

# 5<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE TSUNAMI ON 26 DECEMBER 2004

## Thanks to all Sponsors in England & Wales

My Dear Beloved Bro. David Wiles, SVP,

Greetings from India. Thanks a lot for all of your dedicated and sincere service for the upliftment of the poor and downtrodden through SVP for the glory of our LORD JESUS. We are all praying for your good health and cheer to continue the work of charity through SVP. Surely our loving GOD will hear our prayers and BLESS you with all of HIS HEAVENLY RICHES through out the life time.

Today is the 5th anniversary of the great disaster tsunami, which occurred on 26th December 2004. In our Kottar Central council itself 859 brothers and sisters ranging from four days born child to 83 year old lost their life. Today we are remembering them and request all of you to join with us to remember them and pray for the eternal peace of those unfortunate people.

Our rehabilitation for these affected people are still going on. Really, our educational assistance, which we gave for the past five years for the education of the children of the poor victims, is the one of the best help, which we offered them. I am glad and happy to say that you also supported these educational scholarships for the affected poor victims' children. So, in this memorable day I thank you very much for your support extended for educating these poor unfortunate affected students.

In these circumstances I am happy to inform that in India, we supported totally 4501 students with the help of 2901 students from England & Wales (England & Wales has sponsored Rs.2000 per students for 1847 school going children and Rs.4000 per students for 1054 higher studies) and 1600 students from Netherlands (Netherlands has sponsored Rs.1000 per students for the education of 1600 school students). CGI also supported this special educational scholarship scheme. On behalf of all the 4501 students as well all Vincentians in India, I thank all Vincentians, who sacrificed for this and all those who contributed generously for this special useful purpose. Specially, I thank our beloved Bro. David Wiles for extending the full support and accepting our proposal for these scholarships as well as meeting the victims in person and consoling them.

Out of 4501 students, studied with our support, at present 1941 students are continuing their studies. They need our support and guidance to continue their studies. Without our support and assistance, they can't continue and complete their education. I feel it is our bounded duty and prime responsibility to educate them till they obtain the proper education. Hence, on completing the 5 years of the tragedy, I request you to think about the possibility of supporting these poor victims education and pray for achieving our aim and objective of making self sufficiency of these poor victims by educating them.

Thanking you with prayers.

With Love and affection,  
M. Xavier James Raj,  
Vice President in charge of education,  
National Council of India, SSVF.

