

Bishop Cotton Women's Christian College

Department of Computer Science Outreach Programme 2015-16

The Department of Computer Science was given a great opportunity by the Principal and teachers to go for an outreach programme, which was to interact with the transgenders - whom we are all usually unaware and scared of. This wonderful experience is just unforgettable throughout our lives.

On 2/4/2016, we the students of I, II and III year BCA assembled in college at 9am. We left college at around 9:30 and reached the **"Dear Ministries"** in Kothanur, Bangalore at 10:30A.M. We were around 35 students accompanied by the 3 lectures- Mrs.Reeja Esther, Mrs.Ann Kuruvilla and Mrs.Jayakiruba.

Focus and Vision of "Dear Ministries"

The city of Bangalore is a home for approximately 5000 transgenders. There is an immense need to educate this community, be it moral teaching, conducting vocational training classes and helping them to reorganize their lives by starting a rehabilitation center.

Their vision is to create healthy life style through education and rehabilitation by demonstrating the love of God and enable them to live dignified in the society.



We all were very anxious to meet them. They were assembled and they were informed about our visit there.

As we entered, we all wished them. There was a couple Mr. Jesudoss and Mrs. Pauline who took in charge of the whole programme and who actually runs the trust for these transgenders. There were around 10 transgenders gathered there. All of us interacted with them very well.



As an helping hand the college made a small contribution of Rs.8500 (15 plastic chairs which was their requirement) which included some snacks for all of us.

We started the programme with a short prayer by Caroline.



Followed by a prayer by Mrs.Jayakiruba, Faculty, Department of Computer Science., there was a bible reading by Femiya(Student I BSc)



Our whole aim was to mingle with them, talk to them and prove that

“We are all One”. In praise of The Lord, there was group song by Snehali, Gilda, Asha, Chellam Shwetha and Caroline.



Right after this we had planned for an interactive activity, so that they could be more comfortable with us and to make them feel that "Everyone are Equal". We all stood in pairs with them - opposite to each other and taught them an action song - **"I want to be your friend and a little bit more"**.



They were more delighted and happy after the song and became more comfortable with us. Next there was a skit performance by Vinoliya, Gayathri, Kushali, Delphina, Esther, Caroline and Vanitha. The moral of this skit was "God has created each one of us with our Own Purpose and God alone knows our Purpose and everyone have unique talents given by God". So we should turn to him in any situation.



First word of God was then told by Snehali.

In remembrance of God, there was a prayer by Ezhil Esther, who was a member from the Dear home. We thank her for praying and thanking God on behalf of all of us during which we felt so blessed.



It was followed by a dance performance by Arul which was so entertaining and energetic that bought in the enthusiasm in the Dear home to join her and dance along.

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After all the fun that we had, there was a sad part where each member of the home introduced themselves, about the troubles that they have gone through and the changes that came up in their lives after being found by the Dear trust home.



They are so talented that they have started making beautiful stuffs like candles, flowers and preparing homemade chocolates and cakes. Each one of them shared their own nightmares of their lives and the difficulties they had overcome. Thankfully they are all united in the Dear home and now they don't feel being differentiated from anyone else.

At the end of the programme there was a video clipping which actually touched us emotionally. This was again all about their lives and the way they have decided to move on...