

**My dear dearest Swami Nirvananandaji, S.F.F. & Shanti Onlus Family,**



I am bringing you loving EASTER BLESSINGS from your dear children in Puri. May the Peace of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and minds. May God's self sacrificing love be our inspiration. May the Brightness of the Empty Tomb fill our lives with HIS Love and Peace.

The New Year began on a bright note for Beatrix School. Finally after 2 years, the children of Class 9 & 10 returned to School for regular class room learning in January, 2022. They were over excited about getting back to school to meet their friends once again. After a month all other children came back to school. The long absence has hampered their study. Most of the children did not read at home. Many were not able to attend tuitions. They are slowly returning back to their reading and study habits. It is a joy to see them enjoying their life with their friends and teachers. Beatrix School has come alive with their smiles, laughter and brightness once again.



The Cyclone in May 2019, had done a lot of damage to the structure of the school. Some of the urgent works like restoration of the solar power station, replacement of window glasses etc. were attended to. The high speed wind with sand had badly damaged the painting of the school building. We were able to give a new look to the main school building with a fresh paint. The class rooms are painted fresh. The children are very happy to have such a nice and tidy place for their study. The ambience of the school is captivating the parents and visitors.



We were able to have this new look of the School, together with the additional facilities of the Father Marian Memorial Children's Park, new section for the boys hostel, new toilet block for male students and a new mini hall for parents' meeting were made possible by your generous support and good will of other well wishers of the School. I am deeply indebted to you all and to everyone for placing your trust in me for this massive work.

Beatrix School Hostel too has come alive with the return of the children. Most of these children came back in poor health. Their 2 years of stay at home, with very poor living conditions in their respective leprosy colonies and homes, had affected their general health. Back in the hostel with regular and healthy diet and care they have recovered their health and are enjoying their life once again.



During the past 2 years due to closure of the school, we had not admitted any child in the hostel. With the current batch of 7 hostel children graduating from the school in April, we will have just 35 children in the hostel. We have made an effort to motivate parents from the leprosy colonies to admit their young children in the Beatrix Hostel and School for the next academic session. Some of them came with their children for admission, but sadly, we are not able to admit all of them in the school as some of them are over aged and have not attended any school until now.

Be assured of my special thoughts and prayers for each of you during the Holy Week and the Easter celebrations.

With loving Happy Easter wishes to you all,

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