

# VELEMEGNA



## Christmas NEWS LETTER 25th Dec'08

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### Velemegna Christmas News Letter:

Wishing you a Merry Christmas. God has helped Velemegna have a wonderful 2008 and now I thank HIM for all his blessings and faithfulness. Our promise for 2008 were, "I can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted." Job 42:1 "You may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you even as your soul is getting along well..." 3 John 2-3

#### FAMILY NEWS:

Thamma (Swarthick) got his PhD. And we all rejoice as now his title will be 'Dr. Salins'.

Marieke, my Dutch accountant friend who is now part of the Velemegna family is back with us for 3 months this time. She is managing the finances of the hospital as well as my home. We both celebrated our birthdays in October'08.



Dr. Sybil's & Marieke's Birthday Celebration

#### HOSPITAL NEWS:

We are able to complete our eye surgeries target of 2000 surgeries in 2008.

We celebrated World Sight Day 2008 on the 18<sup>th</sup> of Oct'08 by holding an eye diseases awareness camp for the elderly



World Sight Day 2008 Celebrations



Hamara Bandhan Eye Camp Closing Ceremony Dec'08

We did one more successful eye camp for Hamara Bandhan in Nov-Dec'08. More than 500 patients were screened and 125 patients underwent surgery.

We are thankful to have got support to do 500 free cataract surgeries by 'Helpage India'.



Patients brought for Surgery



Camp Going Home after Surgery

### Statistics for the Months of Oct to Dec'08

Month	No. of patients seen in our OPD	No. Surgeries Done	
		Free	Paying
Oct'08	1017	74	60
Nov'08	1756	244	65
Dec'08 (till 15th)	696	81	37

#### OTHER NEWS:

John (a manager, architect) and his wife Sheena (a GP) from Scotland visited us in Oct'08. She did a health check-up for all our staff, families of Leprosy centre and children from our Children's Home. John helped with staff appraisals and preparing a business plan for Velemegna.



John & Sheena Anderson



Our Hostel Children in their new Christmas clothes gifted by Marieke

A team headed by Pearl Ganta from Operation Blessing India (CBI) came to film some life transforming stories of our patients in Oct-Nov'08.



Prem Singh's Brother - Maruthi & Parents



Mrs. Premila Sewing Christmas Clothes

We got Premilla (a widow) to teach sewing once again to the ladies in the NJLC. John & Sheena donated 8 sewing machine for the ladies.

#### BARIDABAD AND NJLC, CHATNALLI NEWS:

We were able to harvest soya beans in our farm. We have now sowed Tur dal, wheat & jowar in the farm.

It has been an uphill task to complete the 17 houses in the absence of Thamma. Now we can shift 17 families into the new houses and start the next Phase of the housing project (that of building 33 houses).



The brand new Leprosy Houses in Chatnalli

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS:

We held an Alpha training course on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October. We hope to start 25 groups among our staff and pastors in Jan'09.

#### PRAISE:

- For completion of targets for this year.
- For finishing 17 houses in NJLC, Chatnalli.
- For help from Helpage and Hamara Bandhan.
- For good health staff to complete the works in 2008.

#### REQUESTS:

- For the completion of the housing project.
- For funding for land and proposed hospital.
- For all the future plans of Velemegna in 2009.
- For all the preparations for our Christmas program to be hold on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> of Dec'08.

In closing I would like to thank you all for your love, support, prayers and gifts. I wish you all a very happy and blessed New Year 2009. God bless you!

- Dr. Sybil Meshramkar