

Easter Message

Dear Friends,

As many of you may know due to the kindness of friends, I was able to spend Christmas and New Year in England, the first time in many years.

I had a lovely 'Family' Christmas complete with snow covered landscape, blizzards, ice etc! – (Coming from 33⁰C to minus 3 degrees C) and a delightful New Year in the slightly warmer climate of Gibraltar.

As soon as I returned to India my birthday was upon me, which is always a great time for the children, patients and staff and they organize 'grand' celebrations. Now, unbelievably Easter is approaching so however many difficulties, hardships, tensions and sheer hard work I am faced with I can at least say I am never bored and time flies!

So much seems to be happening here and now, a fair proportion of my time is taken up with steering our fledgling student nurses along the first steps in their profession.

It is rewarding in many senses as the girls come from very humble backgrounds and the majority of parents have made great sacrifices to enable their daughters to train for this work, knowing that they have the prospect of a secure and reasonably well paid job in the future. One mother, after her day working in the fields stands outside the temple selling flowers in order to earn a little more money for her daughter's professional education and others are making similar sacrifices.

Due to the continued generosity and kindness of the supporters of the S.W.T. we are able to charge only minimal Fees so enabling the students to train for a worth while profession and giving security to their lives.

At present we are looking forward to revisit of our President, Mr. Tony Allinson, Mr. & Mrs. Gilpin and Mrs. Rose and other well wishers.

We have also had the pleasure of a short visit from Mr. and Mrs. Lowe Whom I think found the whole experience very moving - and then Easter will be upon us.

So as I say life here in India is many things but I can at least say I am never bored.

May God bless you all at Easter and may it be a peaceful and joyous time for you and may He reward you for all your generosity, which enables us to do so much for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Love as always.

Sylvia