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### New Initiative: Community Study Centre for the children of sex worker

The DBS has had for many years intervention with the sex workers aiming to bring behavioural change in order to promote safer sex method. We came increasingly in contact with the problem faced by the children of these female sex workers. They are neglected and lack of schooling facilities. This new initiative aims to intervene in order to facilitate the care and education of these children.

### Christmas Celebration

All the schools and St. John's training centre celebrated Christmas with great fun and enjoyment. The children enacted nativity with reverence and songs. The celebration included dance, songs and short play presented by the children and trainees. A staff Get-together was also organised on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2007 at St. John's Centre, Anandgram in which all the DBS staff participated and presented many songs, dance and plays. There were three surprise gifts for the staff, and everyone was keen to know about the lucky one who received them. At the end of the programme, Fr. Monodeep and Fr Ian distributed gifts and sweets to every member of the staff.

### About Donations

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### Centre for Children with Speech and Hearing Impairment.

Delhi Brotherhood Society in its effort to help the poor and needy has extended its avenues to the Speech and Hearing Impaired children. In order to meet their special needs, a trained instructor, daily teaches standard sign language to these special children. This development has enabled them to communicate at a wider level. Some children proved to



Training class in leather work for Speech & Hearing Impaired children

be very intelligent and they have learnt the sign alphabets very quickly. Now they are able to express words in sign language gracefully waving their arms and pointing with their little fingers.

### Book Launch: *Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew*

The occasion of the launch of the **Commentary on Matthew** at Chennai was marked by the presence of the nearly 200 theological students from the Jesuit and Lutheran colleges, Protestant and Roman Catholic theologians and pastors. The book written by Fr Monodeep Daniel from the Dalit perspective has been published by the Centre of Dalit Studies Delhi. The symbolic significance of this leap in the contextual theology in India bears the stamp of approval by the *Most Revd AM Chinnappa*, the Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore Roman Catholic Archdiocese who released the first copies of this book. Along with him *Prof Dr K Rajaratnam*, Master of the Council of Serampore College (Protestant Theological University), *Prof Dr TK John* of Vidya Jyoti Jesuit College of Theology in Delhi, *Prof Dr (habil.) Revd James Massey*, Director of Centre of Dalit Studies in Delhi, *Rt. Revd Azariah* former Bishop of the protestant diocese of Madras (CSI) were also present. The Roman Catholic-Protestant joint effort in the contextual theology front is an admirable achievement in the church life in India. The Brotherhood's role through the involvement of Fr Monodeep and his contribution to Dalit theology was greatly appreciated by those who were present for the occasion at Chennai. The book will be reviewed in theological journals in India.