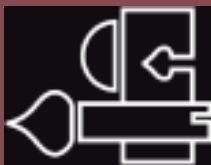


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Relief - In View of Communal Clashes and Curfew

Hyderabad city witnessed communal clashes in the last week of March 2010. This was subsequently followed by a ten day long curfew in Old City of Hyderabad, apart from a few areas in the new city. HMI's Director Dr. Varghese Manimala and the Community Development (CD) team members visited the project areas at Sultan Shahi, Shanker Nagar and Chandrayangutta and organized meetings with community people. As an outcome of the above meetings, CD team initiated and organized relief activities at its project areas. This was done with the kind contribution from CD team's projects and HMI staff. 166 Hindu and Muslim families were given relief packs with ten essential food commodities like rice, dal, oil, etc.

Subsequently several meetings were organized with the community members to help them overcome the tensions and fear which they experienced during the communally sensitive situation.

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The Henry Martyn Institute (HMI) established in 1930, is a study and praxis oriented centre specialising in the study of Islam and working for reconciliation between people of all faiths. HMI's efforts are in response to the contemporary context of inter-religious misunderstanding and violence, and it promotes activities that remove prejudice, resolve conflict and increase trust and cooperation between individuals and groups.

Academic programmes at HMI include a nine-month Post-Graduate Diploma in Islam and Interfaith Relations, one year Post-Graduate Diploma in Conflict Transformation, Peace-Building and Interfaith Relations, and a Master of Theology Degree Programme in Islam offered through the Senate of Serampore and Luther Seminary in USA. Each May, the Institute also organises a two-week intensive Summer Course on Islam and Interfaith Relations. HMI also offers daily language classes in Arabic, Urdu, and Persian, a ten-week Intensive Summer Language Programme and a two-week Peace Building Programme.

HMI's commitment to the work of reconciliation translates into ongoing Praxis programmes for building bridges of understanding between Muslims, Hindus and others at grass-root levels. This includes practical work in three community development centres in slum neighbourhoods of Hyderabad, an HIV-AIDS awareness programme, and short and long-term training programmes in conflict transformation and peace building.

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This is the age of revolution in communication, and electronic media have developed so much; but still the written and printed word holds an irreplaceable position. We are quite aware of this and we would like to be in touch with our partners and well-wishers through our newsletter *Interaction*. As most of you know this is a bi-annual publication and we are glad to put into your hands the first issue of this year. You will get a glimpse of activities of Henry Martyn Institute (HMI) for the past six months in the various fields that we are engaged in. Our theory is complemented by praxis and vice versa; we believe in the complementarity of both. A theory devoid of praxis is empty and a praxis not supported by theory will lose its relevance in a short while and is bound to meet with failure. We are happy that we could achieve much in the fields of academics, conflict transformation and community development. All became possible due to the hard work of our staff members and those who supported us in various ways through finance and personnel. We are greatly indebted to all of them. Due to human frailties and lack of sufficient hands we could not reach to the expected heights; and we are aware we have to learn to live with our limitations without in any way finding justification in them. We do hope you will enjoy perusing the following pages and any recommendation or suggestion from your side is welcome. Let us join together to bring about the peace and harmony for which our society yearns. We need to be aware of the culture of violence that seems to be taking root in the society and we have to be vanguards in denouncing such a tendency by promoting a counter-culture of justice, love and peace. Denouncing all discrimination and oppression we need to surge forward.

Dr. Varghese Manimala
Director & Editor



Academic Programmes

Study Programmes

Post Graduate Diploma Courses (Islamic Studies and Conflict Transformation)



PG Diploma Closing

Thirteen students have been trained at HMI for nine months in Islamic Studies, Conflict Transformation and Interfaith Relation courses. PGDCT students presented their research after their completion of two months' internship (field exposure).

The award ceremony of the Post Graduate Diploma courses was held on the 31st of March. Those who graduated are: **PGDIS** – D. Prince (Kerala), Safik Ahmed (Gujarat), Gulzeb Daruwalla (Gujarat), Park Sangkil (South Korea) and Kamal Kayshab (Chattisgar) **PGDCT** - Bavon Kabila (Congo), Thimothee Wakilonga (Congo), Royce Sindano (Tanzania), Thanmi Shimray (Manipur), Pillar Jasha (Manipur), Sneha Naik (Orissa), Sanju Takri(Orissa), Jakhin Huika(Orissa).

Language Programme

Intensive Language Programme/Summer Intensive Language Programme:

Simonetta Casci took intensive Urdu language course. She is one of the HMI's associate from Pavia University, Italy. She also explored various topics in Islamic Studies while studying language. Samuel from Nagaland studied three months Urdu non-intensive course.

Four students namely, Philippe Chevrant (French National Library, Paris), Letellier Benedicte (University of Reunion, France), Anna Griffith (undergraduate, University of Chicago, USA), Kelly Roache (undergraduate, Princeton University, USA) are studying Summer Intensive language programme in Urdu, Arabic and Persian for this year. A Few students are also involved in research in Urdu/Arabic literature in Hyderabad.

Faculty for the programme: Mrs. Asma Nuzheth-Urdu, Mr. Abdul Kareem- Arabic, Dr. Basheerunisa-Persian

Annual Summer Course (2-15 May)

HMI's annual intensive two-week programme on Islam and Interfaith Relations was held at HMI's Aman Shanthi Nilayam, Hyderabad.

This year we had a range of participants from all over India. Many were Theological Students, each at



Summer Course



Sweedindia group

different stages in their studies. The colleges from which the students came included United Theological College (Bangalore), Masters College of Theology (Visakhapatnam), and Bethel Bible College (Guntur). Students from different study areas and parts of India were also involved, including some from Nagaland, Manipur, Chennai and Mumbai. Two HMI interns also took part, one each from Germany and England and one volunteer from USA.

We have had a variety of guest speakers and HMI faculty for the course. Every morning students had a language class; some Arabic, and others learning Urdu. Dr. Martha Frederiks of the Utrecht University, was the guest faculty for the whole course, and she with her deep knowledge and wide experience brought



Utrecht Group

much insight into all aspects of Islam. This includes Islamic practice and theology in Africa, where she spent many years as a missionary. A highlight for many participant was the Introduction to Sufism by Dr. Scott Kugle, an American professor and scholar in Sufism.

Short-term Programmes

Utrecht Group (24-31 January):

Two week exposure to Indian culture and Indian way of life were the aims of a group of twenty college students from the University of Utrecht lead by Dr. Martha Fredericks and Dr. Freek L. Bakker. Group attended various lectures at HMI and visited local religious places. They also had a one-day seminar at Hyderabad Central University. These students are studying Masters and focusing on religious studies.

Pastoral Colleague, Germany (9-21 February):

Twenty pastors of the Protestant Church in Hesse and Nassau, Germany, serving in congregations for more than ten years spent two weeks at HMI. The group was lead by Rev. Detlev Knoch, Director of EKHEN and Bishop Michael Karg, Hesse. Their study was focused on 'understanding the interfaith relations and religions in South India'. HMI's faculty and guest faculty led sessions connected to the theme. Group also visited worship places and had interactions with the local community during their stay and study at HMI.



Swedish India Project (21-27 March):

Eighteen social work students from four universities from Sweden attended a week programme at HMI - The aim of this one week course is to introduce the participants to our academic and praxis programmes and the Indian religious traditions. The overall evaluation of these students reflect their personal awakening to their faith traditions and their gaining effective clarity in understanding the role of religion in society. This programme also is strengthening HMI's association with SwedIndia project in Pune, India.

Research Scholars

Independent Studies: Most of the research scholars come from various institutions abroad. At HMI, scholars receive guidance through lectures, discussions with staff members or faculty, exposure visits and time in the library.

Interns and Volunteers

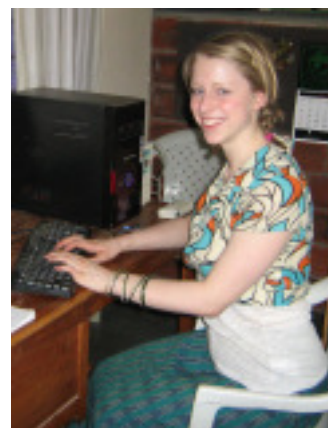
Till Kanstadt, 29, student of protestant theology at the University of Hamburg Germany, sponsored by



NMZ successfully completed his three month internship at HMI. His main aim of the internship was to learn about HMI's work of ecumenism and interfaith relationship. His study was focused on interfaith dialogue especially between Christians and Muslims. He also visited Community Development projects

to understand grass-root level involvement and understanding of interfaith relations and reconciliation, which is HMI's on-going work in the old city area of Hyderabad. He attended two weeks summer course in Islam and Interfaith Relations. In association with conflict transformation work, he worked on a research paper 'Biblical Foundations and Role Models for Conflict Transformation'.

Maddeline Race, 19, spent six weeks at HMI. She is an active youth member from St Philip's Centre, Leicester, UK. She was very enthusiastic to learn about religions in India, and Indian culture and traditions. She involved herself in various academic and



praxis activities at HMI during her stay. She participated in the two weeks' Summer Course in Islam and interfaith relations. She worked with children and younger women in the HMI's CD projects. She produced beautiful paintings through her art work

HMI Partners, Collaboration and Network

- HMI renewed the collaboration with Utrecht University for PhD programme for the coming academic year. Dr. Martha Frederick visited HMI twice this year and had fruitful discussions on the ongoing collaboration of HMI with Utrecht.
- **Rev. Philip Baker**, ELCA regional Representative, Theological Education Asia-Pacific visited HMI. Shobha Gosa gave an overview of academic programmes for the current year and discussed future collaboration and developments through the five year action plan
- Director and Programme Secretary attended a Seminar with a group of Dutch students at Central University. Director exchanged information with the Dean of Humanities and faculties for the future collaboration and PhD possibilities through the university. HMI also showed interest to help Central University for developing a curriculum on inter-religious studies and also networking through Utrecht University.
- Seventeen Theological students from ACTC (Andhra Christian Theological College) led by

Mrs. Vijay Kumari, faculty from the college, had one day interacting sessions at HMI on 5th February. Students actively participated in the discussions and spent time in the HMI library as part of their assignment on 'HMI's vision and mission in relation to interfaith relations and reconciliation.'

- Director and two faculty members, Ms. Christy and Mr. Vijay travelled to Chennai, Gurukul College of Theology to discuss renewal of MTh programme collaboration which was successful. HMI, will commence the MTh programme from next academic year through Gurukul Lutheran Theological College and United Theological College (UTC), Bangalore. In this connection HMI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Gurukul and UTC.
- Director travelled to Delhi for discussion regarding financial cooperation with Interfaith Coalition for Peace (ICP) and other possible partners.
- Ms. Shobha Gosa facilitated a workshop on 'Role of youth in Interfaith relations and peace building' in Nepal. Around 260 young people from South Asian Churches and partner Churches from the UK had gathered at Phulbari Resort, Pokhara in Nepal for the 3rd South Asia Christian Youth Conference under the theme "Cross the Bridge" [16-21 May 2010] Participants have had time to discuss on various topics in the workshop including culture, social issues, justice, religion, church, mission, interfaith work and media. Shobha has been involved in this network since 2001.
- Dr. Manimala and Ms. Shobha attended Dr. Vasantha Rao's installation service as the new principal at ACTC. In his greetings, Director extended invitation to the principal and the faculty to continue the collaboration with HMI.
- Ms. Asma Nuzhath attended 'Urdu Literary Forum' at Osmania University which was held on 25 May. It was focused on government facilities and resources to spread Urdu language, culture and literature in India. She also met Dr. Fatima Parveen, Head of Urdu department and had discussions about HMI's study programmes.

- Programme Secretary visited various local seminaries and universities to invite paper presenters for the upcoming seminar and also discussed possible network and associations with respective institutions.

Visitors and Groups

This year we had several new visitors aside from our old friends of HMI visiting us.

Rev. Eberhard Will, head of the department for mission and ecumenical relations of the Evangelische Kirche von Kurhessen-Waldeck, in Kassel, Germany visited HMI with 15 German pastors and 5 Indian pastors from CSI Mangalore Diocese in January (11-15), 2010.

British High Commissioner, Chennai visited HMI on 29 January. Director extended invitation for the future work with the BHC. Few staff members met the commissioner and explained about the institute work.



British High Commissioner
with Dr. Manimala

Ineke Koekoek, a teacher from The Netherlands church

visited HMI for a day. Shobha Gosa has given brief introduction of the work of institute and few HMI staff had informal meeting at lunch time.

Christeena, 19, from Germany visited HMI for a day and attended a lecture on 'Islam in India and Interfaith Relations'. She also spent time in discussion with Dr. Qadeer on Islamic spirituality which is her interest apart from the study of world religions. She was interning at the Diocese of Krishna Godavari, CSI, for few weeks as part of her study.

Five **Dutch pastors** from Lutheran Church lead by **ds Nel van den Briel** visited HMI. Shobha Gosa and Faculty members had a interacting time with the



group highlighting the HMI's philosophy and work in relation to dialogue and reconciliation. Group also raised concerns connected to Dalit issues and Churches responses in India.

All programmes includes: *HMI's initiative to involve local religious institutions and religious representatives in the programme....HMI's Community development projects exposure...session with local scholars in world major religions....solidarity evenings...cross-cultural exposure and social interactions*

Seminars/Lectures

We organized three public lectures on different topics: the first by Dr Freek L. Bakker, senior lecturer/researcher from the University of Utrecht on "Bhakti in Indian Films- the attitude of Hinduism towards films".

A public lecture organized at HMI with the cooperation of the US Consulate, Hyderabad, by al-Shaikh: Muhamad Bashir Arafat, founder, Civilization Exchange & Cooperation Foundation, on a topic: 'Peaceful Co-existence among states in light of the Qur'an and the Sunnah and its relevance in the modern times'

A Seminar on 'Religious Leadership and the Role of the Zakira' by Dr. Diane D'Souza was organized at HMI for faculty and students. The presentation was based on her recent research work and special focus on 'Partners of Zaynab: A Gender Perspective of Shia Muslim Faith'. Dr. Robert Shick, ex-faculty of HMI was also present in the seminar

Dr. Manimala was specially invited by UELCI (United Evangelical Lutheran Church in India) to address their national workshop held at Gurukul, April 27-28 and he gave a talk on "Conflict Transformation and Developing a Culture of Peace in Church and Society: An analysis of contemporary challenges and suggestions to Transcend them" and facilitated the discussion.

Academic Team:

Dr. Varghese Manimala (Director), Ms. Shobha Gosa (Programme Secretary) Mr. Abdul Kareem (Arabic-Faculty), Ms. Asma Nuzhath (Urdu-faculty), Dr. Qadeer Qwaja (Assit. professor), Ms. Christy Femila (Lecturer), Mr. Vijay Sastry (lecturer).

Special thanks from the academic team to all visiting faculty: Dr. Martha Frederick, Dr. Scott Kugle, Dr. Ismat Mehdi, Prof. Tutun Mukherjee, Dr. Freek L. Bakker, Mrs. Arshia Ayub, Mrs. Najma and Dr. Rasheed Naseem,

Publications

The January – December 2009 issue of the Interaction Newsletter was brought as combined issue in the month of January 2010.

HMI's is coming up with a book titled: "*The Jesus Verses of the Qur'an*" by Karl Steen Brink, Professor Emeritus of Intercultural Theology, Utrecht University. Netherlands.

Ms. Sribala and Community Development team had discussions about bringing out the brochure and a special booklet on Community Development work.

Director Dr. Manimala's desire to publish a book on "History of Henry Martyn Institute is in the process and may take some more time.

We are happy to receive more and more enquiries and responses after launching the website. Putting continuous efforts, energy and time apart from routine work by Ms. Sribala in the publications resulted in bringing out user-friendly website. Weekly updates, modifying it with latest designs are the going on activity done by her.

Semi annual publications - Journal of the Henry Martyn Institute vol. 28, no. 1&2, 2009 and vol. 29 no. 1 are behind schedule due to lack of articles. Hopefully we will bring out both the issues before the end of the year.

Library

HMI has a computerized and well-stocked library and acquisition of reading material is based on the need of the readers' requirements which includes faculty and students.

We take into account the needs of workshop participants and staff, and procure research material, books, journals and other resource materials (DVDs and CDs). During the financial year (1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010) the library has successfully added 514 titles covering the major and important subjects like

religion, philosophy, conflict transformation, gender studies, psychology and sociology, etc., worth Rs. 2,7,231.

HMI's library receives periodicals and journals; 82 journals are received in exchange with HMI's journal and 24 journals and news letter in gratis and 24 by subscription (Rs. 15, 824)

Library software is pruned regularly and this year also it has been pruned costing to Rs. 8,000/- and Rs. 2,800/- spent on binding of books. The present collection of the library is 23,000 books.

Journal of the Henry Martyn Institute

CALL FOR PAPERS

The *Journal of the Henry Martyn Institute* (JHMI) is currently seeking contributions JHMI. JHMI's aim is to promote interreligious understanding with a special focus on the study of Islam. JHMI also seeks to encourage reconciliation between people of different faiths within an overall framework of peace and justice. Although all articles related to Islam and other world religions are welcome, for this issue, the Editorial Committee of JHMI is particularly interested in the following topics:

- Issues related to global ethics within the context of religion.
- Issues related to intra-religious dialogue.
- Issues dealing with rights of women.
- Issues dealing with family law in the countries of the Middle East.
- Legal issues relating to the Arab world and South Asia.
- Christian-Muslim Interaction in Sub-Saharan Africa and Europe.

JHMI welcomes submissions of articles and book reviews by students, scholars, and practitioners from various fields. To submit an article or a book review, either e-mail the manuscript as an attachment to hmipublications@gmail.com or mail a copy of the manuscript on a compact disk or USB drive and as a hardcopy to the following address:

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Manuscripts should be double-spaced, with wide margins, and include the author's name, address, telephone number, and professional background. Manuscripts should contain diacritical marks particularly 'ayn and hamza (Arabic). Citations should be in the following style: [W.B. Hallaq, *A History of Islamic Legal Theories* (Cambridge: Cambridge University, 1997), page numbers]. Please submit manuscripts at the earliest.



Praxis Programmes

Community Development

The Community Development team during this period engaged in many activities with well planned strategies, action plans for positive interventions which focused on the concept of building community based organization. This resulted in significant outcomes and learnings related to community development and peace building initiatives. The participation of the different beneficiaries – men, women, youth and children in all the activities has increased as we emphasized on the participatory methodology.

The following report highlights the Community Development project activities – Aman Shanti Community Centre programmes, Young Men's Initiative activities, Partnering for Peace project that have been carried out in the Community Development Department of HMI.

Aman Shanti Community Centres

Education

- ◆ Ninety four students are attending the primary school in Sultan Shahi Centre. Out of these fifty one are girls and forty three are boys.
- ◆ Five students who receive educational scholarship from HMI continue their education. Among them one girl has completed Intermediate, one boy completed ninth class, a girl and a boy completed seventh class and a girl completed sixth class.
- ◆ Outing was organized for the school students 9th February 2009. Children enjoyed the water games at the Ocean Park, an amusement park in Hyderabad.
- ◆ Play for peace games, mid morning snack, art and cultural activities continue to be organized regularly as a part of peace education in the school.
- ◆ Summer special classes to develop the art and craft skills were conducted for twenty school children.

- ◆ Basic literacy classes were conducted for the young women in Shankernagar centre to encourage women to learn to read and write.
- ◆ Coaching classes have been offered for the girls and boys to complete their regular education. Twenty five students attended the classes in Chandrayangutta centre.

Vocational Training

- ◆ Eighty young women are learning Tailoring, Mehndi and Typing course during this period from the three projects.
- ◆ Karchop, a local handicraft classes were started in all the three centres on self sustaining basis. Sixteen girls are attending the classes regularly to learn the course and also to generate income in future.
- ◆ Five women are now working as tailoring teachers in the nearby localities. This is one of the main achievements in our work. Now we see that the women are getting empowered and taking up tasks for being economically sustainable.
- ◆ Tailoring students also volunteer in pulse polio immunization programme. In this programme in the students make door to door visits and immunize the



Inter religious festival celebration- Sultanshahi

children with polio vaccination. This effort encourages the young women to work together for a social cause and also learn to be together with other faith women.

- ◆ Outing to Jalvihar amusement park in Hyderabad was jointly organized for the tailoring students from all the three centers. Students from three centres were able to develop friendships with each other across Hindu and Muslim faiths.

Clinic

- ◆ 628 patients benefited from the health services in the clinic.
- ◆ Monthly health talks have been organized for the community women.
- ◆ School student's health checkup was organized in January 2010 to monitor the growth and hygiene of the children.
- ◆ General Health Camp in collaboration with Lepira India was organized in March 2010 for the community members in Sultan Shahi Centre. 173 patients benefited from this camp.
- ◆ Every month immunization is given to the pregnant women and children at the centre. Vitamin A Dose was given to all the community children for their healthy development.
- ◆ Local government hospital continues to offer health services to the community women at our centre.

Interfaith Building Initiatives

As an initiative to develop interfaith relations among the community members hailing from both Hindu and Muslim communities Interfaith Religious Festival was celebrated on 26th January in Sultan Shahi centre, Women's Day was celebrated in all the three centres in March. It is observed that cultural exchanges and friendship building for peace processes take place on these occasions.

Community Empowerment Processes

Dialogue and Peace building

Grass root workshops are organized for the community women to develop the capacities of the community members to deal with different issues related to conflict.



Five year planning

As an outcome of these workshops the students are able to make paintings about their present situations and look for alternatives for better future possibilities.

Economic Development

As a part of economic empowerment processes women through their savings received loans to start their petty business and also meet their household expenses. This is one of the major steps towards economic independence. We also network with other organizations to receive the loans. In future we also intend to develop our own funds to meet the needs of the community members for sustainable economic development.

In addition to this women are undertaking petty jobs from the local market to generate income to sustain their families' basic needs. Some of the products made by the community women are sold at HMI when different groups –local and international—visit HMI. The sale gives them an ample amount of income and also builds their confidence to continue these efforts.

Staff Development

Regular staff meetings are organized to develop the capacities of the project staff members. In this term the project staff members have jointly prepared the annual report for the period 2009-2010 and also made plans for the coming year April 2010 to March 2011.

The project staff members continue to network with the local educational, health and technical institutions to seek out different partnering possibilities. Ms. Noorie Begum and Ms. Amreen Begum in their school vacation



have joined the beautician course which is offered by SIASAT Trust to learn a new vocational craft. Ms. Saritha, one of the Tailoring teachers in Sultan Shahi centre has completed her second year of graduation and is pursuing further studies. Ms. Rehmat Inissa is doing her advanced Fashion Designing course from SETWIN (one of the vocational training centres recognized by the Government).

Planning

A lot of emphasis was given to envisioning the five year goals of the Community Development team for the period 2010 to 2015. As a result of which the draft plan has been prepared for further discussion with the Director and Board.

Interns / Mentoring

Mentoring students and scholars is one of the most important and continuing aspect of the Community Development Team. During this period two social work students Mr. Borsali and Mr. Pemmi from 'MAR GREGORIOUS COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE' Chennai had completed their summer placement work at HMI. They visited the projects and interacted with the staff and community women, in doing so they experienced working with grass root level, the strategies and skills for peace building initiatives through the community development programmes.

Jessica Lane a student from SIT Graduate University, USA studying Sustainable Development, as part of her internship worked with the CD team from the end of December until March 2010. She focused most of her time at our Chandrayangutta project site and worked with the staff and participants on subjects like women's empowerment, confidence building, and women's leadership from interfaith perspectives, public speaking and other social development activities. She met with participants twice a week and implemented around 20 activities during her time with us. Her major achievement was planning and organizing the International Women's Day celebration on March 4th with our project staff and participants. The women at the project took up various activities celebrating the lives of women leaders from Christian, Muslim and Hindu backgrounds. They shared stories, read poems and sang songs about

important women in their lives and they presented artwork such as paintings, collages, and passages written in calligraphy from the Qur'an which celebrate women. The participants invited their mothers, friends and other community members as honored guests to our function. Working at our Chandrayangutta project site was truly a transformational experience for Jessica as well as for the participants.

Mr. Till from Germany worked with the youth of young men initiative programme at the Sultan Shahi project. Through the interaction which he had with the youth he could learn that this is a common platform where in both the community youth come together and the interactions and discussions help in overcoming many stereotypes and prejudices.

Madeline Race from U.K visited the projects and interacted with the students and women in the community. She could do some activities with women and children, which helped the group to understand and know each other deeply. She gained more clarity on different concepts of Community Development and Peace building initiatives.

Visitors

On 12th January a group from Germany, 11th February Pastoral Group members from Germany, 17th and 18th February two members from Church of Sweden, 11th & 12th May members from Centre for Just peace visited the project.



Visitors to CD Projects

Young Men's Initiative (YMI) Project

Young men are one of the most susceptible groups to communal riots. Hence HMI believes that for sustainable peace building, it's very essential to address their needs and channelize their energies in a positive direction. This project is initiated at Sultan Shahi in the Old City of Hyderabad. Here various activities are being organized based on the interests and needs of the young men.

Job Oriented Technical Training for Youth

Closing ceremony of 'Computer Hardware & Networking' and 'A/C/Refrigeration' courses was organized on 19th March 2010. While fifteen young Hindu and Muslim men passed out the computer course, A/C & Refrigeration course saw twenty four Hindu and Muslim men successfully completing it. These young men were awarded with certificates of the above courses.

The computer course continues to meet the needs of the young men. Right now, twenty Hindu and Muslim young men are attending the course. Mr. Asgharuddin is the instructor for the course. The 6th batch of the 'A/C and Refrigeration' course with eighteen young Hindu and Muslim men is in progress. Mr. Abraar is continuing as the instructor for this job oriented course.

Peace Meetings

The Old City of Hyderabad witnessed communal clashes that were subsequently followed by curfew in the last week of March 2010. We visited the project areas and organized meetings with the community people. The community members shared their experiences and the effect of the curfew. This meeting brought the Hindu and Muslim community people together on a common platform. This gave an opportunity for them to share their views and perspectives on communal riots and their experiences.

As an outcome of the above meetings, HMI organized relief activities at Sultan Shahi, Shanker Nagar and Chandrayangutta project areas and distributed relief packets that had essential commodities like rice, dal, oil, bread, etc.



YMI Certificate Distribution

Interfaith activities

Sankranti was celebrated in January 2010 by bringing forty young Hindu and Muslim men together. The Hindu young men shared about the religious relevance & background of the festival. They also shared about the background of flying 'Kites' on this occasion. This helped the young men to learn about the values, cultures and traditions of different religions and to develop respect trust and understanding towards other religions.

Picnic

As a mark of solidarity with the victims of communal clashes and also to raise funds for relief initiatives, the young men decided to call off their picnic trip and instead use that money for relief activities. Hence we did not organize the picnic and used that money for distributing relief material to the community.

A one day basic level training programme on 'Conflict Transformation & Peace Building Skills' was organized for Forty Hindu and Muslim young men in March 2010. The young men gave an enthusiastic response and actively participated in this basic level workshop.

Partnering for Peace

HMI initiated this project with an objective to promote the concepts of peace building, interfaith relations and conflict transformation among the NGOs that are based in riot prone areas of Andhra Pradesh. As part of this project HMI is supporting three organizations MSS, SPANDANA and PADMAPANI. MSS and SPANDANA are based in the Old City of Hyderabad and PADMAPANI is in Kama Reddy town, a communally sensitive area, in Nizamabad district of Andhra Pradesh.



Kama Reddy Visit

SPANDANA is working in five highly communally sensitive areas in the Old City of Hyderabad namely Yakutpura, Asmangadh, Edi Bazar, Gandhi Nagar and Indira Nagar. They organized community level meetings, capacity building programmes, festival celebrations, Street plays, college programmes, etc, in the community.

As part of skill development, SPANDANA continues to offer 'Dress making training courses' in its project area at Musarambagh. Forty two Hindu and Muslim community women took part in the training and successfully completed the course. These community women were quite impressed with the earlier batch learners who are now able to earn some money by utilizing their tailoring skills. They would earlier sit idle at their homes, but now are very happy that they are able to renew their inner capacities and learn some new skills that would help them to get economic support. Some of the women started getting local orders that is



Three day workshop on CT & PB Skills-Partnering for Peace

helping them to meet their financial needs to some extent. Both Hindu and Muslim women have been able to interact and mingle with another and also help out in meeting their needs / requirements.

Mahila Sahyog Society (MSS) is working in six neighborhoods of Old City of Hyderabad namely Guddi Bowli, Shanti Nagar, Kurmaguda, Bharat Nagar, Chandra Nagar and Murtuza Nagar. MSS organized programmes related to basic education, health, craft training production, HIV/AIDS, interfaith festival celebration etc.

The Hindu and Muslim women who got trained in craft participated in the 70th All India Industrial Exhibition at Hyderabad, where they were allotted a stall by the Government. Here they displayed and sold their hand made arts / crafts items like purses, cell phone covers with beads work, Zari work, perfumes, different types of soft toys and twenty varieties of seashell items. They were able to generate considerable income from this exhibition and support their families.

PADMAPANI continues to work in the vulnerable localities of Kama Reddy town, a communally sensitive area, in Nizamabad District of Andhra Pradesh. Their activities include health and development programmes.

Padmapani supports two tailoring centres at Devunpally and Sriram Nagar colony areas of Kamareddy town. Seventy six Hindu and Muslim women took part in tailoring and embroidery courses. A special summer course on tailoring and embroidery was organized where many college students took part. All the participants successfully completed the course and a few of them have got jobs in tailoring shops and a few have started their own tailoring units.

A training program on 'Peace building & Conflict transformation' was organized for the partner organizations in February 2010. The partner organizations were given opportunity to share their learnings / experiences and challenges, while working for peace building and conflict transformation in their respective project areas. They shared some of their experiences by enacting / performing dramas, presentations, etc.

HIV/AIDS

HMI believes that 'peace' can be promoted in a holistic way by meeting the basic needs of a community starting from food, education, health etc. Taking 'health' as one of the factors for holistic peace-building, HMI initiated 'Health for Peace HIV & AIDS Project'. This project was started this year from April 2010 and implemented in HMI's community development project areas of Sultan Shahi, Shanker Nagar & Chandrayangutta, in the old city of Hyderabad. Most of the people in the above areas are uneducated and the low awareness

levels on HIV & AIDS makes the project furthermore important. Through this project, HMI makes an attempt to integrate HIV & AIDS awareness and peace-building work.

As part of this project two awareness sessions were organized at Sultan Shahi and Chandrayangutta centres respectively. These sessions were attended by both Hindu and Muslim women. These programs also created a space to women for more interaction and develop new friendships. They also could deepen their knowledge on HIV/AIDS.

Conflict Transformation

The CT Team was involved in several important initiatives in the last six months. In January, Varghese Chakkumootil returned back to the CT team after completing his two year studies in Social Justice and Intercultural Relations. The team conducted 15 workshops and trained a total of 425 participants in Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Orissa, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, and Gujarat. Few of the CT team members spent some valuable time in guiding the PGDCT students in their final papers. The last six months has been a wonderful journey for the team members in planning and designing new initiatives for future programs. We continuously hope to strengthen our team's capacities and contribute to social change processes in different ways possible. We welcome you to read a brief description of our six month happenings.

Tangkhul Catholic Youth Federation Workshop ~Manipur, 17-19 Jan 2010

The CT team jointly organized a workshop with Tangkhul Catholic Youth Federation (TCYF), the apex body of Catholic Youth of Ukhrul District, Manipur. The theme was "The Role of Youth in Peace Building," which focused on gaining clarity on conflict transformation theory and learning skills for working in group settings. The three-day workshop was attended by all the executive members of TCYF and its units. Robinson Th. from HMI and Angelus from Volunteers for Village Development (VVD) facilitated the workshop for the thirty five participants. This was the first workshop with TCYF and they are very interested in organizing similar workshops as an yearly event.

SNEH Workshop

~Orissa, 2-6 Feb 2010

The CT team conducted a request workshop for the Society for Nature Education and Health (SNEH). The program in Orissa was jointly organized by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and SNEH on the theme of "Interfaith Reconciliation and Peace Building Skills." SNEH is very well respected in Orissa for its more than a decade of experience in health, education and development work but is now starting a peace building institute and so is collaborating with HMI to train trainers and to learn from HMI's experience in establishing a peace building program. Many of the 24 participants are working in the Kandhamal District which recently experienced communal violence between Hindus and Christians. Understandably, sessions on interfaith reconciliation could have the potential to backfire. However, much effort was put into building trust with facilitators and between the participants. By focusing on issues and not positions, a safe space was created so that the participants were able to delve deeply into this delicate subject. The workshop went smoothly which was facilitated by Moon and Dan from HMI.

Culture of Peace Workshops

~Gujarat, Feb 10-16 2010

Three Culture of Peace (COP) workshops were conducted in Ahmadabad and Gujarat bringing together a total of 80 participants. The objective of the COP program is to work with teachers, students and school administrators to offer peace building skills for the purpose of creating a more nurturing learning



environment. The workshops in Gujarat gave space for teachers to reflect on their role as teachers and peace builders and to identify their strengths and areas for improvement. They were also able to enhance their skills for dealing with children in a more holistic way. Many of the teachers said that this was one of the best and most unique workshops they have attended and would encourage similar programs which would help them grow personally and professionally. The workshops were facilitated by Jalaja and Majid from HMI and Sadaf from IEHASAS, Gujarat.

Longleng Workshop

~Nagaland, 16-17 Feb 2010

A three day workshop was conducted in Longleng, Nagaland for 60 church workers, church leaders, village headman, women leaders and student leaders. The workshop was organized by Nagaland Baptist Church Council (NBCC) and Phom Baptist Church Association (PBCA). The need expressed by the organizers for the workshop was to help different actors and stakeholders to gain perspective and skills in dealing with disputes they are facing. The main topics included; learning lessons on violence and peace from the past, various responses to conflict situations, options for transforming conflicts and skills and process for building peace. The workshop was facilitated by Moon from HMI and Rev. Kari Longchar and Dr. Naro Longchar from Nagaland.

Karbi Youth Festival

~Diphu, Assam, 16-20 Feb 2010

The CT team was invited to join Karbi Human Rights Watch (KHRW) in their booth at the Karbi Youth Festival. This gave the team the opportunity to promote the work of HMI and along with KHRW to raise awareness about peace building and human rights



KHRW Workshop

efforts. Watson, a local artist, beautifully illustrated the articles of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) which powerfully contextualized this important document. The team also learned a lot by being immersed in the local culture.

KHRW Workshop

~Diphu, Assam, 21 Feb 2010

After the Karbi Youth Festival the team conducted a follow-up workshop for Karbi Human Rights Watch (KHRW) on, "Peace Building, Human Rights and the Role of the Press." The owner of a local cable channel and a newspaper presented a paper on the role of the press in human rights advocacy. Sixteen participants attended the workshop which was facilitated by Poonam, Varghese Chakkumootil and Dan from HMI with Pankaj Teron from KHRW taking a session on the UNDRIP.



KHRW Workshop

MCSFI Workshop

~Ranchi, 24-26 Feb 2010

Mennonite Christian Service Fellowship of India (MCSFI) organized a three day workshop on the theme, "Issues Related to Peace and Justice in Socio-Economic and Religious-Political Realm of Society and its Resolution." Moon and Varghese Chakkumootil from HMI facilitated this workshop which brought together 28 pastors and church leaders from Orissa, Jharkhand, Chattisgarh, West Bengal, Assam and Nepal. The participants engaged in discussions related to economic, political and social injustices caused by various actors and its effects on every day life at the

grassroots. The participants then discussed a model called strategic peace building which addresses peace building holistically by looking deeply into five different elements which are the strategic what, who, where, when and how of peace building. The participants also got to analyze and practice Non-Violent Communication as an important skill in peace building. Many of the participants want to replicate such workshops in their communities and help build respectful communities.

SLA Workshop

~Manipur 8-10, Mar 2010

The CT Team held a workshop for the Students' Library Association (SLA) in Kakching, Manipur for the first time. At the end of the workshop the participants expressed the dire need to conducting more workshops in this area. The workshop covered basic peace building and conflict transformation skills while also exploring how art and music can be used to promote peace. Giri, a local artist, facilitated a session to help the participants creatively think about peace through painting. Another unique aspect of the workshop was that it was attended by Muslims, Hindus and Christians, something that has not happened in this area since 2001. Twenty four youth belonging to different communities (Meitei, Kom, Meitei-Pangal, Maring) participated in the three day workshop which was facilitated by Suresh from HMI and Jubita, Kanta and Giri from Manipur.

Networking with Ekta Parishad

~Hyderabad, 22-23 Mar 2010

To discuss possibilities of collaboration the CT team had a networking meeting with Ajoy of Ekta Parishad, a large people's movement with a strong grassroots base. From this collaboration HMI will gain better connections and learn more about grassroots social movements while Ekta Parishad will gain a theoretical framework and training in Conflict Transformation. Ajoy also gave a lecture to the PGDCT students on Social Movements and the Ekta Parishad's experience.

PGDCT Graduation

~Hyderabad, 30 Mar 2010

HMI's Post Graduate Diploma in Conflict Transformation, Peace Building and Interfaith Relations (PGDCT) students successfully completed their course this March. This is a nine month course which gives theoretical knowledge and practical skills in peace building, conflict transformation and interfaith relations

to pastors, theological students, activists, practitioners and anyone else interested in building a peaceful society. The eight students came from various regions of India, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania. Details and applications forms for the 2010-2011 course can be found at www.hmiindia.com.

NSF Meeting

~Kohima, Nagaland, 26 April 2010

Robinson Th and Varghese Chakkummootil met with the NSF President Mr. Mutsiikhoyo Yhobu and his colleagues to discuss ways to continue our collaboration. The NSF leadership appreciated HMI's role in peace building in Nagaland and they have assured their continued support & partnership to strengthen peace building efforts in Nagaland.

NSF Workshop

~Kigwema, Nagaland, 27-29 April 2010

HMI along with Naga Student's Federation (NSF) organized a basic level peace building workshop in Kigwema, Kohima, Nagaland. Seventeen participants from various NSF federate units from various tribes such as, Rengma, Kyong, Chakhesang, Ao, Sema, Zeliangrong and Angami. The participants held positions such as, President, Vice President, and Assistant General Secretary, Speaker, Member and other positions in the units. Five to eight participants could not attend this workshop due to non-availability of transport due to strike/bandh in Manipur. This workshop focused on understanding conflict and violence, strategies for peace building, understanding the dynamics of inter-generational gap and ways to transform the challenges of inter-generational gap. The participants were able to see the important role they could play as individuals and as student's leaders in transforming crisis situations for the betterment of the society. Few Naga Student Unions have invited HMI to travel to their villages in organizing peace building workshops.

NPMHR Meeting

~Kigwema and Dimapur, Nagaland, 27 and 30 April 2010

Robinson Th and Varghese Chakkummootil met with the Naga Peoples' Movement for Human Rights (NPMHR) leadership to discuss future collaborative programs. NPMHR has agreed to check out the possibilities to collaborate with Nagaland University to



organize a workshop for the university students on peace building and human rights.

Peace Retreat

Yelagiri Hills, 14-22 May 2010

The Conflict Transformation Team decided to do something a little different with the Peace Retreat this year. They took this opportunity to travel as a team to the Yelagiri hills of Tamil Nadu. The agenda included taking time to get to know each other more fully, relaxing from the usually busy schedule, time for self reflection and working on four proposals for the coming years. The team enjoyed working together at a concentrated task without the normal distractions of the office. The team also took time to meet up with old contacts and formed new networks along the way. The CT members grew as a team as they worked together and discussed on various work related challenges and ways to overcome those challenges.



Peace Retreat

CBA Workshop

~Tuensang, Eastern Nagaland, 28-29 May 2010

HMI held a workshop in collaboration with Chang Baptist Association (CBA) in Tuensang, Nagaland. Thirty Baptists from the Chang community underwent this workshop on conflict transformation and peace building. This workshop helped the pastors to analyze their regional and local conflict with different analytical tools. The pastors spent some considerable time in understanding strategic peace building and this helped them to see their larger role in the society, not just limited to spirituality, but their role in the work of social,



CBA Workshop

economic, environmental and political justice. The participants also took time to share their role models for peace building from the Bible and created action plans for their community.

SKA,

~Assam, 5 June 2010

Varghese Chakkummootil participated at the fifth annual Somindar Karbi Amei (SKA) (Karbi World Conference). The King of Karbi Anglong was the chief guest at this event along with other leaders from UPDS, KNLF, few political leaders, Karbi Student leaders and others. Around 700 people gathered at this occasion. Issues related to Karbi's in Karbi Anglong and Karbi's living in other parts of the North East India were discussed and commitments of various organizations and political leadership were shared.

KHRW Workshop

~Diphu, Assam, 8-9 June 2010

KHRW in collaboration with HMI organized a workshop on conflict transformation and peace building in Diphu. Thirty six participants attended this workshop and the participants mainly came from various local organizations, and few colleges. The workshop focused on understanding conflict, strategic peace building, team building, non-violent communication and few other aspects. Dharam Singh, an ex MLA, from Diphu took a session on the need for effective documentation of issues related to human rights abuses and its legal processes. KHRW plans to do a follow up workshop at an advance level by selecting five participants from the past three workshops. This will help in continuity and at the same in strengthening peoples' skills in peace building. Varghese Chakkummootil and Poonam Lakra facilitated this workshop.



NEDSF Workshop

NEDSF Workshop

~Guwahati, Assam, 11-13 June 2010

North Eastern Diocesan Social Forum (NEDSF) organized a three day workshop on Conflict Transformation and Peace Building. Twenty five participants from Nagaland, Assam and Tripura were part of this workshop. The participants came from three specific peace organizations namely, Peace Channel, Peace Team and ASHA. This workshop has enabled the participants to understand and analyze conflict, learn models and theories of peace building, practice skills for peace building, learn how to conduct training programs. The participants felt nurtured in this workshop as they were able to gain lot of knowledge on peace building and they are excited to do similar workshops in their target areas through the existing peace teams

MCSFI Workshop

~Hyderabad, A.P, 22-26 June 2010

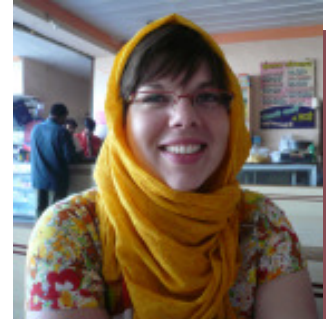
Mennonite Christian Service Fellowship of India (MCSFI) organized a follow up workshop bringing together 25 pastors and peace committee members from Chattisgarh, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, and Tamil Nadu. The workshop was held at HMI's Aman Shanti Nilayam and facilitated by Ramesh Moon Prakashvelu, Th. Robinson and Varghese Chakkummootil. This workshop was specifically designed to help the participants to learn and practice important skills such as, Dialogue, Mediation, Negotiation, Facilitation, and Planning, Designing, and Facilitating Participatory Peace Building workshops. The participants are expected to start Peace Promotion Team (PPT) in their regions after returning back from this workshop. MCSFI is committed to help PPT's in all the 12 conferences to work across religious

communities in appreciating diversity and help build a peaceful society.

Internship

~Jessica Lane

Jessica Lane, our intern from the USA studying Conflict Transformation, has been preparing peace resources, curriculum ideas for the PGDCT course; a national reconciliation case study in post Genocide Rwanda and project proposals submitted by the CT Team. She presented the life of the Indian pacifist and freedom fighter Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan (also called frontier Gandhi) and highlighted his contributions to the fields of conflict transformation, peaceful non-violent resistance and social justice in a presentation in March. She also carried out an 'experiential learning activity' based on the refugee process, which sensitizes participants to the struggles people face when people are forcibly displaced; the CT Team will be able to adapt the activity for appropriate future workshops and trainings. In addition, she visited the African nation Rwanda in April to have a first hand view of the reconciliation process 16 years after the Genocide. She met with staff from the National Commission for Unity and Reconciliation and the National Commission for the Fight against Genocide and various other institutions and was able to gain an in-depth understanding of the conflict and analyzed some of the achievements and challenges the nation faces in its pursuit for healing in a presentation given in May. With the guidance of CT Team members, she continues to enhance our pool of knowledge and resources for peace.



Borsali Teron and Pemmi Kashung

~May 10- June 10 2010

Borsali Teron and Pemmi Kashung, students of social work from the Mar Gregorious College of Arts and Sciences, did a one month internship with the HMI's Conflict Transformation Team. During the course of the internship, the interns attended HMI's interfaith devotions, visited Community Development Project Center in Sultan Shahi, organized programs for the



school children at Aman Shanti Nilayam, trained to write book reviews, etc. Jalaja from the CT team supervised their internship and personally mentored their learning and internship experience at HMI.

Maytal Saltiel

Maytal Saltiel, our intern from USA, started her two month internship with the CT team on the 17th June 2010. Maytal is a student from Harvard Divinity School, Boston. Maytal will be working on several initiatives along with the CT team. In Maytal's own words: "I am very attracted to the inter-religious work currently being done in India, as the fabric of diverse religious traditions creates a climate ripe in opportunity. I would love to be involved in workshops or programs developed around conflict transformation, working both with the staff and the community to address the needs of the community and determine how my skills and experience can be best utilized."

Culture of Peace Program

The CT team has reworked on its culture of peace program and brochure and very recently wrote a three year proposal on this program. The CT team aims to strengthen this program in the following years.

Acting Associate Director's Task Consisted in

Research, Supervision and Guidance

The first research paper is on, "Peace Education in Situations of Intractable Conflicts" based on my field work in Israel-Palestine, and is due to be published in the forthcoming issue of HMI's Journal. The second paper is on, "Cultural Resources for Peace Curricula: Lessons from Tamil saint poets Thiruvalluvar and Avvaiyar" to be published later. Also did the preliminary work for a third paper on, "Development, Conflict and Peace: Listening to the marginalized voices."

Supervised two project papers of PGDCT students Timothy and Kabila from DRC on 'Violence, Women and Peace in DRC' and 'Peace Education in the context of DRC'. Guided Jessica (intern from USA) in exploring under-valued and less-researched materials that can help in shifting perceptions based on partial knowledge, biases and stereotypes through learning about Khan

Abdul Gaffar Khan and the nonviolent mass movement among Pashtun Muslims in the then North West Frontier Province. Also guided Till (a theological student from Germany) to engage with Conflict Transformation literature and the Bible and produce a resource that will help practitioners to use biblical resources for conflict transformation work more effectively.

Art for Peace

Worked with Sribala in designing and producing "The Art for Peace Calendar 2010," a joint initiative of Interfaith Coalition for Peace (ICP) and HMI. This initiative resulted in putting together art work done by Late. G. Chetan Sharma of Manipur done during the period 2001-2008, along with wisdom quotes and epigrams that affirm peace and nonviolence.

Networking

Networking and consultancy work with Mennonite Central Committee partners led to joint work with SNEH in Orissa in February to prepare people for peace in the context of inter-communal tensions; and MCSFI (also in February) in central India to prepare representatives of 9 conferences in India for facilitating the emergence of peace promotion teams in their respective regions. Network meetings with Mr. Ajoy and Mr. Rajagopal of Ekta Parishad (a nonviolent people's movement) resulted in agreement to do joint work for two years with Ekta Parishad to train people in nonviolence and conflict transformation skills.

Fundraising

Worked with the CT team on two project proposals, one submitted to United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) and the other to United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). 'Strengthening Democracy for Peace' is the focus of the first proposal and 'Youth Platform for Peace and Justice' is the focus of the second proposal.

Envisioning

Engaged in planning and facilitation of envisioning work within and across departments at HMI in drafting goals for the next five years (2010-2014). Two meetings were held within CT and CD teams to incorporate feedback and finalize the second draft during this period.

Management

Under the purview of administration come maintenance, postage, visitors, arrangement for in-house and outside groups for logistics and enquiries, etc.

Administration

In order to improve computer maintenance we have given Annual Maintenance to M/s Sunrise Solutions.

Accounts dept is trying its best to keep the records straight and working hard for the maintenance of inflow and out flow of funds.

Apart from routine maintenance work during this period, there were major power breakdowns causing damage to some of the equipment in the office. We procured voltage stabilisers for some of the sensitive equipments and also managed to appoint an electrical contractor to take up the maintenance contract with us.

The landscape development continues to improve. New vegetable beds near nursery have been put up for the use of Hostel residents and in house and outside groups; and also a few flower beds in the lawns. We are planning to plant more teak and other plants to beautify the campus.

We are planning to provide interlocking pavers blocks for the entire internal roads in HMI premises.

Four two tonne Air Conditioners were fixed in the library in rack area to protect the valuable books from getting spoiled due to heat. Two Air Conditioners were fixed in the Guest House Ground floor and one in Hostel first floor for the use of outside groups.

Aluminium partitions were fixed in the library for books rack area in order to keep the area cool. We purchased slotted angles to meet the need to keep more books in the racks.

Ten fire extinguishers were replaced the old ones in the hostel and the programme building in order to protect from fire mishaps and emergencies.

Submersible pump in open well was rewinded and fixed to meet the water requirement for lawns, plants, nursery, etc. A parking shed was built on the eastern side of premises for the benefit of the visitors etc.

Preventive maintenance was done by painting the railings in the programme building as they were getting rusted.

The mandatory rectification of the electrical line as required by the department was undertaken. We have a plan to dig a borewell and plant some teak plants and build a compound wall at our Kottur property,

There is a lot of work to be done by way of attending to repairs and maintenance of all equipments and also preventive maintenance for the entire campus as well as the city office.

Visitor's Comments

➤ Thank you very much for hosting me on this fascinating visit to HMI. I am very grateful for your hospitality and much appreciate the warmth of the welcome extended to me. I look forward to working with the Institute. With warmest regards.
- Mike N., British Deputy High Commission to South India, Chennai.

➤ We spent two very interesting days with you. We have a lot to learn of you. Thank you for taking care of us so well. Thank you for your time and generosity.- N. Pihl & Adriana, Church of Sweden.

➤ I visited the Henry Martyn Institute: International Center for Interfaith Relations and Reconciliation on the invitation and impressed by management and faculty of this institution and hope all progress in future. - Dr. Syed Rashid, HOD Dept of Arabic EFL, University of Hyderabad.



Resources



Prayer Hall



Guest House - Hall



Programme Block



Guest House - Dining



Hostel Block



Guest House - Bed Room

South Asia Peace Workshop

5th-26th September 2010

About the Program

South Asia Peace Training is an intensive 3 week (2 week for Basic level and 1 week for Advanced level) course, giving participants a theoretical understanding of conflict and practical skills for peace building. The course draws on a wide variety of theories from around the world but is grounded in the extensive experience of the facilitators in doing peace building work in South Asia. The facilitators also come from a wide variety of disciplines bringing their respective skills and perspectives to the training.

The purpose of this workshop is to facilitate learning skills and strategies that are helpful in handling inter-personal/inter-group conflicts, facilitating negotiations and engaging in peace-building processes.

As a participant, you can expect to:

- Gain insight into behaviors, attitudes and patterns that can escalate or de-escalate conflicts.
- Become more effective in handling challenging situations, including intense emotions and occasions when disagreement reaches an impasse.
- Learn skills and approaches, which assist in building confidence and trust when working with individuals, groups and communities in conflict.
- Deepen awareness of context, culture, identity and diversity while dealing conflicts and building peace.
- Become acquainted with resources available resources and existing networks for peace building practitioners.
- Gain insights about reconciliation process.

Methodology

HMI's Conflict Transformation (CT) Team uses an 'Elicitive Participatory Methodology' which focuses on experiential learning, creative involvement and perspective building through interactive and hands-on approaches. These include role-plays, case studies, simulations, group exercises, small and large group discussions, personal reflection and plenary sessions. The workshop is also enriched by the diversity of participants and facilitators who represent different

regional, religious, ethnic and national communities.

Modules

Basic Module - 2 weeks

- Understanding conflict theories and models
- Conflict Analysis
- Conflict Transformation Skills
- Perspectives
 - ✓ Human Rights
 - ✓ Gender
 - ✓ Indigenous Peoples Rights
 - ✓ Globalization
 - ✓ Global Warming
 - ✓ Religion: Source of conflict/peace
- Peace-building strategies (Community Development)
- Art/Culture for Peace

Advanced Module - 1 week

- Conflict Transformation and Strategic Peacebuilding.
- Facilitation, design, documentation and implementation of participatory peace-building workshop.
- Mediation.

Facilitators

The facilitators come with academic backgrounds and rich experience in Peace Studies, Social Justice, Social Work, Social Policy, Political Science, Law, Cross-Cultural Theology, Christian Theology and Counseling. The CT Team has extensive experience working on capacity building of individuals, institutions, organizations and social movements. The team has built and strengthened relationship with diverse stakeholders, social, religious and educational institutions and other civil society organizations. This process of relationship building has helped in building trust, credibility, confidence and hope for working together across the divided to transform conflicts.

Venue

The South Asia Peace Workshop will be held at HMI's campus in Shivarampally, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

The campus is located 11 km away from the main city. It has a quiet and peaceful atmosphere, beautiful gardens, open meditation hall, hostel and teaching facilities.

Note: Arrival and departure for the Basic Level participants: 4th and 19th September 2010.

Arrival and departure for the Advanced Level participants: 19th and 27th September 2010.

Course Fee

Basic:	Rs. 11,000
Advance:	Rs. 6,000
Both:	Rs. 15,000

Travel costs are the responsibility of the participant or their sponsoring organizations. Please ensure that onward and return journey reservations are booked well in advance.

Partial financial assistance is available for a limited number of participants. If you would like to be

considered, please contact HMI as soon as possible. Inquiries should clearly explain the financial need. ***Financial assistance does not cover travel expenses.***

Registration

To enroll, please complete the application form found at www.hmiindia.com and send it via email/post to HMI. The confirmation letter would be sent to you by e-mail or post on or before **26th July 2010**. On receiving the confirmation letter please send a non-refundable Registration Fee of Rs. 2500.00 (Rupees Two thousand five hundred only) by Demand Draft or International Money Order payable to the Henry Martyn Institute, Hyderabad, India. Space is limited to 30 participants. Deadline for registration is **10th August 2010**.

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