that included a street dance competition. The Sathya Sai School hosted a cooking contest on preparing vegetarian meals from commonly available ingredients, among six teams of students, parents, and teachers.

In November 2013, Bhagawan's Birthday was observed by the distribution of grocery bags to 216 impoverished families.

DISASTER RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF TYPHOON HAIYAN

On 8th November 2013, a Category 5 typhoon, named Haiyan, made landfall in Guiuan, a small town in the Eastern Samar province of the Philippines. The storm affected an estimated 15 million people, with 6,000 reported dead. In the town of Samar, the roof of a house belonging to a Sathya Sai devotee was blown away in the storm, and the walls

collapsed. Only the altar, with its picture of Bhagawan, remained miraculously unaffected by the storm. The SSIO of the Philippines sprang into action immediately. On 16th November, Sathya Sai volunteers loaded a 20-foot container with goods and supplies, including 351 family packs containing food and other items. They transported the container by barge to the island of Biliran, arriving on 23rd November. The food and supplies were distributed to the needy by the wife of the local congressman of Biliran province.

On 17th November 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers from the Philippines conducted a medical camp for the benefit of 250 medical and 150 dental patients at Bagong Nayon II Elementary School, Padilla, Antipolo City.

By early December 2013, debris had been cleared, and government relief supplies were widely distributed, but the need for humanitarian relief remained. Accordingly, the SSIO began planning for medical camps and distribution of food, water, and basic necessities on a long-term basis. During the first week of January 2014, Sathya Sai doctors and volunteers toured the badly-damaged areas of Tacloban, Ormoc, and Biliran to assess the needs, to contact local officials, and to secure a local base camp for future operations.

In early February 2014, Sathya Sai medical volunteers from the Philippines and other countries conducted medical camps in the town of Ormoc and on the island of Biliran. From 10th–11th February, 760 people received medical services in Ormoc, two hours by road from Tacloban. During 12th–14th February, several medical camps were organised on the island of Biliran, serving 310 people in Atipolo, 465 in Calungpang, and at least 385 in Larrazbal. About 400 kilogrammes of medicines, including analgesics, antibiotics, and diarrhoea medications were distributed, and food supplements and milk powder were also offered to the needy. Sathya Sai volunteers also served daily meals of rice, vegetables, and beans in a local area of Tacloban.

Several villages in the municipality of Basey, located some 20 kilometres from the City of Tacloban, were hit hard by typhoon Haiyan. In March 2014, the SSIO organised a visit by three physicians from the USA and a registered nurse from



Waiting area at medical camp



Medical camp at Biliran

Australia, along with three physicians and six dentists from Manila, who set up camps in Rawit, near Basey. The Philippine military local command in Basey provided trucks to transport patients as well as to deliver large quantities of medicines and medical items. Direct Relief International (DRI) Inc., a nongovernment relief organisation, provided a large quantity of medicines and supplements for the Basey Medical Camp, including 12 wheelchairs. Over the five-day period, 3rd–7th March 2014, doctors and dentists rendered high-quality medical and dental care to about 3,500 and 800 patients, respectively. All children were given hygiene packs to help them maintain personal care. Wheelchairs were donated to nine villages, for the elderly and individuals with disabilities. Travelling was challenging at times, due to the rough terrain, and transporting medicines and supplies often posed a problem. One Sathya Sai volunteer, for example, travelled 25 hours by bus to bring 900 kilograms of medicines to Tacloban.

The SSIO continues to provide meals daily in a local area of Tacloban, usually consisting of rice, vegetables, and beans—all purchased from local farms and served lovingly by Sathya Sai volunteers. Besides offering food at the villages, the volunteers also distribute clothing to the children.



Serving children in Dulag



ZONE 4



Borobudur Temple, Indonesia

**BHUTAN
BRUNEI
CAMBODIA
INDONESIA
LAO PDR
MALAYSIA
MYANMAR**

**NEPAL
SINGAPORE
SRI LANKA
THAILAND**

INDONESIA

MEDICAL SERVICES AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

On 14th April 2013, the Sathya Sai Centres of Denpasar and Singaraja jointly conducted a medical camp, served meals and held EHV classes at Desa (village) Pedawa Singaraja.

From 6th to 8th December 2013, about 350 Sathya Sai devotees from all over Indonesia attended a National Sai Youth Camp and Sai Convention at the Sathya Sai Centre, Tegehkur, Denpasar, Bali. Several uplifting talks were given on 7th December, and cultural performances were organised in the evening. Fun-filled family activities took place at the botanical garden of Bedugul, Tabanan, Bali, on the third and final day of the event.

DISASTER RELIEF

Floods in Kamung Pulo and other areas of Jakarta in January 2014 killed at least 23 people and rendered thousands homeless. Sathya Sai volunteers immediately offered humanitarian relief. On 25th January, more than 90 volunteers from the SSIO of Indonesia, including 11 doctors, 4 nurses, and 12 pharmacists organised a medical camp at Jati Negara on the outskirts of Jakarta. The camp served 433 individuals affected by the floods.

On the evening of 13th February 2014, Mount Kelud—an active volcano in East Java, Indonesia—erupted, violently spewing stones, gravel, and sand. Volcanic ash reached distances greater than 200 kilometres, causing several regional airports to shut down and forcing the evacuation of tens of thousands of people. Sathya Sai volunteers of Surabaya, Java, conducted a quick survey of the affected areas and began offering aid to displaced people in Batu, located 20 kilometres from Malang. On 21st February, a team of nine Sathya Sai volunteers distributed rice, sugar,



Games at national Sai Youth Camp



Helping residents after Mount Kelud eruption

oil, milk, tea, coffee, biscuits, instant noodles, and water to nearly 1,500 people. In addition, they distributed much-needed blankets, clothes, under-

garments, disposable diapers, and medicines.

BHAGAWAN'S MAHA SAMADHI OBSERVANCE

On 24th April 2013, volunteers from the Sathya Sai Centre, Jakarta, distributed food packets to 1,600 needy families. Each packet contained 10 kilogrammes of rice, green lentils, milk powder, biscuits, brown sugar, bread, oranges, sweets, and drinking water. On 21st April 2013, volunteers from the Sathya Sai Centre of Palembang in South Sumatra distributed food packages to the needy and groceries to patients at leprosy hospitals. The Sathya Sai Centre of Bandung in West Java conducted several service activities, including the donation of a wheelchair to a 12-year-old girl who had been paralysed since childhood; distribution of 60 packages with toiletries, rice, sugar, cooking oil, cooked food, and snacks for children at the Assabiqunal Awwalun orphanage;

and the collection of five packages of donated blood on 21st April. The SSIO of East Java conducted service activities on Sunday, 28th April, at the *pura* (temple) of Medang Kemulan, in the village of Mondoluku, and in the Gresik Regency. About 270 packages—each containing five kilogrammes of rice, sugar, cooking oil, instant noodles, coffee powder, and crackers—were distributed to the local villagers.



Girl receives wheelchair



Distributing supplies at orphanage

LAOS

DISASTER RELIEF

In the Borikhan District of Borikhamxay Province, Laos, 15 villages were severely affected by floods in July 2013. About 40 volunteers from the SSIO of Laos responded to the emergency by distributing rice, cooking oil, soy sauce, instant noodles, salt, sugar, blankets, and other needed items. .

MALAYSIA

DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

On 18th March 2014, the SSIO of Malaysia, in coordination with others, organised an interfaith gathering to pray for the passengers of Malaysian Airlines Flight MH370, which disappeared on 8th March 2014. About 100 people, including local leaders of the Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Sikh, and Hindu faiths, attended the event at the majestic Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin Mosque, also known as the Iron Mosque, in Putrajaya, Malaysia. A government official from the Department of National Unity and Integration attended the event.

The Friendship Group for Interreligious Service (FGIS) is an informal gathering of Malaysian youth from the five major religious groups, Muslim, Buddhist, Christian, Sikh, and Hindu, focussed on promoting interfaith harmony and human values. For the second consecutive year, the FGIS was invited by the University of Malaya, one of the top universities in Malaysia, to present its interfaith orchestra and a values-based drama, "The Real Inheritance," to an audience of 3,000 new students on 4th September 2013. The performance highlighted the importance of unity and harmony and was well appreciated by the audience.



Multifaith prayers for passengers of flight MH370



Interfaith orchestra

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Every week, the Chinese Wing of the SSIO of Malaysia translates articles on human values which are published in a local Chinese newspaper. *Sadhana* (Spiritual Discipline) Camps have been organised in a few towns to spread the relevance of Bhagawan's teachings to the Chinese communities. Two such camps were organised on 14th June and 2nd August 2013, attracting more than 150 people at each event. A human values story-telling competition was held for children in the Chinese community on 26th October 2013.



Maha Samadhi observance



Serving elders during Maha Samadhi observance

A national Sathya Sai camp for youth and teenagers with the theme, "Duty, Devotion, and Discipline" was organised during 20–22 December 2013. The camp was attended by 221 teenagers and 150 youth. Separate camps were held for girls and boys, focussed on the topics of Self-confidence, inner strength, and intuition. The Sathya Sai Youth Programme for teenagers was initiated in Malaysia almost 20 years ago, in order to bridge the gap between the EHV programme for children, and youth programmes for those who are 18 and older. Hence, an extension of the EHV programme was created for 15–17 year old teenagers. Youth activities are supported by 22 Sathya Sai Centres for more than 300 teenagers in Malaysia.

BHAGAWAN'S MAHA SAMADHI OBSERVANCE

In April 2013, Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi was observed with spiritual, educational, and service programmes. The Sathya Sai Centres of Desa Mentari, Petaling Jaya, Subang Jaya, Sri Muda, Seputeh, Bangsar, and Langkawi organised public programmes in Veda chanting and devotional singing. They also distributed dry rations, delicious hot meals, toiletries,

mattresses, pillows, and essentials—to the homeless, to a home for the elderly, to other shelters for the needy, and to students at the Myanmar school. In addition, members of the Sri Muda Centre donated a refrigerator and repaired electrical wiring, toilets, and leaking water pipes at a home for the elderly. In Langkawi, Sathya Sai volunteers visited an orphanage where children were served homemade lunches. At the Langkawi Hospital, gifts were given to 115 patients, and 64 units of blood were collected and donated. In the North, volunteers from the Penang Centre visited the Lighthouse, a shelter for the poor and the infirm, where they lovingly served tea and dinner to 80 residents.

MYANMAR

MEDICAL SERVICES

On 12th October 2013, 11 Sathya Sai volunteers organised a half-day medical camp at the Su Taung Monastery School at Thanlyin, for 1,000 students and 35 school staff. Two nurses from Singapore along with 27 doctors, 10 nurses, and 10 volunteers from the local area offered loving service. Camp participants were tested for blood pressure and vision, followed by consultations with doctors for TB, hepatitis B, parasite infestations, and other common ailments. Patients were supplied with prescribed medicines, in an adjoining dispensary. Five patients diagnosed with possible TB were referred for further treatment, and 50 patients were referred for further treatment of hepatitis B. Gift packs consisting of sweets and pencils were given to all camp participants. Sathya Sai volunteers also arranged for the construction of a sanitary system at the school and a water reservoir. The school was grateful for the services rendered and offered to acknowledge the gift of the new constructions with a dedicated nameplate.

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

In celebration of Avatar Declaration Day 2013, nine members of the SSIO of Singapore, along with SSIO officers from neighbouring countries, conducted a four-day EHV teacher-training course and a one-day medical camp at Yangon, Myanmar, from 10th–13th October 2013. EHV training was conducted for 23 teachers of the Su Taung Monastery School at Thanlyin, Yangon. On 20th October 2013, volunteers distributed food, including apples, to about 120 patients at the Sanpya Government Hospital in Thingangyun.



Medical camp at monastery school, Myanmar

NEPAL

MEDICAL SERVICES

On the occasion of Woman's Day, 8th March 2014, the Women's Wing of the SSIO of Nepal organised a medical camp for rural women and treated 527 individuals. Gynaecological services including Pap smear tests were provided.

From April 2013 to March 2014, Sathya Sai medical clinics in Nepal served 22,444 patients. Thirty medical camps served a total of 7,079 individuals, and six eye camps provided eye care to 348 individuals; with 1,063 cataract eye surgeries performed at 14 cataract clinics. Financial aid was provided for the treatment of 47 heart patients, five cancer patients, and four kidney patients.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

During this reporting period, the SSIO of Nepal provided means of livelihood to 21 families by supplying them with two rickshaws, five push carts, 13 sewing machines, and a milking cow. Sathya Sai volunteers distributed 1,257 blankets to individuals in need of warmth against the cold weather in the Himalayas, and nearly 20,000 people were served with dry rations and cooked food. Meals were provided to about 1,900 residents at 37 homes for the elderly and to prison inmates. An imprisoned mother of a newborn baby was given food and clothing for post-delivery care. Cereal packets were distributed to 70 Chepang families; the Chepang are a primitive tribe that survives on wild tubers. On 22nd February 2014, 100 Sathya Sai volunteers helped to clean the holy river Bagmati, which juxtaposes the Pashupatinath Temple.

The 23rd of every month is designated as Animal Service Day. Sathya Sai volunteers offered grain and food to birds—including pigeons, sparrows, and crows—and to about 1,000 stray animals during the first quarter of 2014. On 22nd March 2014, 99 Sathya Sai youth from Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, and Lalitpur organised service camps at an orphanage in Kathmandu. They took care of 66 children by cleaning their nails, cutting their hair, bathing them, cleaning their rooms and toilets, and washing their clothes. They provided the children with books and stationary. Three paediatricians examined



Medical care



Serving children

the children. Scabies was rampant. Eighteen young adults cleaned the wounds and applied scabies lotion and other prescribed medicines. This service is conducted every month.

The SSIO of Nepal has constructed two drinking water supply systems that serve 300 economically disadvantaged households in remote villages of Western Nepal. One is located in Satrasaya Phant, Tanuhun District, and another in Chhinchu/Ratamato, Surkhet District. The foundation stone for a third drinking water project in the eastern part of Nepal was laid on Avatar Declaration Day in 2013.

The SSIO of Nepal constructed a Sri Sathya Sai public toilet facility in Devghat, Prayag of Nepal. Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims come to Devghat annually to bathe in the sacred waters. Eight new toilets—four for ladies and four for men—now provide convenience and safety, especially for the elderly women.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The SSIO of Nepal, along with the Centre for Ladies Legal Professionals of the Supreme Court of Nepal, organised a one-day programme on “Spirituality in the Legal Profession” on 26th April 2013, held at the conference hall of the Nepal Bar Association. Inaugurated by the sitting judge of the Supreme Court, the programme was attended by more than 200 senior advocates and legal experts.

A 52-minute film on Sri Sathya Sai Baba and His works was released on 12th August 2013 by the SSIO of Nepal. The film depicted Bhagawan’s advent on earth, His life and message, and the role of the SSIO of Nepal in serving Him and His devotees. The film was developed to spread Sathya Sai’s message of unconditional love and selfless service in rural areas.



Laying foundation stone for water project



Public toilet facility in Devghat



“Spirituality in the Legal Profession” programme



Interfaith programme



Youth serving the homeless

The SSIO of Nepal awarded more than 850 Sri Sathya Sai scholarships to students in need.

DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Interfaith programmes were organised in each of the seven regions of the SSIO of Nepal, where local heads of different faiths shared their views in light of Sri Sathya Sai Baba's teachings and recalled the unparalleled contribution made by Bhagawan in the areas of education, health, and social services.

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

Sathya Sai Centres across the country participated in *bhajans* and service activities to commemorate Avatar Declaration Day. A highlight of the occasion was the laying of the foundation stone for a community drinking water project in a hilly area to serve 335 families as well as 355 students of a community school. Food was lovingly served to more than 5,000 people. Special relief packages, consisting of groceries for a month and clothing for an entire family, were distributed

to 30 destitute families. Other service activities included providing medical care to more than 220 patients in medical camps, serving nutritious meals to at least 300 patients in a hospital, cleaning hospital premises and temples, and visiting homes for the elderly.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS OF BHAGAWAN SRI SATHYA SAI BABA

Thousands of Sai devotees participated in many activities at more than 90 locations, from 19th–23rd November in honour of Bhagawan's 88th Birthday. The service activities included visits to senior centres and hospitals, cleaning of temples and streets, and planting of trees. Blood donation drives collected 794 pints of "liquid love" from 23 camps. Scholarships were awarded, and clothing and supplies were distributed to hundreds of needy students. Food was lovingly offered to more than 11,000 people at 90 locations, and blankets were distributed to at least 300 homeless individuals living on the streets. One of the homeless remarked that Bhagawan did not forget to take care of their needs even though He no longer resides in a physical frame.

SINGAPORE

DEVOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

On 18th April 2013, the Late Dr. A. Ramakrishna, former director, Sri Sathya Sai World Foundation, gave an uplifting talk in Singapore. He was actively engaged in the construction of Bhagawan's landmark, humanitarian projects such as the Super Specialty Hospitals in Puttaparthi and Bangalore, the Sri Sathya Sai Drinking Water Projects in India, the Chaitanya Jyoti Museum and the Sai Kulwant Hall.

Easwaramma Day was observed on 6th May 2013 with a 3-hour programme presented by 60 Sathya Sai children, including music and dance performances, drama and *bhajans*. Around 400 children, teachers and parents attended the event, which focussed on the observance and practice of human values.

More than 200 people attended the Guru Poornima celebrations at the "Swami Home" in July 2013. Sathya Sai students presented several programmes during the two-hour event.

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

Sathya Sai Centres across Singapore celebrated Avatar Declaration Day in 2013 with a variety of devotional and service activities, including preparing and serving food to 500 migrant workers, to people recovering from addiction at a halfway home, to residents at the Sunlove and Surya Homes, and to residents at the Tembusu Home. Sai volunteers also served at the Willing Hearts Seva Soup Kitchen, and offered food to the elderly and to needy foreign workers.

The Sri Sathya Sai Kindergarten (SSSK) of Singapore, licensed by the Ministry of Education in 2002, completed its 12th year in 2013. The students' graduation was held on 20th October 2013, attended by more than 200 parents and children. The Kindergarten teaches Chinese, Hindi, Tamil, and English. A parent support group provides food for all SSSK activities. The school relocated its premises in March 2014 and is now managed by the Seva Sai Centre. The number of registered students exceeds 100.



Children of Sri Sathya Sai Kindergarten, Singapore

BHAGAWAN'S MAHA SAMADHI OBSERVANCE

A total of 10 devotional and service events were conducted by about 600 Sathya Sai devotees during the course of a week in April 2013, in observance of Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi. Service activities included distributing gift hampers to transient workers, and serving food to 500 migrant workers and 250 senior residents at the Kreta Ayer Seniors Activity Centre.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS OF BHAGAWAN SRI SATHYA SAI BABA

Bhagawan's 88th Birthday was celebrated on 23rd November 2013 at the Toa Payoh Sports Hall in Singapore, which was decorated to resemble the Sai Kulwant Hall. Over 100 Sathya Sai students participated in an art competition, and exhibitions on Bhagawan's life and teachings were displayed both in Chinese and English. A free health screening camp with a blood-donation drive was conducted with the help of volunteer doctors and the Singapore National University Hospital Blood Donation Unit.

SRI LANKA

MEDICAL SERVICES

A mobile medical camp was conducted in Barathipuram village in the Jaffna District on 15th April 2013 for the benefit of about 60 villagers. Four doctors and ten volunteers participated.

Another mobile medical camp was held in Kataragama, Monaragala District during 17th–19th August, with the participation of eight doctors, two pharmacists, and four Sathya Sai volunteers. A total of 1,035 patients were served.

A third mobile medical camp took place in Unnichchai and Vadamunai villages in the Batticaloa District during 21st–22nd September. Nine doctors, four pharmacists, and 20 Sathya Sai volunteers rendered loving healthcare services to 639 patients. Sixty-eight tooth extractions and dental fillings were performed at a mobile dental unit. In vision care services, 232 prescription eyeglasses were issued and 49 patients were identified for cataract surgery.



Serving villagers, Sri Lanka



Mobile medical camp in Kataragama



Underprivileged children receive bicycles



Hospice care



Children's home in Vavuniya

A fourth mobile medical camp was conducted at Kanguvely village on 22nd September 2013. Five medical providers and 14 volunteers provided general treatment, screening for diabetes and hypertension, eye examinations, and prescription eyeglasses for 485 patients.

Twelve doctors, six pharmacists, and two volunteers participated in a fifth mobile medical camp at Kanthaketiya-Panwilla village on 16th November 2013. Thirty-two dental procedures were performed at the mobile dental unit. In vision services, 120 prescription eyeglasses were issued, and 19 patients were identified for cataract surgery. Monthly medical camps are held on the last Sunday of every month at Kalyani Gangaramaya Temple, Colombo, for people living in slums; services include the distribution of food and medicines.

A cancer hospice with 50 beds was inaugurated in July 2002 and is operated with the help of the SSIO of Sri Lanka. Its main objective is to treat terminal cancer patients and to offer palliative care with love. About 20 patients reside at the hospice, where Sathya Sai volunteers render loving service irrespective of caste, creed, or race.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Impoverished children from the Mullaitivu District were given school shoes by the Sathya Sai Centre of Thanneeroothu, Mullaitivu. In response to requests by school principals, 75 students from underprivileged families in Thanneeroothu village were given bicycles for getting to school on time.

Residents of the Karadiankullam village, located in the eastern region of Sri Lanka, were given aluminium pots and dry rations during the Thai Pongal season, which occurs in January. Dresses were given to the village children. Every Sunday a spiritual education class is conducted and nutritious food is given to the children.

A Sri Sathya Sai Water Project was inaugurated at Poombukar village in the Jaffna District by the SSIO of Sri Lanka on 29th March 2014. A well and an overhead tank were constructed, and pipelines were laid in order to supply water to about 180 families.

In the eastern zone of Sri Lanka, 36 unemployed, needy women were financially assisted to implement a sewing training programme. Six sewing machines along with materials were provided.

The Sathya Sai Children's Home in Vavuniya, established in 2003 to accommodate orphaned children who lost their parents over the last 20 years of conflict, currently serves about 30 destitute boys. The Sathya Sai Children's Home not only provides food and shelter but also takes care of all physical, mental, and spiritual needs, including schooling and education.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

More than 300 school teachers, university lecturers, and Ministry of Education officials and others participated in a National Educational Conference in Colombo, from 24th–25th August 2013. The Honourable Kumari Balasooriya, Governor of the Southern Province, Sri Lanka, was the chief guest for this event. The ISSE of Sri Lanka has trained 304 school teachers in EHV. In the northern region, 291 students have been trained in the Human Values Student Leadership Programme.



Students at educare class

Weekly educare classes were initiated in Trincomalee Sai Auditorium starting 19th January 2014, using multimedia and computer technology. More than 100 students attend these classes weekly, with great enthusiasm and interest in the multimedia presentations.

Upwards of 300 youth attended a National Sai Youth Conference, Sri Lanka, during 14th–16th March in the North Central Region of Sri Lanka. In an inaugural address, Dr. V. Jeganathan, Chairman of the Central Council, Sri Lanka, stressed the importance of duty, discipline, sense control, and devotion. On the 3rd day of the conference, the youth were divided into two groups to provide service to 350 families in the newly resettled villages of Poombuhar and Eeswaripuram, including the distribution of Nutri-flour, planting of trees, and organisation of a small medical camp.

More than 1,200 students from 280 schools participated in a programme of intensified spiritual discipline to practice love from 21st–27th October 2013, in the northern region of Sri Lanka. Competitions were organised for composing essays and poems and creating art, based on the theme of love.

DISASTER RELIEF

On 28th September 2013, a major fire gutted 28 houses in Gamunupura, a slum area in the northern part of Colombo, Sri Lanka. A Sathya Sai doctor, attached to the antenatal unit of the municipality, identified six pregnant mothers who were rendered homeless by the fire. The mothers received essential supplies and services for six months, and lunch was distributed weekly to 28 families affected by the fire. Dry rations and toiletries were provided during the months of October and November 2013. Sathya Sai devotees continue to support the recipients with donations of clothing, baby supplies, toiletries, pillowcases, kitchen utensils, refreshments, and meals.

Many homes were damaged or destroyed by large-scale flooding in December 2012. In 2014, with the support of the SSIO of UK and the UK Sathya Sai Organisation charitable trust, five houses have been built from scratch, and one house has been renovated.



Newly-built house for flood victims



Distributing food to the needy

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

More than 2,500 parcels of food were served to the needy throughout the island at lunchtime on 20th October 2013, in honour of Avatar Declaration Day. Special *bhajans* were held at all Sathya Sai Centres in Sri Lanka.

THAILAND

MEDICAL SERVICES

On Sunday, 12th May 2013, a medical camp was held at the Singhanart Bunpot Temple, Beugkarn. About 35 Sathya Sai volunteers from the Chiangmai Centre were organised into four service groups. The first group, comprised of six physicians, provided medical examinations and free medicines to 206 patients. The second group, comprised of youth, organised games for 50 children of the village. A third group distributed 500 bags of food and supplies to needy families, and a fourth group distributed freshly-cooked food to about 600 people.



Medical camp at Singhanart Bunpot Temple

COMMUNITY SERVICES

On 28th April 2013, 22 adults, 4 youth, and 14 children from the Sathya Sai Centre of Bangkok visited an animal shelter that houses more than 500 dogs. They provided food, medicines, toiletries, and other items for the animals. All the dogs were suffering from physical or mental illnesses and were kept in an open area, as the owner could not afford to build separate quarters.

On 26th April 2013, four Sathya Sai volunteers from the Maesai Centre served milk, juice, and sweets to 100 patients at an area hospital.

On 9th June 2013, 37 adults, 13 youth, and 16 children held a programme at the Good Shepherd Sisters Home, with uplifting *bhajans* and games followed by a homemade dinner with ice cream. The Sathya Sai Organisation volunteers also donated rice, oil, milk, coffee, sugar, soap, and biscuits. More than 50 volunteers provided food and clothing for 100 children who live in a local orphanage. They also played games and sang *bhajans* with the children.



Service to dogs at an animal shelter

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

In honour of Avatar Declaration Day, the SSIO of Thailand organised many activities during 19th–20th October 2013. At least 70 volunteers took part in cleaning Dongtaan beach, at a naval base in Sattahip. Sathya Sai volunteers also visited the Bnaglamung Boys Foundation, a home for boys in need; they played with the children and served 130 boys and 20 staff members a lunch with noodle soup, pad Thai, banana fry, and ice cream. Chocolates, juice, and chips were distributed, along with notebooks, pencils, and other supplies. Volunteers also distributed more than 135 lunch packets to construction workers at a nearby worksite. At least 20 Sathya Sai



Beach cleanup



Delivering food packets at prison

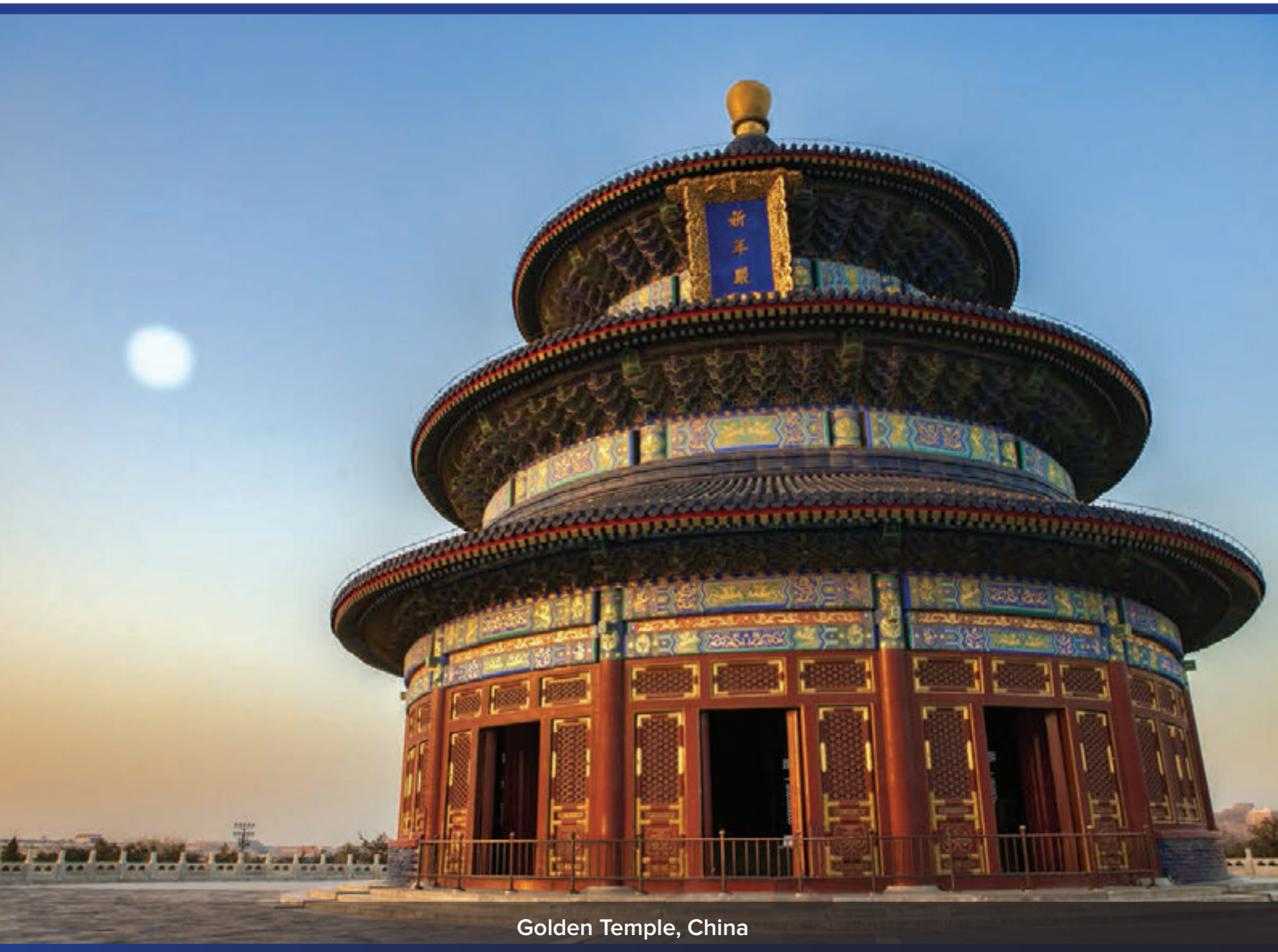
volunteers served pad Thai, milk, fruit, and rice to 60 boys at the Chiangmai Boys Home. More than 20 volunteers likewise served 28 children at a local orphanage, where toiletry kits, food, and other necessities were distributed. At a home for the elderly, lunch was served to 20 residents, and packets containing a shirt, a sweater, two pairs of socks, and a cap were distributed. The elders were happy to receive warm clothing in view of the approaching winter.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS OF BHAGAWAN SRI SATHYA SAI BABA

In conjunction with Swami's 88th Birthday celebrations, 31 women cooked special meals for 300 prisoners on 12th November 2013. On 13th November, volunteers from the Sathya Sai Centre of Rajdamneon provided five kilogrammes of rice to 300 families and gifts for 100 children. On 17th November 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers from the Nonthaburi Centre prepared and served lunch to seniors at a home for the elderly. They also distributed essential supplies to 300 senior women. On 22nd November 2013, volunteers from the Sathya Sai Centres of Rayong and Bandu visited an orphanage, where they cooked and served hot food to 100 resident children. On 20th

November 2013, volunteers from the Sathya Sai Centre of Chiangmai went to the Wildflower Home, which serves young adults, and spent time with 22 teenage mothers who had been abused and abandoned by their families. They provided food, rice, milk, oil, clothing, and fruit to the mothers.

ZONE 5



Golden Temple, China

CHINA
HONG KONG
JAPAN
SOUTH KOREA
TAIWAN

CHINA

COMMUNITY SERVICES

In Guangzhou City, Sathya Sai volunteers served food, milk, and some daily necessities to 25 children in a local orphanage. Ten wall fans were also donated.

In a leading industrial city in Guangdong province, about eight SSIO members from Hong Kong distribute rice, cooking oil, and other basic necessities twice a month to 13 families who are unable to support themselves. This activity is in its fourth year.

In another city in the same province of China, rice and cooking oil were distributed to about 100 families in June 2013. In January 2014, 500 school bags with the EHV logo in Chinese were distributed to pupils in a local school.

In March 2014, with the assistance of the SSIO of Hong Kong, a project was launched to rebuild the only communal toilet for pupils in a local school and the only toilet for teachers. The existing facilities and structures were dilapidated and presented a safety hazard to children and teachers. Both the toilets have since then been reconstructed. This was acknowledged as an unprecedented contribution by a nongovernmental organisation in the last 30 years.



Children's activities



Children playing games

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Hong Kong ISSE continued its ten-year-long programme of teacher training for local school teachers in China. In the past year, 10 schools in Gong Cheng County and 10 schools in Yang Shuo County in Guangxi province participated in this programme. More than 140 teachers and principals, along with local education-bureau personnel, local university professors, and graduate students participated in the two-year introductory research phase. In addition, phase 3 of the EHV project in Qinghai Province was launched in June 2013.

HONG KONG

COMMUNITY SERVICES

On 2nd June 2013, a new programme was initiated by Sathya Sai children, titled “A Handful of Rice, A Heartful of Love.” Every child was encouraged to set aside and collect a fistful of rice every day and bring it to the Sathya Sai Centre each week, where all the rice was accumulated and used for serving food to the needy.

On 16th July 2013, six women volunteers served food to 30 elderly individuals at the Mongkok Senior Citizens Home. The service started with exercises and the Light Meditation, which was followed by a short talk on the topic, “Guru.” *Bhajans* were sung, and the elders clapped and joined in the singing. Snacks were served at the conclusion, and all the recipients were happy to participate in the event.

To commemorate Guru Poornima, during 21st–28th July 2013, 10 different service activities were organised, including breakfast on Hong Kong Island, where 15 Sathya Sai volunteers served 104 individuals who live on the street, with food, soya milk, tea, and bottled water.

On 19th August 2013, a community speaker, Mr. Ajmal Samuel, who has been confined to a wheelchair since his younger days, spoke to SSIO members on “Strength



Serving elders, Hong Kong

Within You; Support Without.” On 19th February 2014, another community speaker, Ms. Dina Sabnani, was invited to speak to young ladies on the subject of inner healing and inner strength.

Every four months throughout the year, five-kilogramme rice bags and other basic necessities are delivered to 108 elderly families and asylum seekers, who receive minimal assistance from the government.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

On 22nd July 2013, a new Hong Kong SSIO website was launched to introduce Sri Sathya Sai Baba's life, His work and His teachings; and to report on SSIO's activities. Additionally, video and audio clips were uploaded and local publications were made available online.

In January 2014, after three introductory talks at the Sathya Sai Centre on the Bhagavad Gita, focussing on Chapter 2, a project to explain the verses in the Gita through a daily audio “WhatsApp” application was started and has reached more than 150 daily listeners in different countries of the world.

The senior SSE class and teen youth continued their peer tutoring at the Sharon Lutheran Primary School, providing support for English language learning with a human-values focus, to selected groups of children. The Sathya Sai Youth helped the pupils by reading values-based stories and arranging group activities, artwork, and role plays. The Sathya Sai Youth have also continued their weekly service, tutoring senior students in English at the Queen Elizabeth group of schools in Tin Shui Wai, with emphasis on human values.

Educare classes continued during the reporting period at St. Margaret's Girls School for non-Chinese speaking students. The classes for Forms 1, 2, and 3 are part of the Life Education Programme taught in these classes. The topics covered included Love in the Family; Self-Esteem; Power of Thoughts; and Love All, Serve All.

EASWARAMMA DAY OBSERVANCE

On Sunday, 19th May 2013, SSE children dedicated Easwaramma Day observances to their fathers, who are instrumental in the overall development of the children. The theme for the day was “My Father, My Hero.” The children, together with SSE teachers and their parents, spent a fun- and values-filled day at a public recreation camp. Swami's teaching, “Life is a game; play it. Life is a challenge; meet it. Life is love; enjoy it,” was the focus at each game stall at the camp. After the activities, participants joined in a reflection session.



BHAGAWAN'S MAHA SAMADHI OBSERVANCE

Sathya Sai volunteers observed Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi Day in April 2013 by visiting residents of Hong Kong's so-called "cage homes"—metal-surrounded apartments the size of a single bed-space—lovingly interacting with them and presenting them with gifts to cheer them up. Hot meals, fruit, and basic necessities were delivered to the homeless. Food was offered to the hungry throughout the Maha Samadhi week, including a special offering of breakfast at 6:20 AM. In the evening, two Sathya Sai Centres jointly offered special prayers to Bhagawan, followed by *bhajans*, a video presentation, and an inspiring talk.

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

As a part of the Serve the Planet initiative, a project titled "Switch Off to Switch On" was organised for 10 days, starting on 10th October 2013. The aim of the project was to switch off electronic gadgets and focus on inner spiritual activities. This was intended

to teach children the value of inner reflection rather than outer distractions. Educational activities were also organised, aimed at respecting Mother Earth by encouraging conservation of natural resources. On 19th October, a programme titled "Children—Our Future" was presented at the Sathya Sai Centre. The one-day event included videos, children's programmes, short skits, and a guided meditation session.



Children celebrating Avatar Declaration Day



Birthday celebrations

In Kowloon and on Hong Kong Island, 18 Sathya Sai volunteers distributed 180 Sai Service Packets, consisting of a cup of noodles, homemade dumplings, a sandwich, biscuits, cake, fruit, water, and 3-in-1 tea mixtures on the morning of 20th October 2013. On the same day, 22 Sathya Sai volunteers from the Tsuen Wan Centre served 121 boxes of hot meals to the needy in Kowloon.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS OF BHAGAWAN SRI SATHYA SAI BABA

Bhagawan's 88th Birthday was celebrated at two Sathya Sai Centres in Hong Kong. More than 1,200 people attended a cultural programme in the evening, which commenced with a play. Christian Action, a nongovern-

ment organisation that serves asylum seekers from other countries, presented a medley of popular Christian songs, accompanied by djembe drums of Africa.

During the period 1st–8th December 2013, eight different service programmes were organised to celebrate Bhagawan's Birthday, wherein about 1,100 people were served in many different ways, including food distributions, taking elderly and mentally-challenged people for a day's outing at Disneyland, and arranging additional activities for the mentally challenged.

During these service activities, 210 woollen shawls, hand-knitted by women volunteers throughout the year, were distributed to elderly women and others, together with hand-crafted bracelets made with beads used by Sathya Sai devotees during chanting of the Sai Gayatri Mantra as part of their daily prayers. The knitting activity has continued for seven years.

JAPAN

SERVICES

On 20th October 2013, 188 volunteers from 13 Sathya Sai Centres and Groups served lunch and provided basic necessities to 800 needy people. Several other Centres and Groups supported this project.

Guru Poornima was celebrated in Osaka with the theme, "Connection with Guru; Reconfirming the Connection with Guru; and Offering Our Gratitude to Swami."

On 13th and 14th August 2013, 20 students and 20 parents attended the 13th EHV National Camp in Asuka.

In a solemn observance of the severe damage suffered by the residents of Futaba town in Fukushima Prefecture during the massive earthquake of March 2011, four Sathya Sai Centres jointly invited refugees from that town to celebrate an Indian festival. They were told stories about Indian gods and Indian musical instruments, entertained with *bhajan*-singing, and served tea with spices. The guests also joined in the programme by singing traditional Japanese songs and performing traditional dances of Japan.

BHAGAWAN'S MAHA SAMADHI OBSERVANCE

Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi Day was observed at the Sathya Sai Centres in Tokyo and Kobe on 21st and 24th April 2013, respectively, with uplifting *bhajans*. The programmes also included special talks and videos. At least 120 Sathya Sai members attended the programme at Kobe.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS OF BHAGAWAN SRI SATHYA SAI BABA

Swami's 88th Birthday has profound significance for Japanese devotees, since "88" is pronounced as "Baba," or "Haha," meaning "mother" in Japanese. About 170 people attended Bhagawan's Birthday celebrations at the Tokyo Sathya Sai Centre. The altar was decorated in gold, silver, and red, and a swing decorated with colourful fresh flowers was offered to Bhagawan.

A drama titled "Loving God" was performed by SSE students and concluded with a devotional song by the children. A documentary film about Bhagawan, titled "Message of the Lord," dubbed in Japanese, was shown. The programme concluded with a newly-written Japanese devotional song and the screening of a video of Bhagawan from the 1988 Birthday celebrations.



Walk for Values, Taiwan



Blood donations, Taiwan

TAIWAN

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Every year, blood donations and a Walk for Values are organised in Taiwan. World Service Day is remembered by offering loving services at a hospital and at two homes for the elderly.

SSE volunteers visit a reformatory school for juvenile delinquents in Taoyuan every July and August, to conduct weekly SSE classes for 30 residents. The classes include the Light Meditation and sharing of inspirational quotes.

Guru Poornima was celebrated with *bhajans* and the offering of food at a home for children with physical and mental challenges in Pali.

Sathya Sai volunteers brought blankets, medicated energy water, first aid supplies, fruit, and cakes. The volunteers happily played with about 40 children and served them refreshments.

A Sathya Sai Kindergarten has 12 Chinese students who attend classes every weekday from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Additionally, SSE classes for 40 other Chinese students are held once a week. EHV classes are also held in two local elementary schools each week, for 150 students. Finally, EHV afterschool programmes are conducted twice a week to assist local students in grades 6–9 with homework.

BHAGAWAN'S MAHA SAMADHI OBSERVANCE

Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi Day in 2013 was commemorated with *bhajans* at the Tienmou Sathya Sai Centre and the Chinese Centre in Taiwan. Students of the SSE and EHV programmes made cards for Bhagawan and watched a video about Him. Services were also lovingly offered at a home for the elderly in Tienmou.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS OF BHAGAWAN SRI SATHYA SAI BABA

On 17th November 2013, 120 people attended a two-hour programme in Chinese at the Taipei City Council Hall to celebrate Bhagawan's 88th Birthday and the 17th anniversary of EHV in Taiwan. After a twenty-minute presentation on EHV, Chinese students from the Sathya Sai Kindergarten and SSE children performed a drama titled "Sweet Gift" and sang human-values songs. A dance was then presented, and the programme concluded with everyone joining in to sing, "This Little Guiding Light of Mine."

On 23rd November 2013, Sathya Sai members in Tienmou gathered for a morning devotional programme, followed by service to children with physical and mental challenges at a home in Pali. In the evening, 70 people attended a devotional programme in Tienmou.



Children's presentation at Birthday celebrations

ZONE 6



The Matterhorn, Switzerland

BOSNIA / HERZEGOVINA
CROATIA
FRANCE
GREECE
ITALY
MACEDONIA
ROMANIA

SERBIA / MONTENEGRO
SLOVENIA
SPAIN
SWITZERLAND

CROATIA

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

About 100,000 people attended the 36th international book exhibition, Interliber, which took place in Zagreb, capital of Croatia, from 12th–17th November 2013. Literature on the life and works of Sri Sathya Sai Baba was presented at this exhibition, which generated considerable interest in Bhagawan's teachings and the activities of the SSIO. A heart-warming special programme, based on human values, was also presented by SSIO members at this exhibition. The event was attended by the president of Croatia, the mayor of Zagreb, and several ministers, and received press coverage by the national television station, HRT.



International book exhibition, Croatia

BHAGAWAN'S MAHA SAMADHI OBSERVANCE

Tree planting ceremonies were organised and dedicated to Mother Earth in observance of Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi Day. About 35 participants planted 700 oak trees in an area close to the city of Zagreb. On 24th April 2013, more than 130 Sathya Sai Organisation members participated in a devotional programme. Beautiful stories of Bhagawan's recent manifestations and miracles, as witnessed by individuals and groups around the world, were also presented.

FRANCE

SSIO members gathered in Paris on the evening of 24th April 2013 to observe Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi Day. The programme included prayers for the needy and the sick, as well as *bhajans* in French and Indian languages. Food and clothing were distributed to the homeless near Paris.

GREECE

MEDICAL SERVICES

On 19th May 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers organised a spring festival in Agia Barbara, Aegaleo. The Chronic Ailment Clinic of West Attica was beautifully decorated with flowers, and patients were brought in and lovingly served fruit juice and a meal. Lively entertainment, with music and dancing, touched the hearts of all.

On 1st June 2013, a paediatrician, with an assistant, visited 17 families and examined 18 children, of whom 10 were vaccinated. Instructions were given to the parents on the proper management of their children's health, and medicines were given according to the patients' needs. On 8th June, seven adult and four Sathya Sai Youth volunteers visited PIKPA or "KAAPAA," the Children's Recuperation and Rehabilitation Centre in Voula, Attiki, and played basketball and volleyball with the children.

On 7th December 2013, a paediatrician examined 13 children, of whom seven were vaccinated, and a 12-year-old girl consulted with an osteopath for treatment of scoliosis. Two Sathya Sai volunteer dentists provided free dental services to five children.



Serving patients

COMMUNITY SERVICES

In May 2013, a young adult team from the Sathya Sai Centre supplied 30 bags of dry food to a primary school in Athens, for the children of 15 needy families. Each bag contained bread, milk, oil, sugar, tomato juice, rice, lentils, beans, spaghetti, and biscuits.

On 1st June 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers distributed 35 bags of food to needy families in Perama, Piraeus, near Athens. On 7th December 2013, 12 Sathya Sai volunteers distributed 35 bags of food, clothing, and medicine to 30 needy families in the same location.

On 29th December 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers restored the damaged roof of a house where a single mother lived with her son. A new glass window was installed for the kitchen, providing light to the previously dark kitchen.

On 1st February 2014, a group of 15 Sathya Sai volunteers from Athens distributed 35 bags of food and medicines to needy families in Perama. They also distributed firewood to six indigent families. During the same weekend, a Sathya Sai volunteer paediatrician visited 15 families and examined 22 children. The volunteer also distributed food and clothing to 16 families. On 15th February, continuing a past tradition, 16 Sathya Sai volunteers and others offered loving services to children with mental and physical challenges at KAAPAA, the Children's Recuperation and Rehabilitation Centre at Voula.



Volunteers repairing roof

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

On 15th June 2013, an academic year-end celebration took place at the Centre for EHV students in Athens. About 60 guests attended the programme, which included an exhibition on the five human values and educational methodology. An exhibition of handicrafts and photos of students was also organised. A presentation on the Sathya Sai Schools and Institutes around the world was followed by a stage play enacted by the young students.

DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

On 28th February 2014, 55 Sathya Sai members attended the Maha Shivaratri celebration at the Patission Sathya Sai Centre in Athens. Short presentations and updates were given on the construction and restoration of houses; blood donations; devotional, spiritual, and youth activities; and on the latest local SSIO websites.

ITALY

COMMUNITY SERVICES

On 24th April 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers in Italy organised devotional and service programmes, such as collecting and distributing food to needy families and providing clothing to the homeless. The Sathya Sai Centre of Faenza served lunch and dinner and prepared and distributed about 300 bags of food, personal hygiene items, and clothing to the needy.

More than 150 people, including 31 people with disabilities and 12 educators, attended a spring festival during 25th–26th May 2013, at the Mother Sai House in Divignano, Italy. Sathya Sai volunteers organised arts and crafts workshops on Saturday afternoon,

and after dinner the guests were entertained by the musical group, “Officina dei Ricordi,” of Asti. On Sunday morning, the guests were escorted by Sathya Sai volunteers to Lake Maggiore for an enjoyable excursion.



Spring festival in Italy



Arts and crafts workshop

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

On 15th February and 12th March 2014, the ISSE held its first two-day training for volunteers serving at the Humanitas General Hospital in Rozzano, near Milan. The Humanitas Foundation manages 200 volunteers committed to supporting patients and families at the hospital. The training involved the leaders of 13 volunteer groups and covered topics on service, spirituality, and EHV. The training was highly appreciated by the participants and the Humanitas Foundation board alike. One-day follow-up seminars were planned for the training of the remaining volunteers.

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

On 20th October 2013, 120 members from 15 Sathya Sai Centres served food to 650 needy people in honour of Avatar Declaration Day. In Piemonte, Sathya Sai volunteers distributed 3 kilogrammes of biscuits, 370 slices of pizza, and milk and coffee to more than 200 home-

less people on 20th October. In Lombardia, volunteers distributed food to many destitute people who live around the rail station of Bergamo. About 21 volunteers from the Sathya Sai Centre of Mestre served more than 300 meals to people from many countries on 20th October, in Verona. Volunteers at the Sathya Sai Centre of Udine offered cakes, nuts, muf-

bins, and cupcakes to families in need. In Lazio, the Sathya Sai Centre of Cagliari collected and distributed food to needy families and unemployed sailors. The Sathya Sai Centres of Pescara and Latina packed and distributed food to needy families. SSIO members of the Centres of Rome and Formello served food to more than 100 homeless individuals at the rail station in Rome. In Emilia, volunteers at the Centre of Faenza served more than 70 meals and distributed grocery packs on 20th October. An article about this service project was published in the local newspaper.

SLOVENIA

COMMUNITY SERVICES

During the spring and summer months of 2013, the SSIO of Slovenia helped a family by supplying food and clothing, and also covered some of their monthly expenses for electricity, water, and other essentials. On 8th June 2013, seven SSIO volunteers served an elderly disabled woman by thoroughly cleaning every room in her house. She responded with a hug and with warm gratitude in her eyes, since her illness prevented her from speaking. The Sathya Sai Group of Velenje helped another family by supplying food from August to October 2013.

The SSIO of Slovenia carried out several activities as part of the Serve the Planet initiative, in conjunction with Avatar Declaration Day in October 2013. On 19th October, SSIO volunteers installed drainage pipes for the household of an elderly woman. The final and most significant event of the Serve the Planet initiative in Slovenia was the distribution of food to needy families who are not visible to the public. The SSIO volunteers, in cooperation with the Franciscan Distribution Centre in Ljubljana, donated and packed food items at the Sathya Sai Centre of Ljubljana. About 17 crates, packed with various carefully chosen food items, were distributed to families in need. People were delighted to receive the food, which included homemade marmalade, salad, and other vegetarian food. The final distributions took place on 20th October, when two crates were distributed by volunteers from Maribor, and another four crates were distributed by volunteers from Novo Mesto to a family living in Velenje.



Volunteer at work



Food distribution for Serve the Planet project

SPAIN

COMMUNITY SERVICES

In Badojoz and Ourense, volunteers collected items for a food bank. The Sathya Sai Centre of Barcelona distributed food to various families in need. In Mallorca, nine Sathya Sai volunteers served food to 150 homeless individuals in a shelter. The Sathya Sai Centre of Tenerife collected about 1,000 kilogrammes of food and distributed it in 108 bags to the homeless in three different areas of the island. The local authorities sent a touching thank-you note for the loving service. The Sathya Sai Centre of Valencia served a full meal, with the traditional dish, *paella*, and other food to 150 needy people.

A five-page booklet with Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's inspiring messages on the topic of selfless service was prepared and distributed to all Centres and Groups for personal use and for use in study circles.

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

The Sathya Sai Centre of Madrid collected food for 300 abandoned and ill-treated animals. Ten Sathya Sai volunteers and eight other people fed the animals on Avatar Declaration Day.

In the Sathya Sai Centre of Las Palmas, a group of approximately 25 members prepared and distributed food in the "Caritas" dining room for 70 people. A beautiful article was published in the local newspaper highlighting the Serve the Planet global service project initiative and the general work carried out by the SSIO.



Food preparation on Avatar Declaration Day

SWITZERLAND

On 23rd June 2013, the SSIO of Switzerland organised the first Human Values Walk in the history of Switzerland. The Walk took place along the beautiful shoreline of Lake Geneva. About 100 people participated, which was made possible by the efforts of 25 Sathya Sai volunteers, including young adults. Five stations dedicated to the five human values were constructed along the walk route, namely: truth, right conduct, peace, love, and nonviolence. Each participant was given a human values passport at the beginning, which was then stamped at every station on the route, and a gift at the end of the walk. The authorities in Geneva issued the permit for the event free of charge, which is rarely done. The local municipality even supplied tables and chairs and donated gifts for the participants.

“The fulfilment of human life consists in the service that the human being renders, without any thought of return, in an attitude of selflessness. Service rendered in this spirit sheds light in the dark interior of a person. It widens the heart. It purifies the impulses and confers lasting ānanda (bliss).”

–Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 25th December, 1970

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Cologne Cathedral, Germany

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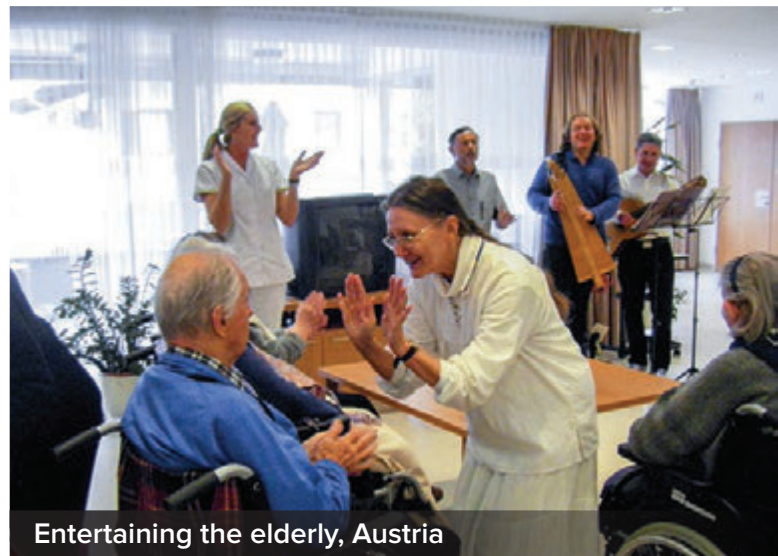
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NETHERLANDS
NORWAY
POLAND
SLOVAKIA
SWEDEN

AUSTRIA

In Austria, 20 people attended the annual SSIO National Meeting on 19th and 20th October 2013, in Brixlegg. Sathya Sai volunteers identified home-bound needy people who were unable to care for themselves, visited them at their homes, and offered homemade pralines, gifts, and a meal of soup, entree, and dessert.

Nine Sathya Sai volunteers performed in a choir for 18 residents and five staff of a home for the elderly. Most of the audience joined in the singing joyfully. The head of the facility was grateful and invited the Sathya Sai volunteers to sing for them again at Christmas.

On 20th October 2013, a group of 13 Sathya Sai volunteers from Moedling served about 120 needy people in a shelter for the homeless in Vienna called Tageszentrum Josi. Even two-to six-year-old children helped to pack lunches containing fruit, sandwiches, cakes, cookies, and drinks. The shelter residents were happy to receive the lunch packets, and the volunteers resolved to return every four months to share again in the love and joy experienced by all.



Entertaining the elderly, Austria



Serving food, Czech Republic

CZECH REPUBLIC

On 20th October 2013, Avatar Declaration Day, Sathya Sai volunteers served food to about 70 homeless individuals at a shelter run by the city of Prague. The shelter is a boat berthed on the banks of the river Vltava with a capacity to accommodate 200 people. The atmosphere was filled with love, gratitude, and solidarity.

On 23rd November 2013, approximately 40 Sathya Sai members gathered to celebrate Bhagawan's Birthday. A former student of the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, who is a scientist working in the Czech Republic, shared some of his personal experiences with Bhagawan. The meeting was inspiring and permeated with a divine atmosphere.

DENMARK

In North Sealand, the SSIO of Denmark works with the Danish Red Cross at a refugee centre. The cooperation has developed steadily over time, with increasing respect for the SSIO. This year the Danish Red Cross requested the SSIO for help with a night café at the refugee centre, where newcomers can enjoy a quiet moment with a cup of coffee or tea and a few words of comfort.



Making sandwiches for the needy

A four-day seminar on service was conducted, based on material developed in Italy and translated into Danish. All Sathya Sai Centres and Groups in Denmark received some of these translations. The first two days of the seminar were offered on a weekend in March and another during the National Meeting, 30th May to 1st June 2013. All SSIO members in Denmark were invited, and about 30 members participated. The fourth and final day of the seminar was scheduled for October 2014.

From 30th May to 1st June 2013, about 34 Sathya Sai devotees participated in a national meeting with the theme, "Who Is a Pilgrim?" The daily programme began with *Omkara*, followed by a short silence. Four study groups examined the topics "Gratitude" and "Service."

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

In Copenhagen, in honour of the Avatar Declaration Day 2013, four groups of Sathya Sai volunteers served sandwiches, soup, and fruit to the needy. They also distributed clothing to the homeless in four different parts of the city. Another group of volunteers served soup, sandwiches, coffee, and cake at a shelter for the homeless and also distributed clothes to the residents of the shelter. A homeless participant in this event spontaneously motivated other homeless individuals to

join in a musical performance of devotional songs taken from the *Love All-Serve All* songbook. It was a joyful occasion, and one of the homeless persons commented, “I feel happy and light as a butterfly. It seems surreal to me.”

ESTONIA

In Tallinn, Sathya Sai volunteers served food and provided firewood for the winter to a needy family. In Pärnu, a Sathya Sai Group offered food at a temporary shelter for abused women and children. The volunteers played with the children and helped them make a birthday cake and ice cream; they returned the next day and celebrated the birthdays of children whose birthdays had fallen within the previous six-month period. The children loved the entertainment and invited the volunteers to return.

FINLAND

Two volunteers from a Sathya Sai Group donated 14 bags of essential food products to a home for men and women in a treatment programme for people recovering from alcohol problems and mental illnesses. The house, which was renovated by the city of Helsinki, is like a home for about 100 people with social and psychological problems. The bags of food contained bread, cheese, coffee, bananas, and sweets, and were received gratefully by the residents.



Celebrating children's birthday, Estonia

GERMANY

Throughout the year, Region 72 of Germany collected five-and-a-half tonnes of clothing, toys, school supplies, and electronic household goods for distribution. These goods were packed and stored until January 2014, when they were transported by truck and donated to homes for destitute children in the Ukraine.

The Sathya Sai Centre of Berlin, in concert with the SSIO Region 71 of Germany, collected goods and offered financial support to victims of floods near the river Elbe. They also purchased hay and other essential supplies for the animals of three farms that were affected by the floods.

About 60 Sathya Sai members from Germany attended a five-day Sathya Sai Cultural Summer Festival in July 2013, held in the city of Bad Neuenahr near the former capital, Bonn. Following a tradition set the previ-

ous year, to connect spirituality with culture, the event focussed on “Everyday Culture and Its Spiritual Aspects.” The festival began on 22nd July 2013, the holy day of Guru Poornima. The programme examined the human being’s relationship to nature, animals, other human beings, and God, through a series of lectures, workshops, excursions, and cultural programmes in the evenings. Several lectures dealt with the art of communication. Some of the important aspects of communication addressed were: how the art of communication has changed through the decades; the nature of communication consistent with Bhagawan’s teachings; and the implications of using mobile phones in the present day.



Meals for the needy, Germany



Children doing arts and crafts

served to the needy. Sweets and homemade savoury biscuits were also packed in small gift bags along with Bhagawan’s quotes and distributed to homeless individuals taking shelter at a train station.

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

Avatar Declaration Day in 2013 was celebrated in Germany by distributing jars of jam and small candy packets, labelled with uplifting quotes, to prisoners. In addition, 90 “love packages” filled with fresh fruit, cakes, and sweets, wrapped with a red ribbon, and labelled with the words, “I Have Joy in My Heart,” were distributed at a homeless shelter, and more than 150 meals were cooked and

HUNGARY

During 22nd–25th August 2013, an annual Sadhana Camp was organised by the SSIO of Hungary. The camp was held at the beautiful village Cserhatszertivan in Northern Hungary, surrounded by forests and fields, where the houses were built half in the ground, the road was made of stones, and the feeling was one of being in harmony with nature. The programme consisted of devotional singing, service opportunities, instructional sessions for children and adults, and field trips. The camp was not intended solely for Sathya Sai devotees; any interested person could participate in the activities. Outdoor games,

art activities, and excursions were optional parts of the programme. Participants in the camp enjoyed George Bebedelis's (of Greece) inspiring presentations about Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba and the relationship between the human personality and human values.

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

In honour of Avatar Declaration Day, 20th October 2013, 44 members of three Sathya Sai Centres and one Sathya Sai Group distributed food to 260 needy people in three homeless shelters and to residents of a home for the blind. Vegetarian-style Hungarian delicacies were served, and Sathya Sai volunteers entertained the audience by singing spiritual songs and narrating inspiring stories. In a touching gesture, a homeless lady in Budapest donated a tablecloth specially decorated with folk art as a sign of gratitude. Everyone present was touched by the loving spirit of the event.

LATVIA

In 2013, the Sathya Sai Centre of Riga organised the study, practice, and sharing of Latvian folk songs with others, including residents of homes for the elderly. Ancient and popular Latvian songs were selected and interpreted in relation to human values. In Liepaja, Sathya Sai volunteers serve food to the homeless every week.

In honour of Avatar Declaration Day in 2013, the Sathya Sai Centre in Riga conducted a study circle on the Light Meditation.

Members of the SSIO of Latvia celebrated Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's Birthday as an open event in folklore style. Thirty people participated joyfully in the celebrations at a library, where Latvian devotional folksongs were sung. All the songs were dedicated to Bhagawan as a birthday gift.



Bhagawan's Birthday celebrations, Latvia

LITHUANIA

In commemoration of Avatar Declaration Day in October 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers of Lithuania joined the SSIO Serve the Planet initiative through service and devotional events. Sandwiches, snacks, and delicacies were distributed to the needy, both those living at home and in shelters. A hot meal was cooked for visitors at a Sathya Sai canteen in Klaipeda. Open meetings were arranged for the public, and the programmes included a presentation of the movie “His Work,” devotional singing, and sharing experiences of service and Sai love. In three major Lithuanian cities, 60–90 people attended these meetings. Many visitors expressed gratitude, but the most touching response came in the form of a question from a homeless guest: “When will we have the next feast like this one?”



Volunteer helping with gardening, Netherlands



Sathya Sai Choir

NETHERLANDS

A team of loving Sathya Sai volunteers offers weekly English lessons in a detention centre for asylum seekers who have been rejected, giving them a moment of respite from the unfortunate situation of being unwanted.

During the school year, a weekly “Heart for Each Other” children’s club is hosted by a dedicated team of SSE teachers and Sathya Sai volunteers in a low-income neighbourhood, with creative and playful character-building activities for a group of children 4–10 years old.

From 24th–26th January 2014, an annual Sathya Sai Baba weekend was organised with 26 participants. The group appreciated the opportunity to come together to pray, sing, meditate, study, and enjoy nature.

BHAGAWAN’S MAHA SAMADHI OBSERVANCE

In observance of Maha Samadhi Day, various service activities were undertaken. Food was prepared and served to the homeless people. Gardening was done for people who were too old

or sick to care for the gardens themselves. A beautiful testimony came from an elderly man who could no longer care for his garden due to illness. Four youth worked all afternoon and into the evening on this gardening project. Touched by their loving service, the next day he asked the neighbourhood nurse, who is a member of the Sathya Sai Centre, if he could attend the Sathya Sai meeting, to see and experience what gave these youth

such motivation. Although the physical effort was challenging for him, he greatly enjoyed the *bhajans*.

The Dutch-Belgian Sathya Sai community celebrated the 25th anniversary of the SSIO of Netherlands with an event on the theme, “*Dharma*.” It featured speakers, musicians, and workshops, attracting 164 participants from both the Netherlands and Belgium. A service activity was part of the event, wherein children baked cookies and decorated beautiful paper hearts with hand-written personal messages. These then were distributed to seniors living in a retirement home, and a Sathya Sai choir sang beautiful and uplifting songs as the cookies were distributed.

POLAND

COMMUNITY SERVICES

During 1st–7th July 2013, the ninth annual Sai Boundless Service Camp was held, during which 58 volunteers from Lithuania, Germany, the Netherlands, Bosnia Herzegovina, Slovakia, and India joined the SSIO of Poland to serve the needy. Doctors, masseuses, a psychologist, and a chiropractor offered their services. The doctors saw 133 patients and made 15 home visits; the masseuses administered 435 massages; and teams of Sathya Sai volunteers gave free haircuts to 99 individuals. Sathya Sai volunteers also renovated houses, distributed clothing, repaired bicycles, and transported people and materials. A Sathya Sai construction team built a playground for children, pouring a foundation, building a fence, and painting benches. Two teams, responsible



Repairing bicycles in Poland

for EHV programmes in two villages with children from ages 3–16, organised dance, music, games, stories, dramas, painting, and other creative activities. At the conclusion of the service camp, a festival was organised in each village, to which the entire village—parents, camp participants, and the mayor—were invited. The children presented an artistic programme and displayed what they had done over the week.

DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

In 2013 the SSIO of Poland organised a regional and national Sathya Sai meeting in conjunction with a public concert given by Dana Gillespie. This was the 3rd regional gathering of Sathya Sai devotees from Region 73 of SSIO, Zone 7. The meeting took place in Wieżyca, during 1st–4th May 2013, with 170 people attending, including 35 Sathya Sai devotees from abroad. Lectures, workshops, dra-

mas, and artistic programmes were organised around the theme, “I Am Love.” Dana Gillespie, the official guest, shared memories of her last conversation with Bhagawan. She gave a splendid public concert in Sopot, preceded by a performance of the Sarva Dharma International Choir. The concert attracted 210 people, including about 50 passers-by who came in spontaneously from the street.

In October 2013, the “Sarva Dharma” Choir of Region 73 performed three public concerts, with 17 spiritual songs, sung in 11 different languages. About 100 people attended the first concert, held at the Evangelical-Reformed Church in the centre of Warsaw. The second concert was a chamber concert at the Lutheran Church in Zyrardow. The third concert took place at the Resursa in Zyrardow, where an audience of about 100 people gave a standing ovation.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS OF BHAGAWAN SRI SATHYA SAI BABA

In honour of Bhagawan’s Birthday, 50 Sathya Sai devotees from across southern

Poland gathered in Katowice, the heart of the Górny Śląsk region, for a moving devotional programme, including the singing of *bhajans* and Polish devotional songs. Members of the Krakow Sathya Sai Centre performed an inspiring drama titled, “The King and the Cleaning Boy.”



Building playground for children



Medical consultation

SWEDEN

The Sathya Sai Centre of Stockholm serves the homeless regularly. They carry out this service in cooperation with a welfare organisation that maintains a restaurant for homeless people. Sathya Sai volunteers bake cakes and donate items such as toothpaste, shampoo, socks, and first-aid parcels. Every year several churches work together and distribute food to the homeless, and twice a year Sathya Sai volunteers participate by cooking vegetarian food and serving it at the restaurant for the homeless.

DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

About 45 SSIO members from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands, and Germany participated in a North European gathering in Ödeshög, Sweden, in spring 2013, to reflect upon love and leadership. Ms. Petra von Kalinowski, Chair of Zone 7 of the SSIO, spoke on Bhagawan's message about spiritual transformation through service, emphasising the importance of developing character and team spirit. Ms. Marianne Meyer, Member of the Prasanthi Council, spoke about the path to spiritual excellence, with exciting stories to illustrate the point. Mr. Jan Floris from the Netherlands spoke about love and leadership and gave examples from his own work experiences. A programme was held on Saturday evening on "Service of Gratitude to God, Mother Earth, and the Five Elements." Devotional songs expressing gratitude in various European languages were sung, and afterward, the participants assembled to share their personal experiences and interactions with Bhagawan.

"A society, a community, or nation can be safe, secure, and happy only when the individuals comprising it are mutually helpful and bound together in skillful and sincere service."

—Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 28th December, 1986

ZONE 8



Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia

**AZERBAIJAN
BELARUS
KAZAKHSTAN
KYRGYZSTAN
MOLDOVA
RUSSIA**

**UKRAINE
UZBEKISTAN**

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Throughout Zone 8, a total of 11 family camps focussing on SSE were held during this reporting period, with more than 400 participants. A total of 62 teacher- and parent-training seminars were conducted across six countries—Russia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Belarus, Azerbaijan, and Uzbekistan. A total of 13 trainers received diplomas through the ISSE, and 249 SSE students received instruction from 158 teachers in regularly-held SSE classes. EHV programmes were conducted also for the public during medical camps.

Every year in April, an annual zone-wide conference for SSE teachers is conducted. The conference includes brief presentations describing Education Wing activities across the region, as well as the experiences of teachers at schools and in classrooms with respect to SSE and EHV. A variety of creative workshops, master classes, and round-table discussions are included in the programme.

DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

On 9th November 2013, more than 340 people, including about 180 Sathya Sai members, attended public meetings organised by the SSIO in 39 cities of Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, and Kyrgyzstan. The meetings were conducted in different formats and focussed on the life, work, and teachings of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba as well as on the work of the SSIO. Many films about Bhagawan were screened, and spiritual books, calendars, and pictures of Swami were made available to the participants. The public showed interest in learning about Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba and in continuing their spiritual quest. Public meetings are organised by the SSIO of Zone 8 twice a year, in April and November.



Zone-wide camp

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

On 20th October 2013, more than 310 Sathya Sai volunteers from seven countries of Zone 8 lovingly served food and refreshments to more than 1,100 people in Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Moldova, and Kyrgyzstan. Hot meals, along with fresh home-baked items, cookies, and candy were distributed. Low-income families and people with disabilities were given food packages. Clothing, shoes, medicines, and personal-care products were also distributed to the needy. In some cities of Russia, Sathya Sai volunteers cleaned areas near the food-distribution sites.



National conference, Azerbaijan



Family camp, Belarus

AZERBAIJAN

In observance of Avatar Declaration Day, on 20th October 2013, a group of Sathya Sai volunteers lovingly served 30 orphan children who live in a dilapidated building in the village of Kyzylrash in Azerbaijan. The volunteers served hot food, salad, and sweets; talked with the children; and distributed clothing and household goods.

In September 2013, 23 participants attended the 9th National Conference on Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba in Baku. The theme of the conference was, "My Work Is My Blessing."

BELARUS

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Sathya Sai volunteers conducted many service projects in Belarus, including environmental clean-up, furniture assembly, and other projects to assist the needy.

Equipment was purchased for the renovation and construction of bathrooms.

Seminars on leadership were offered for the first time in Belarus, from October to November 2013, in Minsk and Vitebsk. Ten Sathya Sai members participated in these events, which were conducted by a training team from Belarus.

On 1st–2nd March 2014, 37 Sathya Sai members participated in a conference in Minsk.

During the period 29th June to 3rd July 2013, 27 adults and 12 children attended a family camp. The focus of the camp was the five human values within different religions. The programme was comprised of EHV classes, workshops, games, concerts, and service projects. An area near the conference site was cleaned, food was distributed to the hungry, and assistance was offered to seniors. A Sai Olympics was also conducted at the camp.

During the period 17th–18th August 2013, 21 Sathya Sai members from five cities participated in a volunteer camp.

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

Sathya Sai volunteers in Belarus observed Avatar Declaration Day in October by serving food to the hungry in five cities in Belarus. In Vitebsk, 10 Sathya Sai volunteers served 48 meals over two days of a weekend. In Minsk and Baranavichi, 28 people were served food by 12 Sathya Sai volunteers. In Minsk, the needy were also given warm clothes and shoes to ward off the cold winter. In Lida, street dwellers and two families with disabled family members were offered hot food and home-made pastries. In Mozyr, Sathya Sai volunteers served meals to the hungry.

KAZAKHSTAN

MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

The SSIO of Kazakhstan conducted a medical camp from 1st to 10th August 2013 in the town of Saran, in the Karaganda region. About 254 volunteers from Kazakhstan, Russia, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Germany, Denmark, Ireland, USA, Canada, and India served at this camp. At the opening ceremony, the Mayor of Saran, Honourable M. E. Adambekov, commented that he had never before met such people, who came at their own expense from distant places to do good deeds.

The medical team comprised 84 volunteers, including 41 doctors, specialising in ophthalmology, optometry, neuropathology, immunology, general practice, reflexology, nephrology, endocrinology, paediatrics,



Paediatric examination



EHV class for children

stomatology, and psychiatry. Between 1st and 9th August 2013, as many as 5,721 patients were screened, and 1,136 pairs of eyeglasses were distributed, in addition to medicines. Three mobile medical teams were organised to visit 10 nearby towns and villages to examine people who were unable to come to the camp.

Sathya Sai volunteers also performed construction work during the camp to renovate two kindergarten schools, a house for the mentally disabled, a home for seniors, and a college hostel.

About 1,600 people attended 168 different educational activities at the camp. For-

ty teachers and teacher assistants conducted 15 classes for 186 children, two to six years old. Another education project, The School of Joy, was conducted for first-to-ninth-grade school children in two schools. At least 700 children attended 89 classes, including 60 classes in EHV and 29 classes in self-knowledge. In addition, 291 children from the town attended 48 workshops in stage performance, dance, sports, puppetry, and art. Teacher education seminars were also offered: 89 local school and kindergarten teachers attended four seminars focussed on the topics of self-knowledge, alienation in school, teenage suicide, and addiction to alcohol and tobacco. On 3rd August, a festival for 23 disabled children was arranged, and on 4th August, an event called Festival of Joy was conducted in the town square, to share the love and warmth with everyone present.

At the camp, Sathya Sai volunteers distributed 150 food packets containing potato pancakes and sugar, as well as clothing and laundry detergent. In ad-

dition, a wheelchair, a baby-jumper, and medical equipment were also distributed. The children and their school received many useful items, including laptop computers, a large-screen TV, a camera, an iPad, a DVD player, and toys. In closing, Ms. Dana Gillespie presented a wonderful concert, showering Bhagawan's love on the entire region.



Volunteers transporting flooring material



Children in EHV class

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

In Kazakhstan, on 20th October 2013, Avatar Declaration Day coincided with the holiday of Eid al Meyram, which is celebrated in every Muslim family by receiving guests and offering traditional food. Accordingly, 30 Sathya Sai volunteers from five different cities served a variety of dishes and sweets to about 100 needy people. Clothing, medicine, and personal care products were also distributed.

KYRGYZSTAN

In Kyrgyzstan, food was served to 25 needy people. Sathya Sai volunteers serve hot food to the hungry throughout the year on a weekly basis, and also participate in an extensive zone-wide project to offer food to the needy twice a year.

MOLDOVA

Two Sathya Sai volunteers in Moldova prepared rice pilaf with vegetables, salad, and compote, and served 16 meals to the residents of a homeless shelter. Food was also offered to 10 needy veterans.

The SSIO of Moldova lovingly distribute fruits, vegetables, cereal, oil, and dairy products to 27 veterans and widows on a regular and ongoing basis. This project began in 2005, with five Sathya Sai volunteers participating currently.

SSE classes are held for children of Sathya Sai members in Kishinev city. EHV classes are also conducted on a regular basis for the public.



Feeding the needy, Kyrgyzstan



Serving the homeless, Moldova

RUSSIA

MEDICAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

On 26th and 27th October 2013, about 30 Sathya Sai volunteers organised a medical camp at the district hospital in Ropsha village, about 30 kilometres from St. Petersburg. Seven health care professionals, including a psychologist, a dermatologist, and a massage therapist, saw 56 patients. Sathya Sai volunteers also prepared and distributed 26 food packages, clothing, and a wheelchair. Service activities were performed at this location over a two-day period, including renovating and restoring a room and corridor in a building that had been damaged by fire.

On 16th November 2013, 30 members of six Sathya Sai Centres and Groups attended a seminar to discuss service projects, at the Culture Centre of Railroad Workers in St. Petersburg. The participants engaged in heart-to-heart dialogue and viewed videos about serving the needy in different regions of Russia, including the volunteer camp that had been held the previous month in the village of Ropsha.

Each winter, Sathya Sai volunteers from St. Petersburg visit an orphanage in Vyshniy Volochek city, between Moscow and St. Petersburg, to bring joy and cheer to the children. During the New Year holidays, 14 volunteers visited the orphanage and spent two days with about 150 children. The Sathya Sai volunteers organised workshops, played games, and entertained the children with a traditional tea party. During the tea party, the children shared their understanding of happiness by saying, "Happiness is where there is love and respect," to the joyful surprise of the volunteers. At the end of the event, Santa Claus distributed gifts to the children.

During the reporting period, service camps were held in Saratov, Chelyabinsk, Makhachkala, St. Petersburg, and Kemerovo. About 150 Sathya Sai volunteers rendered assistance to the needy at a boarding house and in a vil-

lage. Children with disabilities were assisted; living conditions were improved; work stations were repaired; and food packages were distributed.



Volunteer serving the needy



New Year programme at orphanage

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

On 20th June 2013, 35 Sathya Sai members attended an annual Sai Olympics in St. Petersburg. During the period of 16th–18th August 2013, the regional pedagogical conference was held in Krasnodar to exchange experiences and ideas concerning SSE and EHV and to conduct teacher-training sessions. This meeting was attended by 21 Sathya Sai members from seven Centres.

A second children's conference in the Siberian region, titled "Good Character Is the Basis of a Happy Life," was held in Kemerovo on 3rd and 4th January 2014. It was attended by 14 children from Kemerovo and Novosibirsk, and 15 adults. On 3rd January, the girls participated in a class on vegetarian cooking. Among many activities, role plays were held for two age groups of children, and a mini-concert and study circles were organised, all emphasising the importance of developing good character from an early age.

DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Throughout the reporting period, several regional conferences were held in six cities across Russia. Sathya Sai volunteers discussed the subject of mind control at conferences held during 11th–13th October 2013 in Revda and in Ekaterinburg; during 5th–6th January 2014 in the Moscow area; and during 8th–9th February 2014 in St. Petersburg. In Makhachkala, a conference about the source of happiness was organised during 20th–22nd September 2013. In Krasnodar, a conference focussed on divinity and unity of humankind took place during 27th–29th September 2013. In Naberezhnye Chelny, a conference titled "Happiness Is Union with God" was held during 3rd–5th November 2013.

The Moscow-area conference alone attracted more than 60 Sathya Sai members, from Moscow, Korolyov, Obninsk,



Vegetarian cooking class



Conference in Ekaterinburg



Workshop in Dzerzhinsk



Family camp



Serving meals on Avatar Declaration Day

Dzerzhinsk, St. Petersburg, and Voronezh. The actual venue was in the town of Dzerzhinsky, near Moscow, and the conference theme was “Control of Mind as a Means to Self-realisation.” In keeping with the tradition of New Year holidays in Russia, Father Frost and Snow Maiden entertained the guests. Senior leaders of the SSIO of Russia discussed work performed in 2013. It was reported that 62 Sathya Sai members completed the ISSE diploma course; 314 study circles were held; 391 *bhajan* sessions were conducted; and 60 public meetings were held with more than 2,000 people in attendance.

Three camps were organised to facilitate personal transformation in both children and adults through SSE, in Elbuga, Pervouralsk, and Makhadhkala, during June and July 2013. About 200 Sathya Sai members attended the camps and discussed divine love, unity of religions, happy families, and the five human values.

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

On 20th October 2013, about 200 Sathya Sai volunteers from 37 cities of Russia participated in the global SSIO Serve the Planet initiative, offering food to about 780 people in Russia. All seven regions of Russia participated with love and joy, including the Volga-Ural, Ural, South, Caucasus, Central, Northwest, and Siberia regions. In addition to food, Sathya Sai volunteers also distributed clothing, footwear, medicines, and personal hygiene products. Eighty food packets were distributed to low-income families and people with disabilities.

The 20th anniversary of the Moscow Sathya Sai Centre was celebrated on 20th October 2013 by 100 Sathya Sai members from Moscow, Obninsk, and Korolev. The first Sathya Sai Centre in Russia opened in St. Petersburg, and the second Sathya Sai Centre opened exactly a year later in Moscow, on 15th October 1993. The hall was decorated for this festive occasion with one-metre-high golden numerals—“20”. A video was shown about the early activities of the Moscow Centre. Theatrical performances, songs, and dances were presented, and uplifting *bhajans* were sung to commemorate the occasion.

UKRAINE

MEDICAL SERVICES AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

From 27th June to 2nd July 2013, 53 Sathya Sai volunteers from 14 cities participated in a medical camp at the Berdichev boarding school in Grishkovtsi village. In addition to medical services, EHV classes were also offered.

During the period 16th–17th March 2013, an SSE teacher-training seminar was held in Kiev to educate prospective and current teachers on the role of a teacher, the purpose of SSE, and the needs and potentials of children. Twelve Sathya Sai members from six cities attended this seminar, including five young adults.

The fifth all-Ukrainian young adult conference on “Sai Ideal Human Life” was held on 14th and 15th December 2013 in Kiev. The conference was attended by 23 Sai Young Adult representatives and three young adults, hailing from Vinnitsa, Teplodar, Ternopol, Poltava, and Kiev. The participants discussed ways to realise one’s innate divinity in an atmosphere of love, harmony, and unity. At the end of the conference, the young adults sat in a circle and passed lighted candles around while sharing their own experiences. One of the Sathya Sai youth noted, “It was an amazing conference, full of harmony and brotherly love. Everyone was smiling.”

During the period of 15th–25th July 2013, the 13th Family Camp for Sathya Sai children and their parents was organised. This camp is held annually near Kerch city. A total of 102 people, including 38 children, came from Ukraine, Belorussia, Russia, and Moldova to participate in the camp. The programme at the camp was comprised



Young adult conference

of SSE classes for children, training seminars for teachers and parents, and cultural programmes.

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

In Ukraine, Sathya Sai volunteers from Dnepropetrovsk, Kerch, Kiev, Odessa, Poltava, Kharkov, Sumi, and Vinnitsa participated enthusiastically in the Serve the Planet initiative.

In Kiev, in addition to distribution of food, hygiene kits, medical supplies, socks, and clothing, leaflets were distributed containing Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's quotes. In the Odessa region, nearly 400 homes had been recently damaged or destroyed due to heavy rains. Sathya Sai volunteers provided food and donated clothes, shoes, bedding, and household items to the displaced people. In Poltava, Sathya Sai volunteers distributed food along with handmade heart-shaped cards, each containing a quotation from Bhagawan's teachings.

In Kharkov, Ukraine, the days preceding and following 20th October 2013 were rainy. By Bhagawan's grace, however, 20th October turned out to be a beautiful day with clear skies, bright sunshine, and light clouds. Sathya Sai volunteers happily served food and gave other useful items to the needy. In Sumi, Ukraine, food, clothing, and shoes were distributed to the needy. Sathya Sai volunteers also repaired and renovated a dilapidated home.

*"Serve humanity until you see
God in all people; then, what you do
will be elevated to worship."*

**—Sri Sathya Sai Baba,
1st June, 1975**



Serving the needy



Volunteer renovating a home



ZONE 9A



London Bridge, UK

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BOTSWANA
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CONGO DR
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IRELAND
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NIGERIA
SIERRA LEONE
SOUTH AFRICA
TANZANIA

TOGOLAND
UGANDA
UK
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ZIMBABWE

BOTSWANA

MEDICAL SERVICES

Sathya Sai Baba Free Medical Clinic, established in 2006 by the SSIO of Botswana, has treated more than 20,000 patients since that time. The clinic operates every Sunday for general patients, every second Sunday for dental patients, and every third and fourth Sunday for eye patients. About 800 general patients, 120 dental patients, and 300 eye patients were treated from April 2013 to March 2014.

Between November 2013 and March 2014 the Sathya Sai Centre of Gaborone conducted blood donation camps regularly, as a major service activity, collecting at least 50 pints of blood at each camp. In addition, the Sathya Sai Centre of Francistown conducted an annual blood donation camp.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

From April 2013 to March 2014, Sathya Sai volunteers fed the hungry on the first Sunday of every month. Every second Sunday, the volunteers visited 40 patients at the Cancer and Tuberculosis Centres of Gaborone and served them fruit juice and biscuits. Every Sunday, breakfast was provided to patients of



Registering patients at medical clinic

the Sathya Sai Free Medical Clinic. On 20th July 2013, in honour of Guru Poornima, Sathya Sai volunteers served individuals challenged with disabilities at the Mochudi Rehabilitation Centre. On 19th November 2013, in observance of Ladies Day, food hampers were distributed to about 400 children at the Naledi Day Care Centre, in the Old Naledi Village of Gaborone.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Sathya Sai Centre of Gaborone held SSE classes every Sunday throughout the year. Ten teachers provided instruction to more than 100 children, who were organised in four groups called *Sathya*, *Dharma*, *Shanthi* and *Prema* (Truth, Right Conduct, Peace, and Love).

DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

In July and September 2013, two devotional meetings were held, during which guest speakers—one from India and the other from South Africa—addressed the Sai community of Botswana, to the great appreciation of the audiences. Global *Akhanda Bhajans* were held 9th–10th November 2013, in keeping with Bhagawan's teachings.

BHAGAWAN'S MAHA SAMADHI OBSERVANCE

An interfaith conference was conducted on 19th April 2013 in Gaborone, in commemoration of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's Maha Samadhi. Various religious organisations participated, with the heads of all the organisations delivering speeches. The conference attracted more than 150 participants.

GHANA

Accra is the capital of Ghana. On 18th October 2013, coinciding with the Edil-Adha celebration of Islam, 13 Sathya Sai volunteers lovingly offered food to more than 550 homeless people in Accra, who were living in the communities adjoining the Nima Station Mosque and Central Mosque. Packets containing jollof rice, biscuits, fruit drink, oranges, sugar, a face towel, and a bed sheet were distributed to the needy.



Feeding the needy, Ghana

KENYA

MEDICAL SERVICES

Cataract surgeries were performed free of cost for a total of 111 patients residing in remote areas of Kenya. The event was organised by the SSIO of Kenya, and the surgeries were performed by the Lions' Eye and Blood Centre, which has the required medical personnel and equipment to serve the rural population. An inaugural Sai Vision Screening Camp was held at Dzitsoni Primary School in Kilifi County, Coast Province, on 9th June 2013. Twelve Sathya Sai volunteers and seven staff of the Lions' Eye and Blood Centre travelled from Mombasa to Dzitsoni. About 233 people were screened, with 47 patients identified for cataract surgeries. A second Sai Vision Screening Camp was held at Kakuyuni Primary School, Malindi County, Coast Province, on 23rd June 2013. Early in the morning, three Sathya Sai volunteers and seven staff of the Lions' Eye and Blood Centre travelled to Kakuyuni, about 110 kilometres from Mombasa, where they screened about 160 patients and identified 25 patients for cataract surgeries. A third Sai Vision Screening Camp took place on 7th July 2013, at a school in Kaloleni, approximately 57 kilometres from Mombasa. Three physicians, assisted by clinical officers, set up two classrooms to facilitate the initial vision testing and consultation process. A total of 194 patients were screened, of which 39 were referred for cataract surgery. Some of the patients were provided with transportation to the screening camps. The gift of restored vision was appreciated by all the needy patients.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mahali Pa Usalama in Tudor, Mombasa County, Kenya, is a rescue and recovery centre operated by the Catholic Archdiocese of Mombasa for children who have been sexually exploited, trafficked, neglected, or tortured. Since 2008, the centre has helped more than 1,000 children to be reunited with their families or integrated into



Eye examination



Volunteers operating drill at borehole project

schools. The centre depends on borehole groundwater for its daily needs, as no other reliable supply of fresh water exists. The previous borehole had dried up, causing hardship to 30 children and other residents. In January 2014, the Sathya Sai Centre of Mombasa constructed a new borehole to supply water to the centre and to surrounding communities. The Catholic Archdiocese of Mombasa expressed gratitude in a letter to the SSIO of Kenya for providing fresh water on a sustainable basis, and the grand opening of this facility on 19th January 2014 received press coverage.



Sathya Sai School in Kisaju



Serving elderly patient

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Sathya Sai School at Kisaju, Kajiado District, in Nairobi—opened in 2001 with Sri Sathya Sai Baba's blessings—provides free education to poor and destitute children. At present, 125 boys reside in this boarding school, which recently completed construction of a large, multipurpose, ultramodern auditorium. In addition, the school constructed seven concrete structures, each housing a 10,000-litre tank for harvesting rainwater. On 9th June 2013, parents, teachers, school officials, students from neighbouring schools, and Sai youth from the Nairobi Sathya Sai Centre gathered to witness an annual sports day at the school.

On 28th July 2013, the annual Teachers' Day was celebrated in conjunction with Guru Poornima, by students, parents, guardians, community members, and Sathya Sai Centre members. Students presented values-based songs, hymns, quotations, a drama, and traditional dances, and expressed their gratitude to Bhagawan for providing

them with a model school that has excellent facilities for learning under the Sathya Sai Educare methodology. They also honoured all the resident teachers, for imparting spiritual knowledge along with the regular academic curriculum. A parenting workshop on the human values was attended by 78 parents and guardians, who expressed gratitude to the school management for taking care of their children and educating them in human values.

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

On 19th–20th October 2013, in honour of Avatar Declaration Day, volunteers from the Sathya Sai Centre of Mombasa served 50 elderly guests and 25 staff at the Little

Sisters of the Poor Home, in Tudor Nyumba ya Wazee, Tudor. A meal of vegetable curry, cabbage, rice, fruit, cakes, and fruit juice was served. Songs, mimicry, and dances were organised to entertain the guests. Eye examinations were conducted, and reading glasses and medications were distributed. An exercise bicycle was donated to the physiotherapy unit of the home. In addition, 50 sets of bed sheets with pillow-cases, 50 towels, and 70 pairs of rubber slippers were also distributed.

The Bethsaida Home, located at Korrompoi village in Kitengela, south of Nairobi, is a residential home for women 85 years and older, including the physically challenged. On 20th October 2013, 25 students, an alumnus, and two teachers from the Sathya Sai School, Kisaju, rendered service at the Home. After an introductory talk about Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's teachings, the students thanked the residents for the opportunity to distribute food and supplies, including blankets, rice, legumes, salt, oil, sugar, and maize meal, along with fresh tomatoes, onions, cabbage, and kale from the Sathya Sai School's farm.

Every Sunday morning, Sathya Sai volunteers serve food lovingly to about 500 children at the Sathya Sai Centre in Nairobi. On Avatar Declaration Day, the youth from the Centre served a delicious meal of rice, beans, bread, biscuits, cupcakes, sweets, bananas, and juice to the children.

MADAGASCAR

The Sathya Sai Centre of Antananarivo, Madagascar, was inaugurated on 23rd March 2010. Due to rapid growth, the Centre moved to new premises on 25th March 2012. As an ongoing service, about 80 Sathya Sai volunteers from the Centre provide food to 400 to 600 people three times a week, and distribute clothing and toys, mostly to orphans, but also to children from very poor families. The destitute and the elderly are also served. Since November 2011, a Sathya Sai pre-primary school has been open to provide free education to orphans and destitute children of the region. The Ambassador of India to Madagascar, Sri Azad Singh Toor; the Mayor of Itaosy region; and Mr. Opape Onanga from the SSIO lauded the selfless service provided by the Centre.



Teacher at pre-primary school, Madagascar

MAURITIUS

MEDICAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

On 1st January 2014, the SSIO organised a blood-donation drive. During the previous year, the SSIO of Mauritius collected more than 450 pints of blood and is the major organiser of blood-donation drives in Mauritius.



Blood donation



Constructing house for needy family



Guru Poornima celebration

The SSIO of Mauritius also constructed a house for a needy family at Amitie. In addition, Sathya Sai volunteers, out of respect for Mother Earth and the local environment, cleaned the Belle Mare Beach.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

On 31st August 2013, the regional SSIO Education Wing organised a quiz contest for SSE students. This led to a national final held on 7th September 2013. A revised *SSE Student Handbook* was published and used in a refresher course for all SSE teachers

DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

For Guru Poornima celebrations, activities were organised at every Sathya Sai Centre and also at the regional and national levels. A cultural programme was organised at the national level on 21st July 2013 with a blend of dramas, dances, and devotional singing. For Maha Shivaratri, the SSIO of Mauritius held three days of activities including exhibitions, devotional singing, and video screenings at the sacred lake of Grand Bassin. The grand event concluded with food distribution to all attendees on the day of Maha Shivaratri.

On 15th December 2013, the Sai Young Adults held their National Sadhana (spiritual discipline) Workshop.

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

On 20th October 2013, in observance of the Serve the Planet initiative, the Sai Young Adults in Mauritius held various service activities, in-

cluding a blood donation drive, service at hospitals, and feeding the needy in all regions of the country.

MOROCCO

On 28th October 2013, volunteers from the Sathya Sai Centre of Casablanca served a lunch, a yogurt-based drink, and bananas to an estimated 100 children with physical challenges and 35 staff members of the school at the Handicapped Centre of Hay Mohammadi. The children welcomed the Sathya Sai volunteers with great love and joy.



Serving food to children, Morocco

NIGERIA

BHAGAWAN'S MAHA SAMADHI OBSERVANCE

Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's Maha Samadhi was solemnly observed in Lagos, Nigeria, attended by 450 people on 27th April 2013. Food was offered at homes for the destitute and at the leprosy colony in Lagos. In other parts of Nigeria, medical camps were organised.

In Lagos, a devotional programme was organised, at which Sathya Sai followers and eminent members of other organisations offered a musical programme in honour of and in gratitude to Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. The programme was planned and organised by former students of Bhagawan's Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning. The programme commenced with children from the Sri Sathya Sai School of Ajah, Nigeria, presenting a medley of English devotional songs and instrumental music.



Children in Maha Samadhi programme, Nigeria



Serving food on Avatar Declaration Day

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

Port Harcourt, in Nigeria, is located along the Bonny River. On 20th October 2013, Avatar Declaration Day, Sathya Sai volunteers distributed more than 500 packets of food to needy people on the streets, in the mosques, and in the slums. Upon witnessing the food distribution, a doctor from a local hospital invited the volunteers to serve the patients in the hospital as well. Sathya Sai volunteers then lovingly offered food to the patients and prayed for their speedy recovery.

SOUTH AFRICA

All 13 regions of the SSIO of South Africa participated joyfully in devotional, educational, and service activities at children's homes, schools, homes for the elderly, and other venues to commemorate Avatar Declaration Day in October. An estimated 16,700 hot meals were served and 2,325 grocery hamper boxes were distributed. In addition, baby food, vegetable seedlings, Moringa trees, and clothing were given out. SSE students prepared personalised cards bearing the inscription,

"Serve the Planet," for insertion in the hamper boxes. Sathya Sai volunteers gratefully noted that even in the most remote villages, people living without running water, electricity, or any form of media recognised Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba and His love for all. The SSE children and Sathya Sai Young Adults staged a short play titled "The Strongest Link." A slide presentation was also put together by the young adults, highlighting the importance of serving humanity.



Distributing food, South Africa



Distributing clothing, Tanzania

TANZANIA

On 20th October 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers in Tanzania served food to more than 400 people, including children and women, at the Shariff Mosque in the Kunduchi area of Dar es Salaam. The imam of the mosque graciously arranged a prayer session, in which all Sathya Sai volunteers participated. Biscuits were served to the children.

Rubber footwear was distributed to all the children and women, and T-shirts were given to the children.

Also on 20th October 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers served about 400 people, including 100 blind children of the Kondo ya Bahari community, located 14 kilometres from Dar es Salaam. Hot food, clothing, footwear, soft drinks, water, and snacks were distributed. Prayers were conducted prior to the distribution of the hot food and other items. The Tanzanian *Daily News* covered the event.

UNITED KINGDOM

MEDICAL SERVICES

During 2013, three healthcare events were held at different locations in the UK. On 19th May 2013, a Sathya Sai Health Awareness Day was conducted in Wembley, London, in partnership with the Brent Indian Association. An estimated 250 people received tests for blood pressure, blood sugar, and BMI, and had an opportunity to obtain advice from general practitioners and a pharmacist. Dental and vision examinations were also provided, with referrals to local services when needed.

In Eastleigh, on 7th July 2013, a Sathya Sai Health Awareness Day was organised in partnership with the Asian Welfare Organisation and with the support of the Hampshire County Council. About 200 people received health examinations, including blood pressure, blood sugar, and BMI screenings, as well as dental services.

In Newham, on 13th–14th July 2013, about 200 people attended a Sathya Sai Health Awareness Day, organised in partnership with the London Borough of Newham.

On 23rd March 2014, a Sathya Sai Health Awareness Workshop Day was organised in the United Kingdom, at which participants were educated on the prevention of heart disease.



Youth meeting



SSE class

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

In the UK, currently 1,097 children are enrolled in SSE classes across 37 Sathya Sai Centres, with 260 teachers. Teacher training days and SSE awareness sessions were hosted across a number of regions of the UK during the reporting period. The SSE children attend lessons, in which they are taught silent sitting, group devotional singing, and prayers. They also participate in storytelling and other group activities, including extracurricular activities. SSE children are encouraged to participate in all programmes of the SSIO of the UK.

Sai Young Adults in different regions of the UK gather once a month, throughout the year, for devotional singing, study of Sathya Sai teachings, and participation in service activities. The young adults continue to make valuable contributions by integrating into and working with the various wings of the SSIO at the national, regional, and centre levels.

On 25th May 2013, the Sathya Sai Leadership Training Programme held a graduation ceremony titled “The Light of Leadership.” Fifteen trainees successfully graduated to join 72 alumni.

DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

On 25th January 2014, 300 office bearers and active members of the SSIO of the United Kingdom gathered in Hatfield for an annual national conference. The theme of this year’s conference was “One with Sai—His Words and His Work.”

On 16th March 2014, regional conferences were held as a follow-up to the annual conference, to ensure that all office bearers and service, education, and devotion endeavours are in consonance with Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba’s message and mission. On 18th May 2013, about 300 SSIO members from across the UK gathered in Watford, London, for prayer in the form of devotional singing in a variety of languages and styles, and from a number of cultures. A second and third gathering for the same purpose took place, again in Watford, on 21st September 2013 and 11th January 2014. Enthusiasm for these devotional events is very high among the SSIO members of the United Kingdom.

In North Wales, about 350 people attended a retreat at the coastal town of Llandudno. The retreat focussed on the theme, “Divine Bliss—Echoes of Eternal Harmony,” for the spiritual upliftment of one and all.



Volunteers distributing supplies for flood relief

DISASTER RELIEF

In January 2014, parts of the United Kingdom experienced extreme weather conditions, and many areas of southern England and Wales became flooded, resulting in the displacement of large numbers of people. Sathya Sai volunteers across the country rallied to donate blankets, duvets, sleeping bags, bottled water, biscuits, nuts, crisps, body wipes, disinfectants, brushes, and other essentials. These were collected at Sathya Sai Relief Hubs in London and Leicester. Three large deliveries of such supplies were made to these areas. A Sathya Sai Emergency Relief Committee was also formed, to help coordinate future disaster relief efforts in the UK.

EASWARAMMA DAY OBSERVANCE

On 4th May 2013, SSE students from the Good Values Club of Leicester, Sai Young Adults, and SSIO members from across the United Kingdom gathered in Hatfield, to commemorate Mother Easwaramma's life. The celebration had two themes: "Spirit of Oneness" and "Honouring the Unity of Faiths." The programme commenced with a colourful procession by nearly 150 SSE children, accompanied by lively music and with flags heralding the five human values. The older SSE children carried flags representing Christianity, Zoroastrianism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam, and the respective holy books of the various faith traditions. The younger children wore traditional costumes of the followers of each faith. The SSE children presented six beautifully enacted scenes from the lives and teachings of saints from Christianity, Zoroastrianism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam.



Children lighting candles at the altar on Sathya Sai National Human Values Day

BHAGAWAN'S MAHA SAMADHI OBSERVANCE

To commemorate Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi Day, 27th April 2013 was designated, "Sathya Sai National Human Values Day." An interfaith meeting was held in Leicester on this day, with about 900 people participating. Each of the five human values taught by Bhagawan was highlighted by a team of speakers from the Sathya Sai Youth Wing and by guest speakers representing various faiths and religions, including Baha'i, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Jainism, Sikhism, and Zoroastrianism.

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

On 20th October 2013, Avatar Declaration Day, Sathya Sai volunteers provided 4.5 tonnes of food to 40 local food banks around the country. In addition, about 1,000 homeless individuals were served at 11 homeless shelters across the United Kingdom.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS OF BHAGAWAN SRI SATHYA SAI BABA

Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's Birthday was celebrated on 23rd November 2013 in Leatherhead, Surrey. About 550 people attended the celebrations, under the theme "Sai Premabandhan—Unifying Bond of Divine Love." Mrs. Janet Bock-Bicker, the chief guest, thrilled the audience with a rare presentation of a recording of Bhagawan's early life.



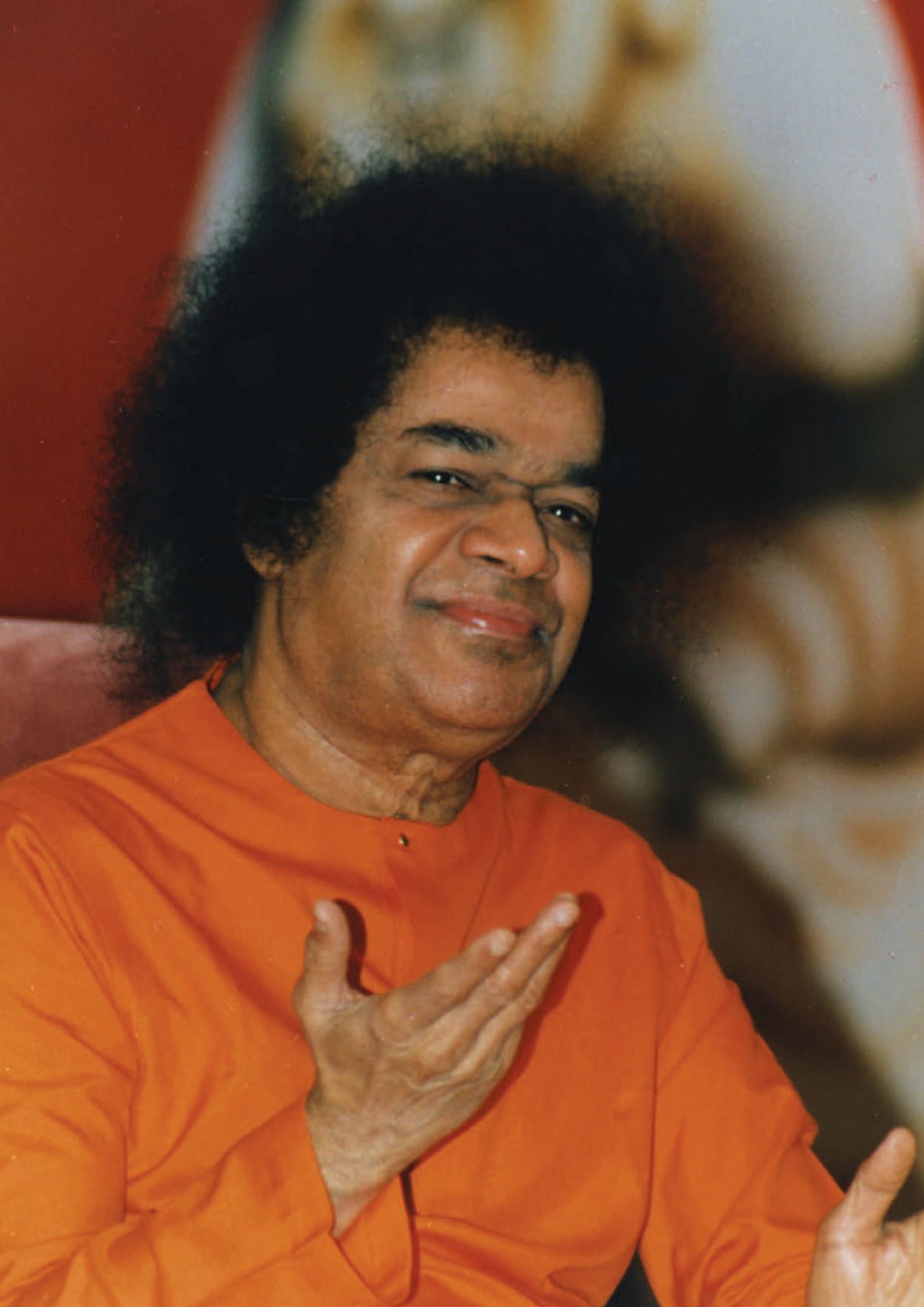
Service at food bank



Film presentation on Bhagawan

"Love exists for love and nothing else. It is spontaneous and imparts delight. Everything is permeated by love. Love sees with the heart and not the eyes. It listens not through the ears but by the tranquility of the heart. It speaks not with the tongue but out of compassion."

—Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 25th December, 1995



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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Abu Dhabi is the capital of the United Arab Emirates. It is located in one of the hottest and most humid geographic regions of the world. For at least five months in a year the weather is harsh to unbearable for outdoor work such as gardening, landscaping, road cleaning, and repairs to public properties. Workers are exposed to extreme sun and dust. The Abu Dhabi Sathya Sai Centre provides these workers with pure drinking water and refreshing packs of fresh Laban, a local variety of slightly salted buttermilk. This service, which commenced on 27th May 2013 and ran through October 2013, protects the worker against dehydration. On weekends, Sathya Sai volunteers collect fresh water and the Laban packs from the factory. The volunteers divide into groups, spread out over Abu Dhabi, and distribute this refreshment at work sites scattered throughout the city and its suburbs. Workers, sweltering in the heat, thank the Sathya Sai volunteers profusely, repeating, “*Al Hamdulillah* (Thank you, Lord),” and “*Allaho Akbar* (God is great).” Sometimes the service is carried out at pre-arranged construction sites.



Distributing food to workers

Most labourers in the Gulf area live by themselves, away from loved ones, and rely on institutional food, prepared in bulk, in their camps. Twice a month Sathya Sai volunteers prepare wholesome, home-cooked meals and serve the workers with love. The volunteers prepare and deliver food to pre-arranged packaging locations. Packets are assembled containing



Distribution of water

fresh, home-cooked vegetable *pulau* (rice pilaf), mixed vegetables, yogurt rice, apples, cold Laban, and a sweet. The hampers are packed into larger cartons, and delivered prior to Friday afternoon prayers. Each month an average of 1,400 food packets are distributed to selected labour camps. Around 210 Sathya Sai volunteer families participate in this service activity of feeding the needy.

In honour of the Serve the Planet initiative, the SSIO of Abu Dhabi distributed food packets containing rice, lentils, and oil to 70 labourers of various nationalities at a labour camp.

BAHRAIN

EASWARAMMA DAY OBSERVANCE

On 11th May 2013, more than 800 guests attended an event to observe Easwaramma Day at the spacious Jashanmal Auditorium at the Indian School, Bahrain. This was one of the largest turnouts in Bahrain for a function organised by the SSIO. Different age groups of SSE children presented the



Easwaramma Day observance, Bahrain

theme, "Living the Values," through human-values songs, devotional songs, dances and dance dramas, and skits, with each age group focussing on one value. For 150 minutes, the children enthralled the audience as the lives of great personalities who lived the values were presented. The programme ended with a production titled, "My Life Is My Message," which reflected the early years of Bhagawan's life. The presentation comprised of *Hari katha* (an Indian traditional art of story-telling interspersed with song), tableaux (motionless figures depicting a famous scene from a story or history), pantomime, and shadow play. Dr. Sai Giridhar, Chief Executive Officer, Al Hilal Hospital, was the Chief Guest; and Mr. Abraham John, Chair of the Executive Committee, Indian School, Bahrain, was the Guest of Honour.

AVATAR DECLARATION DAY

On 16th October, the Eid holiday, food packets including rice, lentils, oil, and sugar were distributed to 556 low-income workers belonging to various nationalities at a labour camp. On Avatar Declaration Day, Sathya Sai volunteers prepared rice, curry, and lentils at their homes and served the food to labourers who had come to the monthly free medical camp for medical examination.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS OF BHAGAWAN SRI SATHYA SAI BABA

Bhagawan's Birthday celebrations were spread over 88 days in Bahrain, commencing on 28th August 2013 and encompassing a variety of devotional and service activities. A blood donation camp was conducted on 31st August, wherein about 90 devotees donated "liquid love" at the Salmaniya Hospital blood bank. An "Educare for All" programme was launched on 27th September, and two biweekly educational sessions were conducted. A service camp was conducted on 16th October, where 306 indigent workers were individually supplied with two kilogrammes rice, one kilogramme lentils, one kilogramme sugar, one litre oil, and one packet of washing powder. On 24th October, a hot meal was served to about 200 workers in a medical camp organised by the Indian Community Relief Fund, which operates under the auspices of the Indian Embassy. Finally, on 23rd November 2013, about 500 SSIO members celebrated Bhagawan's Birthday with a two-hour programme of devotional singing and a children's choir concert, at the Thattai Hindu Mercantile Community Hall. Uplifting talks based on Bhagawan's discourses were given, and a video was shown on the activities of the SSIO around the world.



Serving meals



Blood donation

"You should merge your welfare with the welfare of the world. How can you be happy when your neighbour is in misery? Therefore, I call upon you to give up praying for your own advancement. Pray for the peace, prosperity and happiness of all humanity, irrespective of clime or colour."

—Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 7th October, 1970

DUBAI

MEDICAL SERVICES

On 31st May 2013, the SSIO of Dubai, in participation with the local medical service provider Prime Medical Centre, organised a three-hour-long medical camp at the ETA Melco labour camp, in Al Quoz, Dubai. Five physicians, two paramedics, and three pharmacists, along with 18 Sathya Sai volunteers, served 205 needy, low-income patients hailing predominantly from India. Medical screening tests included blood pressure and blood sugar measurements. Consultations were given for chronic illnesses and

ailments such as chronic pain, vision problems, and skin allergies. At least 90 types of medicines were dispensed, and fruit and juices were distributed to all camp attendees.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Food packets comprised of rice, lentils, oil, sugar, biscuits, peanuts, and spices, in addition to toiletry kits, were distributed to low-income labourers of various nationalities. Young adults and pre-young-adult volunteers distributed packets containing buttermilk, bananas, and biscuits to construction workers at various working sites. An estimated 3,900 people were served.

On 27th February 2014, nine volunteers from the SSIO of Dubai participated in a can-recycling drive, in association with the Emirates Environmental Group (EEG) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), a prestigious environmental group in the Middle East. The event was organised at Zabeel Park, Dubai, where the volunteers facilitated the collection, weighing, recording, and loading of the collected cans. Caring for the environment is a hallmark of the SSIO activities in Dubai.

On 8th February 2014, 239 SSIO members and others attended a play titled “Sant Meera” at the Sathya Sai Mandir in Dubai. The two-hour programme depicting the life of Saint Meera was presented beautifully by 13 SSE children through song, dance, and dialogue.



KUWAIT

BHAGAWAN'S MAHA SAMADHI OBSERVANCE

On 24th April 2013, 159 Sathya Sai devotees attended a special programme of Veda chanting and a study circle at the Indian Community School in Salmiya, Kuwait. Participants shared their experiences during the time of Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi. The discussion preceded three outstanding talks, delivered with clarity and conviction, by SSE children on the topics, "Be a Friend to Win a Friend," "Smile," and "Face the Fear and It Will Disappear."

The children also presented a programme titled "Unity in Diversity." An outline of a world map was painted on a huge canvas, measuring six feet by twelve feet, and the children applied palm prints of their hands dipped in bright vibrant paint colours. The palm prints signified the global unity of people across all continents and the dispersion of the message of truth, right conduct, peace, love and nonviolence. The popular song, "Heal the World," a plea for making this world a better place, played in the background.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS OF BHAGAWAN SRI SATHYA SAI BABA

About 300 people attended Bhagawan's Birthday celebrations on 21st November 2013 at the Indian Central School, Abbasiya, Kuwait. In honour of the Birthday, SSIO members organised a programme titled "Krutanjali," consisting of devotional singing, music, and other festivities. SSE children presented classical Indian songs and dances and gave talks on EHV. Video clips from Bhagawan's discourses were presented, and talks were given on the beneficial effects of imprinting children with human values education and character-building at an early age. Finally, certificates and mementos were awarded to the graduating children.



Cultural programme in Kuwait

"The real value of selfless service, its most visible result, is that it reforms you, reshapes you. Do selfless service as a spiritual discipline; then you will be humble and happy."

—Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 29th March, 1967

OMAN

On 20th December 2013, about 125 people attended a health-awareness seminar in Muscat organised by the Serve And Inspire (SAI) Group. Medical professionals provided information on a conscious, comprehensive, and holistic approach toward health. Screening tests were administered for common health problems, including dental diseases, diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease. The *Oman Tribune* newspaper featured an article on this seminar.

On a monthly basis, food packets of rice, lentils, milk powder, flour, sugar, tea bags, chickpeas, oil, tomato paste, chips, and chocolates were prepared and distributed to 650 needy children in various villages in the interior of the country.



EHV workshop



Teachers at workshop, Oman

From 2011 through the reporting period, the SAI Group organised 36 EHV workshops for various schools in Oman. These workshops were authorised by the Ministry of Education, and the initial workshop series was inaugurated in September 2011 by Dr. Madiha Al Shaibaniya, Honourable Minister of Education of Oman. Between 7th December 2013 and 3rd January 2014, four workshops on the theme, "Integration of Human Values in Teaching," were organised at schools in the cities of Nizwa, Salalah, and Sur. More than 185 teachers from these schools participated in the workshops, which were conducted by 10 Sathya Sai volunteers. The *Times of Oman* newspaper featured an article on these workshops.

SAUDI ARABIA

In observance of Bhagawan's Maha Samadhi, on the evening of 24th April 2013, 50 members of the Sathya Sai Centre of Riyadh met for a programme of prayers, devotional singing, and the offering of a book and CD at the lotus feet of Bhagawan. The book, titled *Sai And I* (SAI), is a compilation of 46 personal experiences of members of the Sathya Sai Centre. The CD contains songs written, composed, and sung by the members themselves. On the following day, 25th April 2013, Sathya Sai volunteers loving-

ly prepared and distributed, to the hungry, 118 food packets containing *biriyani* (a special rice dish), *raita* (yogurt sauce), water bottles, apples, sweets, and juice. In addition, 17 Sathya Sai volunteers donated “liquid love” at a blood-donation camp at the King Fahd Medical City Hospital, and about 50 Sathya Sai members attended a devotional programme that evening. On 26th April 2013, members organised a concluding devotional programme of prayers and *bhajans*.

In honour of Bhagawan’s 88th Birthday, on the morning of 23rd November 2013, volunteers distributed 216 packets of *biriyani*, *raita*, sweets, fruit, juice, and water to needy people living in and around Riyadh. That evening, about 60 SSIO members attended a *bhajan* session in honour of Bhagawan’s 88th Birthday, and also released a *Sathya Sai Parenting Newsletter*, compiled by the Sathya Sai Centre of Riyadh.

On 14th February 2014, about 20 Sathya Sai volunteers in Riyadh distributed 250 food packets to needy, low-income people in numerous locations around the city. Sathya Sai volunteers lovingly cooked *biriyani* and *raita* at home and assembled these into food packets for distribution, along with fruit, juice, and water.

A similar group of Sathya Sai volunteers arranged a devotional programme in observance of the holy night of Shivaratri, beginning the evening of 27th February 2014 and ending early the next morning. The event, held at the Riyadh Sathya Sai Centre, was attended by about 60 members, who participated in the night-long singing with great fervour and devotion.



Serving food, Saudi Arabia



International Sai Symphony Orchestra performing during Birthday celebrations

PRASANTHI EVENTS

SSIO members from all over the world visited Prasanthi Nilayam to participate in festivals, devotional and cultural programmes, conferences, and pilgrimages and undertook various service activities during this reporting period of April 2013 through March 2014. Examples of such offerings are briefly described below to show the love and dedication of students and devotees of Sathya Sai in presenting a multitude of programmes to Bhagawan during special occasions.

BUDDHA POORNIMA

A variety of cultural and music programmes marked the celebration of Buddha Poornima at Prasanthi Nilayam. The programme, held for two days on 25th and 26th May 2013, was organised by SSIO members from Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Nepal, Bhutan, Japan, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, and Brunei. The theme of the 2013 Buddha Poornima celebration was “From Mind (the Cause of Suffering) to Nirvana (the End of Suffering).”

The programme on the morning of 25th May 2013 included talks by senior members on the life and teachings of Lord Buddha and the universality of Bhagawan’s teachings. In the evening, the children and youth of Thailand enacted a drama, “Eight Jewels,” which depicted the eight-fold path taught by Lord Buddha. The drama concluded with a group song dedicated to Bhagawan.

On 26th May 2013, a bouquet of dances including Kauda and Sherpa dances was presented by Sathya Sai students of Nepal, which reflected the rich cultural heritage of Nepal. The Nepalese also presented a dance drama, “Chandalika,” conveying the message of equality and unity of mankind and reinforcing the teaching of Bhagawan that there is only one caste, the caste of humanity. The last item of the programme was a drama, “All Are One, Be Alike to Everyone,” which depicted Lord Buddha’s message.



Buddha Poornima



Balinese dance, Guru Poornima

GURU POORNIMA

Sathya Sai devotees representing many countries of the SSIO celebrated Guru Poornima in Prasanthi Nilayam. From 17th to 20th July 2013, nearly 300 visitors from Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Laos, along with guests from Hong Kong and Taiwan, participated in a four-day Spiritual Showers conference held in the Poornachandra Auditorium. The theme of the conference was “The Divine Legacy of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba.” The proceedings included talks and presentations, workshop sessions, a question-and-answer session, a practical meditation session, and presentations on service and spiritual activities.

On 23rd July 2013, a Balinese dance titled “Krishna and the Gopalas” was presented, depicting Lord Krishna’s playful life. The presentation consisted of a dramatic

illustration of Bhagawan's omnipresent divinity. This was followed by a cultural programme by the SSIO of Mexico, which celebrated 40 years of activities of the Sathya Sai Organisation in Mexico. The programme included prayer songs, a med-

ley of Mexican folk songs, and devotional songs.

On 24th July 2013, a medley of songs titled "Voices Raised in Adoration," presented in various languages and representing the major religions of the world, was offered by members of the Sathya Sai Centres of Glendale and Arcadia, California, USA.

PILGRIMAGES

SSIO members from North European countries offered musical homage to Bhagawan by presenting an international choir programme titled "Sarvadharmā" (Unity of All Faiths) on 29th July 2013. The programme included prayer and melodious songs in many languages, including Polish, Hebrew, Latvian, Lithuanian, Estonian, and English. The presentation concluded with a song celebrating the unity of all mankind bound by the religion of love.

A group from the Middle East and Gulf countries also offered their homage and gratitude to Bhagawan. On 30th July 2013, a music programme titled "Ramadan Mubarak" showcased the significance of Ramadan. The group adorned Sai Kulwant Hall with beautiful crescents and stars, the symbol of Islam, in addition to floral and other decorations. The programme began with an Azaan (call to prayer) and included nine songs in Arabic, Urdu, and English; it concluded with a song expressing Bhagawan's divine message "Love All, Serve All."

On 1st August 2013, a group from the UK presented a musical instrumental medley in Sai Kulwant Hall, led by a group of interna-

tionally renowned musicians. The evening ended with a presentation of popular devotional songs.



Choir from Mexico



Musical offering from Northern Europe



Music programme by Middle East countries

BHAGAWAN'S BIRTHDAY

Bhagawan's 88th birthday celebrations in 2013 included a variety of programmes by SSIO members from around the world. A soul-stirring Carnatic (Indian classical) music presentation was offered by a Chinese artist, Sri Chong Chiu Sen, from Malaysia, on 21st November 2013. On 24th November 2013, an International Sai Symphony Orchestra, numbering about 30 musicians from many countries and joined by 10 students from the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning Brass Band, enthralled the audience with fine renditions of works by renowned composers including W.A. Mozart, Johann Strauss, Leroy Anderson, Ottorino Respighi, and Luigi Boccherini. On 25th November 2013, Dr. Narendranath Reddy, Chairman, Prasanthi Council, offered his heartfelt tributes to Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba on behalf of all SSIO members in 126 countries around the globe. He exhorted one and all to realise their innate divinity by following the teachings of Bhagawan and thereby redeem their lives.

CHRISTMAS

A large number of SSIO members from various countries celebrated Christmas in the sacred precincts of Prasanthi Nilayam from 24th to 26th December, 2013. Sai Kulwant Hall was bedecked with traditional Christmas decorations, with colourful floral decorations and Christmas trees adorning the venue. Beautiful lights on the Yajur Mandir, temples, canteens, and office buildings in the premises of Prasanthi Nilayam presented a charming spectacle at night. The celebrations included Christmas carols, an international Christmas choir of more than 300 international musicians and singers, musical presentations by students from Sathya Sai institutions, talks by SSIO members, a drama performed by children from many countries, a Christmas discourse by Bhagawan, and an international children's choir.



CHINESE NEW YEAR

More than 300 Sathya Sai devotees from Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, New Zealand, South Africa, Japan, and the USA celebrated Chinese New Year 2014 in the sacred precincts of Prasanthi Nilayam on 5th and 6th February 2014. This was the 17th Chinese New Year event presented in Prasanthi Nilayam to Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. The theme of the celebrations was “Sai Baba’s Teachings: His Greatest Gift and Blessing for Mankind.”

The programme started on the evening of 5th February with the lighting of a lamp, followed by the offering of traditional Chinese delicacies to Bhagawan and group prayers for universal peace, led by SSIO members from Indonesia. Several uplifting talks were given by senior leaders of the SSIO, followed by a music session presented by the youth of Malaysia in Chinese, Sanskrit, and English.

The celebrations on the evening of 6th February began with a devotional music programme presented by the Youth Choir of Malaysia. Sathya Sai youth from Malaysia then presented a drama titled “Confucius: the Righteous.” The programme ended with a dance presentation.



Chinese New Year celebration by Malaysian Youth Choir



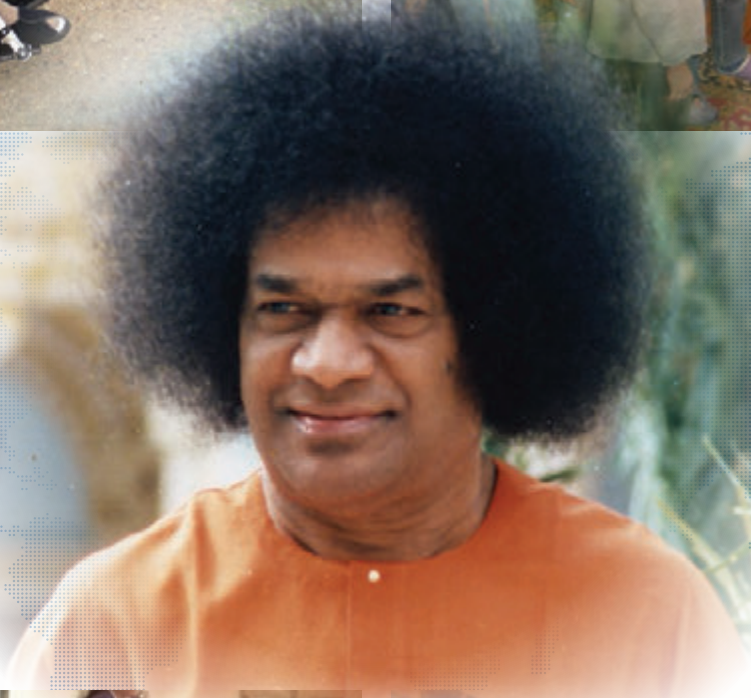
“A wave of service, if it sweeps over the land catching everyone in its enthusiasm, will be able to wipe off the mounds of hatred, malice, and greed that infest the world.”

–Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 9th September, 1969

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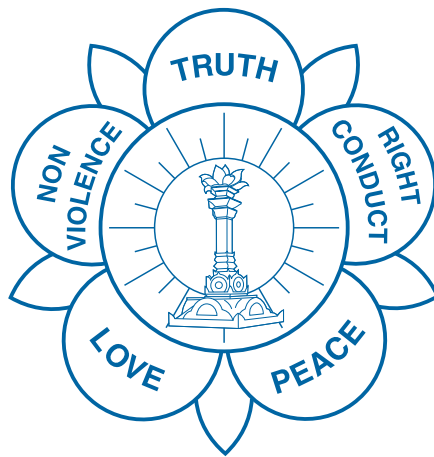


Peru



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Love All - Serve All