

Dear Devotees of Sathya Sai,

Sai Ram.

The Annual Satsang was a smaller meeting than usual -21 in all- but none-the-less it was an enjoyable afternoon, with fellow Sai devotees.

The number of devotees who spoke on the theme, "What Sai Baba means to me", spoke of the touching experiences that they continue to treasure in their hearts.

It is food for thought to realise that so many Sai devotees experience Swami's Love in their lives, and these they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

I wish to thank those who graciously volunteered to speak on this occasion, and share with others those personal happenings.

In conclusion, voices were raised in Bhajans to sing the Glory of our Lord Sai.

An announcement was made that a special National Satsang will take place on Sunday 27th September '09, at the Clarion Hotel, Dublin Airport. Our guests will be Ishver Patel, Co-ordinator for U.K. and Ireland, and celebrated singer and storyteller, Ms. Renu Gidoomal. The theme of the day's meeting will be, "My Life Is My Message".

This advance notice should give everybody the opportunity to 'pencil-in' this date as a *must-attend* occasion. I hope to inform you further, closer to the date.

I am pleased to announce that Jagannadha Muttumula (Jagan) has been selected to be Deputy Chairman of our Organisation in Ireland. The reason for this appointment is because when I choose to retire from the position as Chairman, he will then be ready to slip into the vacant space straight away. As of now, he will also be co-opted on to the Committee. I wish him every success in his new role.

P. Gallivan, Chairman.

OBITUARY

Jean Ralli, I have been informed, passed away about two months ago. She and her husband, Lucas, were good friends of ours and came over, initially, to help inaugurate the Sathya Sai Seva Organisation in Ireland, back in 1990. She was a lovely person and she continued to keep in touch with us over the years.

I have also been informed that **Dr. Thorbjorn Meyer**, passed on recently.

The following communication was received from Dr. Michael Goldstein, Chairman, Prasanthi Council:-

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Sai Ram to all of you! Our Beloved Bhagavan Baba placed in our midst an inspiring man, Dr. Thorbjorn Meyer. He was a civilized man, a dedicated man, a man of love who devoted himself to the Divine Message of our Beloved Lord Bhagavan Baba. He has returned to the Lord and we will greatly miss him.

The best way for us to love him, honor him, and demonstrate to his family the depth of our feelings, is for us to emulate his noble actions and apply the extraordinary lessons of his life.

His love for Swami was boundless and the extraordinary scope of his efforts and determination were boundless. Thorbjorn was a civilized man.

With the Grace of our Beloved Swami, he brought spiritual civilization to an entire continent. For decades he travelled across Europe and Russia bringing Sai Teachings to many lands in many languages.

He looked at Europe, saw darkness, and listened to the voice in his heart that resoundingly repeated, "Let there be Light!" He formed a European Sai Educational Institute and developed materials that enabled the people of the European communities to understand and ultimately be inspired by the Divine Teachings of our Beloved Swami.

Again he listened to the voice in his heart, Swami's Voice, commanding, "First be, then do and then tell!" He was already wholeheartedly devoted. He did apply himself to producing materials and a methodology that would bring the Divine Message to all of Europe and Russia. Then he knew that he had to personally deliver the message. He knew that he had to "tell". He traversed the length and breadth of Europe and Russia. Accompanied by his devoted wife, he did personally deliver the Divine Message with love to all who would listen. He ran from town to town, country to country, bearing the torch of the Divine Light.

Our belived brother, Thorbjorn Meyer, heard the voice from his spiritual heart. He followed that voice without reservation. He devoted his life to the Divine Message proclaimed by that voice. This is the life of a noble man, a loving man, a true devotee of our Beloved Lord Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

We offer our condolences to his loving family and our gratitude to our Beloved Bhagavan Baba, for having placed a noble man such as this in our midst.

Lovingly in the Service of Sai,
Michael Goldstein.

You spend the whole day in hectic activity. Do you call this living? You eat three meals a day. Does this constitute living? Do you think that living consists in sleeping comfortably? Do you regard indulgence in gossip as the aim of life? Did God give you life for these purposes? Knowing what is merit and what is sin, you are indifferent to them. Is this the way to spend your lifetime? At least from now on learn to lead a truly human life. -BABA.

The Transformation

One night while walking on the hill on the far side of the Chitravathi river, Baba came upon a bunch of seventeen thieves, known as dacoits, sitting in a group, engaged in the sensitive task of dividing the spoils of their ill-gotten gains.

When Swami came amongst them, they knew they were in the presence of the Eternal Witness! They accepted the Vibhuthi He handed them, and He spoke words of love and compassion to them, and with this mixture of Grace and Peace, He brought them over to the village of Puttaparthi, where they stayed and took up honourable lives. Baba used to present one of them as an example, a strong middle-aged man, whom Swami had appointed as a night watchman!

The forms of Rama and Krishna are nothing but your own reflections. When you say, "I want Rama", God manifests before you in the form of Rama. Similarly, when you say, "I want Krishna", He appears before you in the form of Krishna. All these forms are nothing but your own reflection. - BABA

Swami's Compassion

Prof. G. Venkataraman, gave an wonderful talk on Radio Sai, last year, to counter the many false and malicious allegations made against Swami and His mission. He later wrote a long article that was an emphatic rebuttal of those allegations, which is the

result of the many letters he received, and which he uses to rebuff disinformation.

I am pleased to include here, some extracts from that article, but space does not permit me to include its entirety.

The Professor details the many great works that Swami (and His Seva Dal), are committed to undertake, like the mobile clinic that goes out every day for the first twenty days of the month to many villages near Puttaparthi, along with a team of eight doctors, who render free service. Such medical camps are routinely carried out by the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation, not only in all parts of India but also abroad. For example, medical teams from New Zealand visit Fiji to run medical camps there. Doctors from the U.K. go to Africa, where for a year long, they performed in all 8,000 eye operations spread over many countries of Africa, and all under the auspices of the Sai Organisation in Africa.

Referring to Siddhi powers, Swami stated, that when a Pure Person wills, it simply happens. The ability of a person to will and have that will fulfilled or realised is dependent solely on the spiritual purity of the person. It has nothing to do with religion.

He further states,...the 'God' within is the same as the God without, a truth embodied in the statement that Atman is Brahman. After a deep study of Vedanta, Nobelist Schrodinger came to precisely that conclusion, and I am drawing particular attention to it to drive home the fact that a Poorna Avatar is a human form of this Abstract and Formless God, referred to in the scriptures as Niraakara Brahman. By contrast, the Avatar having donned a form with flesh and blood is referred to as Saakara Brahman. And Krishna very clearly describes that God does indeed don the human form and descend when it becomes necessary.

Prof. Venkataraman went on to mention an occasion when back in 1962 the Chinese invaded India, the result of a border dispute. The invading troops moved swiftly to the outskirts of Tezpur, Assam, almost on the plains of India, with the Indian troops totally unprepared. Some people went to visit Swami saying that the country was facing grave danger, asking Him to do something urgently. He simply replied, "*Have no fear; nothing will happen; this is Punya Bhoomi; the Chinese will leave.*" Few believed Him. But on 21st Nov. 1962, the Chinese, who had just

walked into India without facing any resistance worth the name, unilaterally declared ceasefire, just two days before Swami's Birthday! Since then the two countries have drawn much closer to rapprochement.

Whatever good or bad we experience, that is the result of our own thoughts. If anything happens to you, it is not something that anybody else has given to you. You are responsible for all the bad that comes to you. It is the result of your bad thoughts. God also does not give you anything bad. Even happiness is not given to you by God; it is the power of your thoughts that is responsible for it. Therefore, you should purify your thoughts. Your life will be happy if your thoughts are pure. Where there is purity, there is Divinity. People today are dividing even Divinity. They should not do that. We should maintain Divinity as Divinity. When you have unity, purity and Divinity in your life, you will attain immense happiness. Everything good and bad is of your own making. If bad thoughts come to you, you yourself are responsible for them. They are all created by you. -BABA.

Canada's 'Walk for Values'

On May 31st. 2009, a 'Walk for Values' took place in Ottawa, Canada, organised by the Sathya Sai Baba Centre.

I was informed by my good friend 'Bill' (Balwant Bhaneja, Ph.D.) that 250 people were present at the walk, for the purpose of raising public awareness of values and the urgent need to practice them, to combat areas like school bullying, gang wars, street violence, etc. This would also cover practising 'Values' to spread a circle of love around ourselves, that will extend out into the community, and bring changes within the environment, like global warming.

No money is raised at these 'Walks', unlike other organisations, which must be noted by the general public. Instead, participants have pledged to practice the 'Values' in their daily lives. Children choose their own 'Values', which they promise to practice, like speaking the truth, etc.. "*A Peaceful Mind in the Abode of Love*". Further information is available on www.walkforvalues.com/ottawa.asp

Bill is also involved in establishing, worldwide, a Department of Peace, within the governments of every major country in the world. Most of these countries, including the U.S., are actively considering it at this time. Over 60 members of Congress had endorsed the bill, which later saw 700 supporters paying 220 visits to representatives and senators in support of the bill. This massive support came from supporters from all parties in the U.S. and Canada.

I shall be writing to our Taoiseach, Brian Cowen, to consider the establishment of such a Department in this country.

Bill says, that building peace, "will require institutions, not just speeches, and to make it work, you have to be an idealist at heart, but a realist in the mind."

For more information on the proposed Department of Peace, visit www.departmentofpeace.ca

I need nothing, however great or small, in this Universe. At no moment has desire affected Me for anything or activity. I have come to give, not to receive. And, what you can offer Me is just this: pure, unadulterated love. When you offer Me that, I derive Ananda. -BABA.

Swami Has Stated...

...that the practice of Sathya, Dharma, Shanti and Prema, is enough when following His instructions...over and above the most rigorous asceticism...as long as we keep these before us in our thoughts, words and deeds, that is all that's needed in conferring on you mergence in the Supreme substance of Divinity.

Thank God!

"Not very long ago, I was almost dead," wrote Marie to her teacher, Hilda Charlton at New York. "Dead, both internally and externally, for I was deeply involved with drugs, mostly heroin. When I managed to give this up, I developed hepatitis, and was sick with this disease for quite a while. Then Marc Schles sent me some of Baba's Holy Ash from India, which helped to cure me.

I was sunk in despair, without a home and seemingly without a future. But thanks to Sai Baba, I am really happy now, for I am living at home with my mother and making plans to return to college. Three of my dear friends, who were involved with drugs, have stopped

them too. I shudder to think how close to death I was through over-doses of drugs. I would like to express my gratitude to Baba.” (Sathya Sai Speaks, Pt. 111.)

Without spiritual development, physical, mental and intellectual development is not of much use. Life becomes purely mechanical. We should aspire to transform our lives to make them spiritual and not mechanical. The Sai Organisations are formed only to prove that these supreme paths are our goals. Do not try to achieve name, fame and popularity. Try to achieve Love. This is the unique goal of the Sai Organisation. -BABA.

Swami's Omnipresence

Swami sits, listens and views the gathering of devotees at Prasanthi Nilayam, and beats His hand to the rhythm of the Bhajans being sung, but few realise that He is also visiting copious places throughout the world at the same time.

While India has been independent for over sixty years, a population of one billion people, a thriving democracy, nuclear power nation and a rising economy, that is only one side of the coin. On the other side of the coin, it is a different story to relate.

There are many, many isolated regions with tribes struggling to exist on mountain sides and forests, and still using bows and arrows for hunting. Basic needs, like drinking water, are still beyond reach of many.

All life on this planet requires water for growth and sustenance. Strangely, while two-thirds of our planet is covered with this life-sustaining element, there are still many people without it for their basic needs.

Swami is aware of the needs of people, like those in tribal regions, like Godavari. On one occasion Swami appeared amidst the people in Kodada and promised them pure drinking water. Pointing to a spot where this problem could be solved, today, at exactly that same spot, there now stands the taps of the Sathya Sai Drinking Water Project.

On another occasion, Swami appeared in a village called Sripuram and He provided materials to an old woman, for reconstructing her home! Prior to that He blessed this woman and cured her of fever. He even stayed and had tea at that village!

He may be seated in Purrparthi, but He is rescuing and blessing people in far distant

regions. Swami declares, *“If you need Me, you deserve Me!”*

What Swami wills - it occurs.

Now science and technology have advanced tremendously, but man has no peace of mind.. Tranquilisers and sleeping pills have become a must for everyone. A simple and regulated life which includes natural foods and plenty of physical exercise, is the best remedy for the complicated diseases that haunt man in all lands. I do a lot of work as you must have seen, and take a small quantity of simple food. I do not take milk, yogurt, butter or fruit juice. This body will continue to be in good health until its ninety-fourth year.

-BABA.

“I’m fortunate to celebrate birthday with Sai Baba”

(“The Times of India” by P. Vijayakar, TNN)

MUMBAI: For those who know Sunil Gavaskar, it didn't come as a surprise that he celebrated his 60th birthday at Sathya Sai Baba's ashram, at Puttaparthi, on Friday. He hasn't spoken much about Baba in public but, last year, when he was conferred the honorary doctorate by DY Patel University, he declared: “All this is because of Baba. I know he is around all the time.”

A Gavaskar confidante explained that the Little Master revered Baba because he got inspiration from Him to do the right things and keep away from wrong things, to anticipate the grey areas and steer clear of them, meet the right people and go in the right direction.

A news report from Puttaparthi quoted Gavaskar, saying, “I am extremely fortunate and happy that I celebrated my birthday here at Puttaparthi at Baba's ashram.”

Gavaskar also said he missed his fans on the occasion and thanked all of them for their greetings and good wishes. “What attracted me to Puttaparthi today was the presence of Baba and His teachings of peace and love,” he added.

Gavaskar once wrote, “Since the day my mother got the vision of Bhagavan, my family has been Sai devotees. Like any middle-class family, we too believe in God. We have a small Mandir where idols of various Hindu gods are kept and prayers are offered daily. However, in 1970, things changed suddenly.

My mother was in the kitchen and there she saw a vision of Swami on the wall.

Gavaskar related an incident about the Vibhuti (sacred ash). "We were in Australia and in one of the (Test) tour matches, I slipped and tore a thigh muscle. The local state team's physiotherapist examined me and announced that it would take about three weeks of therapy and one more week of training before I would be able to play again.

"With the first Test due to start in just over a week's time, this was a huge blow. As soon as this news reached my family, they sent me packets of Swami's Vibhuti. These arrived just three days before the D-day. Despite regular physiotherapy, the improvement had been marginal. However, after I started applying Vibhuti, there was a marked improvement. On the morning of the match, as I stepped onto the ground for my fitness test, I realised that the stiffness was gone. I went on to play the Test."

Who exactly is the Baba, you discuss and debate?! What does it matter to you who I am? You are concerned about your goal, your ideal, your experience, your effort, is it not? Why then worry about My Origin, My Nature, My Mystery, My Miracle? When you cannot grasp your own basic reality, why waste time in exploring the essence of Godhead? As a matter of fact, you can understand Me only when you have understood yourself, your own Truth.
-BABA.

Divine Conversations

The following wonderful conversation was between Swami and a Western devotee, and published in Arnold Schulman's book, "Baba".

"You don't understand," Baba said. "I only told you 'write a book,' because I wanted you. Understand? You. Not a book. The book is publicity. I don't need publicity. I don't want publicity. I want you. I want your faith. I want your love. Everybody who comes here to see Me thinks they have arranged it, but I arranged it..." Then later in the book...

The writer stepped into the room and bowed slightly, both palms together on his chest under his chin.

"So," Baba said. He paused to look directly into the writer's eyes. "So, you have seen enough." "Too much. I don't understand anything I've seen." Baba laughed.

"Appearance is not different from emptiness," Baba said, struggling for the words in English. "Yet within emptiness there is no appearance."

The writer felt he should smile or nod, or indicate in some way that he understood what Baba had said, but he did not understand and he resisted the temptation to pretend that he did. Baba nodded. "Life is only the memory of a dream," He said: "It comes from no visible rain. It falls into no recognisable sea. Some day, not for a while yet, you will understand how meaningless it is to spend your whole life trying to accumulate material things. I have no land, no property of My own where I can grow My own food.

"Everything is registered in the name of someone else, but just as those people in the village who have no land wait until the pond dries up so they can scratch the land with a plow and quickly grow something before the pond fills up again, I grow My food which is Love or Joy. To you the words have different meaning, but to Me both words are the same. But I have to do it quickly, and quickly in the hearts of those who come to see Me, quickly before they leave."

He looked up again into the writer's eyes. "The kind of belief in Me I ask for is more, much more than most people think is faith or love," Baba said.

"That's why many people who come just to see the miracles, stop loving Me the minute I stop entertaining them and giving them and giving them presents. No. What I ask you to do is give Me everything. Not fruits or flowers or land, but you, all of you with nothing held back. Your mind. Your heart. your soul..."

He stopped and paused, then nodded to Himself. "But those are just words." They were silent for a time.

The writer stood beside the couch and waited. There was nothing he could say. A kind of warmth and closeness he had never known before was spreading through his consciousness and it frightened him. He felt in danger of being smothered by it, but it wasn't just the intensity of the feeling that disturbed him. It was the sudden realisation that this feeling of Love - he thought it was love - was different from any other kind of love he have ever felt or heard about or read of before. It may have been his inability to define what he felt that caused him suddenly to panic. In less than a minute he had become a displaced person, emotionally, isolated in the dark

unknown, and to cope with this puzzling anxiety the only defence he could find was to try to turn it off. Baba watched him for a time with intensity.

"You cannot run away from Me," Swami said. "As I told you, no one can come to Puttaparthi, however accidental it might seem, without My calling him. I bring only those people who are ready to see Me, and nobody else, nobody can find his way here, when I say 'ready' there are different levels of readiness, you understand."

"I am always with you," Baba said. "Even when you don't believe in Me, even when you try to forget Me. Even when you laugh at Me or try to hate Me. Even when I am on the opposite side of the earth..."

Your life is a song on the glory of God. Sing it from your soul, sing it aloud, sing it in chorus, so that the atmosphere polluted by greed, hatred and envy, can be purified by the Holy Vib-rations. -BABA.

Are you God?

We were all expecting Swami to emerge from the doorway at any moment. Appearing suddenly, Swami walked into the garden among us. (Those were the days!) He stopped not far from where I was standing. A young Indian, probably in his twenties, stepped boldly in front of Sai Baba, and even more boldly asked the question, "Are you God?"

The hush that fell over the group of men seemed expectant, and yet somehow fearful. But Swami was His calm, normal self. He pointed His finger at the young man and replied, *"You are God!!!"*

He then gave a simple, revealing, yet profound, talk that God incarnates in every man and woman born on earth but we are not aware of this wonderful truth, although, perhaps, sometimes dimly aware.

Swami told us that, *"Our very purpose in being born as a human being, is to work towards the realisation of the great truth of our Divinity. The ones who are called Avatars are those who are born with the knowledge of this great truth of their identity with God."* He continued, *"The only difference between you and Me is that while you are Avatars, and you do not know it, I knew it from the time of My childhood. When I tell that you are God, that God is within you all, you may or may not believe it, but you have to do more than*

believe it. You must, by the life you live, and through your Sadhana (Spiritual practice) reach the point where you experience your own Godhood."

Someone had narrated the story of a man who, sitting on the roof of his house during a rising flood, refused all help from men in boats and helicopters who tried to rescue him, saying, "Don't bother, I have prayed to God to save me!"

When in due course, he was drowned and his soul stood in the presence of God, he said to the Almighty, "I prayed to You to save me, but you did not." God replied, *"I sent rescuing boats and a helicopter to take you off your roof and save your life but you had forgotten that all helping hands are My Hands! It was Me in those rescue boats!"*

"Man's life is like a garland, with birth at one end and death at the other. Between the two ends are strung together flowers of all kinds - troubles, worries, joys, sorrows and dreams. Few are aware of the string that runs through all the flowers. Without the string there can be no garland. Your sole objective is to recognise this Divine string! Whatever God or Form you worship, see 'That God' or 'Form' in everyone and everything."

(Courtesy: Howard Murphet.)

Be an ideal to others. Never give room for sorrows. Be always fearless. You don't need to be a slave to others. Have firm faith that God is always with you, guiding you, and guarding you. Having God firmly installed in your heart and with the Divine Name on your lips. - BABA

The Power of Thought

Suppose that everything that happens in your life is solely the result of your own thoughts and the actions that proceed from them. Imagine the effect that truly believing this would have. It would change your whole understanding of life if it were true. Well, it is true, as Sai Baba tells us:

The thought vibrations are the cause for man's joy and sorrow, health and disease, woe and weal, birth and death. Man's life becomes meaningful if he conducts himself fully aware of the power of the thought vibrations. In fact, the whole world is the manifestation of mental vibrations. Hence, it is necessary to direct our thoughts on noble paths.

In fact, the mind alone is the cause of all things. “Manamoolam idam Jagat”, say the Scriptures. It means that the whole Cosmos is nothing but a projection of the mind.

Source: ‘The Power of Thoughts’ by J. Goldthwait.

The Formless God takes a form and descends upon the Earth as an expression of His boundless love and affection towards humanity. The Avatar is an enigmatic, yet delightful blend of individual consciousness and the Divine Consciousness. The Avatar behaves in a human way so that mankind can feel kinship with Him, but rises to His super-human heights so that mankind can aspire to reach those heights. -BABA

From Shirdi to Texas

Shirdi Sai Baba’s original padukas, are being sent to Houston, Texas, for the inauguration of the new ‘Shirdi Sai Jalaram Mandir’, and the ‘Sai Baba Prana Pratishtha Ceremony’, that will take place on 29th August -30th August 2009.

If you think a person is bad, he will be bad. If you think he is good, he will be good. In reality he is neither good nor bad but your imagination only makes you think. As you think so you become. - BABA

HUMANITY GETS WHAT IT SEEKS!

‘Bhagavad Gita, A Walkthrough for Westerners’ J. Hawley

“Those who follow rituals and refrain from bad deeds, who offer worship and prayer for heaven - they eventually reach those heavenly planes and share in celestial pleasures. But when the merits they earned in life are spent, they return to this world for yet another birth-death cycle. Caught by their own attachments to enjoyment, even the joy of heaven, they continue to come and go.

“Now listen carefully, Arjuna, this is the king of secrets, the crown jewel, the law of life at the spiritual level. If you think of Me only and constantly revere and worship Me with your mind and heart undistracted, I will personally carry the burden of your welfare; I will provide for your needs and safeguard what has already been provided.

“Just as the baby in the womb gets protection and nourishment due to its connection with the mother, humans also get

refuge when connected with Me. But this is even greater than the baby-mother relationship because this shelter is for eternity!

“Those who faithfully make offerings to other deities are really worshipping Me, though by a more limited path. I, the Divinity in all, am the receiver and enjoyer of all offerings, all worship, all devotion. Minor gods give those who pray to them things of the world that only entangle them more in the earthly. I alone have the power to fulfill people’s prayers without snarling them in attachments. I do this to increase their devotion and further their spiritual development.

“Those who worship minor gods go to the gods they pray to. Those who worship their ancestors, are reunited with them after death. Those who worship elemental spirits become like them. All these only add to earthly attachments. But those who worship Me come to Me, the Supreme Reality.

“I accept with joy whatever I am offered in true devotion: fruit or water, leaf or flower. The gift is love, the dedication of your heart. Devotion alone gains access to divinity.

“Therefore, Arjuna, whatever you do in this world, whatever you eat, sacrifice, give-up, or give away - even your suffering - offer it all to Me. Dedicate everything to Me, Divinity.

“By offering all your actions to the Divine you surrender selfish attachment to their fruits, and this frees you from the *karmic* consequences of your actions - whether the consequences are pleasant or painful. With your mind unshakably on this path of renunciation you will be united with Me.

“I am equally present in all beings and show the same face to all creation; none are favoured, none are hateful, and none dear. But those who love Me, and as they dwell in Me, I am revealed dwelling within them.

“I dwell even in the misguided. Know, Arjuna, that the change from profligacy to purity is not uncommon. If a person soiled with the wayward actions of a lifetime but turns to Me in utter devotion, I see no sinner. Newfound dedication can quickly refashion one’s nature. Know this for certain: no one devoted to Me, falls!

“Everyone who takes refuge in Me, whatever their birth, gender or position in society will attain the supreme goal of merging into Me. This is true even for those whom society may scorn or consider to be

ineligible (women in some cultures, for example, or lower classes in others). There is no such thing as a sinful or wicked birth. Where there is a hurricane of love in the mind and heart *all* human distinctions vanish.

“You have found yourself born into this transient and joyless world, Arjuna, so turn from it and take delight in Me. Give all your love to Me. Adore Me, the One Divine. Make all your acts an offering. Surrender to Me. Make Divinity your fondest ideal and highest goal. Set your heart and mind on Me as I here prescribe, and you will indeed enter into My very being.” *(More in future issues)*

Mobile Medicare Project

Over 344,170 patients have been treated with free medicines all over Maharashtra, since inception of the mobile medicare project, undertaken by Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation, in Maharashtra and Goa.

Several additional initiatives such as distribution of clothes and foodgrains, as well as cataract operations, and Bal Vikas classes were conducted at several centres in Maharashtra.

More than 15 mobile vans have been utilised to reach out to the masses and many more such mobile vans will be added in the near future covering the entire areas in Maharashtra. Total number of treatments alone there from 1st April 2008, up to 31st March 2009, was 237,747, while the total number of patients treated during the pilot project in Mumbai Zone 2, over roughly the same period, was 25,447.

Swami in Australia

**Daniel Gonzalez, Chair. Sai Devotional Group,
in Victoria, Australia.**

In the year 2002 we heard about a succession of miracles performed by our Lord Sai in a Hospital in Madurai, South India, and we wanted to know all about the wonderful manifestations that Swami was giving to these fortunate people. Through a Sai friend I got to know that there was a manifestation of twenty five little statues of Lord Ganesh, made of pure gold, plus some diamonds of different colours and shapes and that Swami had told a group of Australian devotees that those statues were to be sent to Australia to be given to some groups and individuals of His choice. The person selected by Swami to distribute His Blessings to Australia was a nurse from

New Zealand living and working in Australia, named Maureen McWilliams.

Somehow, by the Grace of Swami, I was able to get in touch with sister Maureen although I only had her name and a faint idea of her location at the time. I made the decision of sending emails to different companies like Yahoo and Hotmail, etc. to see if I could get in touch with her. I later learnt that I had all my details wrong but the message got through anyway.

A formal invitation was made to sister Maureen for her to come to our small country town to show the manifestations and tell the tale, and she was happy to come and visit but she also said that at that particular moment we had to wait for at least two months as Swami was The One telling her where to go and when, and her schedule was full. Somehow, two days later sister Maureen sent word that Swami had told her to come to Casterton (Victoria).

All preparations were taken care of and on Thursday, 11th April 2002, sister Maureen was welcome by a small, but enthusiastic group of Sai devotees in our centre. We were all able to hear the stories of many manifestations and also able to touch the little wonders that our Divine Lord was blessing our country with.

At that point in time there were five Ganeshas left in the silver container and all of them were manifesting Vibuthi. There were also nine diamonds of various colours and sizes and, one of Sri Lakshmi and another of Lord Krishna.

My son Nicolas came back from school and as soon as he noticed the diamonds he wanted one for his collection of rocks and crystals. I explained that those were not pebbles but diamonds manifested by Swami and he still wanted to have one.

“If you want one you will have to ask Swami for it,” I said, to which Nicolas answered, “OK, I will ask Him”. We had a few wonderful pictures of the Lord in our meditation room and Nick went straight to one and asked in silent prayer. Well, only a few minutes later we found a tenth diamond in the container obviously given to Nick by Swami in answer to his prayer.

At the end of the day and before sister Maureen was to go back to Melbourne she was told by Swami to give one of the Ganeshas to our group. How lucky can some people be?

I have not come for propaganda or publicity or gathering disciples or devotees. I am yours and you are Mine. Where then is the need for publicity? I do not give lectures but 'mixtures' for your mental health and moral re-invigoration. So take My words as medicine for your spiritual health. -BABA.

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