



**In the wake of Hurricane Katrina:**

As people are attempting to recover from Hurricane Katrina, we want to ensure the victims, the volunteers and all those affected by the massive storm of our continuous prayers. May Our Lady of Compassion bring consolation to all those who, especially in these days, share the cross of Jesus.



**Editorial : From San Francisco to Cologne**

by Father Thierry de Roucy

A few days ago, as I was walking in the streets of San Francisco, I was struck by the number of young people sitting on the street and begging for « green » (it was their expression!). As I was looking at them, I thought about the hundreds of thousands of young people who had gathered for World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany, and listened to the Pope with such eagerness. It seemed to me all these young people shared the same dreams, the same ideals, for happiness, for goodness and justice. But those listening to the Pope knew in Whom they could find the answer. In addition to being a charitable organization, Heart's Home serves to educate. We guide young people spiritually, helping them to realize that the ultimate and only answer to the desire of their hearts is Jesus Christ. In this work of spiritual "education", the poor are our masters, as they teach us how to be simple beggars for Christ's infinite love. This school of love is not only useful for our lives and for humanity; it is essential if we want to build the - long expected - civilization of love. That's why we dream to have soon as many applicants to joining Heart's Home as the ivy league! We entrust this intention to your prayers.

*Awarded at the Bronx Lebanon hospital*

In June, four of our missionaries – Severine, Agnes, Sister Blandine and Emmanuel – participated in the Awards Ceremony for Volunteers at the Bronx Lebanon Hospital and received the honors of the jury for their weekly visits to AIDS-infected patients throughout the year.

Heart's Home volunteers go and visit the most severely stricken patients and especially those afflicted with AIDS on the 9th floor. For those who are living the last moments of their lives, a great source of hope can be found in having a presence of love during these difficult times.

*Testimonial : "hugs, not drugs"*

"On the same day, we met Robert. We greeted him on the threshold of his room. He invited us in, welcomed us with a huge smile, and started to talk, talk, talk, for 45 minutes, non stop. He is about 40 years old and he told us about his situation, his addiction to "drugs, alcohol and sex", and his incredible desire to quit. In a moment of helplessness, he called the ambulance a few days ago, asking them to take him to the hospital. He shared his faith with us, as well as his need for prayer. As we began praying for him, he got up, and said the Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary. Then he gave us a big hug, and shouted: " That's exactly what I need; hugs. Not drugs, but hugs!

Severine



*Mission*

2 new missionaries for HH:

*Mayeul*

In July we welcomed a new trainee, Mayeul, who comes from Versailles near Paris. Mayeul is studying engineering in a University in Toulouse (South of France). He chose to devote 9 months to Heart's Home to work in our the office. He will join Aude and Franck in the "administration team" of Heart's Home USA.



*Sr. Régine*

We are expecting the arrival of Sister Régine from the Servants of Jesus and Mary Congregation (the same congregation as our beloved Sister Blandine) who spent more than 3 years in the convent of Hyeres (south of France). Being a translator, Sister Régine can speak English fluently as well as German. We are looking forward for her to share with us her experience of spirituality and of human relationships.

*- Our Needs -*

As our outreach in the Bronx is expanding, a six seat passenger car (mini-van type) is something we are in urgent need of to carry out our day-to-day mission.

To get this mini van, we need from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

If you want to support us or if you know someone willing to donate a car please contact us. All donations are tax deductible.

**Thank You for your Support !**



## Focus on Hearts Home in India

### A village for the poor

"In response to the pressing need of the handicapped and extremely deprived families to be helped, a new project was launched in 2001: a village for the poor.

The garden of Heart's Home is a 24-acres site located 40 miles from Madras, where street children, indigent families and elderly or handicapped people can be welcomed for short, middle and long term periods, as they prepare for rehabilitation through agricultural and craft training.



The objectives of this project are numerous. Here are some of the main goals and deadlines:

- To build facilities to welcome 75 long term residents by the end of 2006.
- To reach self sufficiency through the exploitation of the 500 fruit trees orchard, rice fields and fish farm.
- To bring value to the natural resources through a natural and traditional agricultur harvest.
- To develop social cohesion through the hosting of needy children and poor families.
- To provide educational programs and aids to ensure future reinsertion.

### Heart's Home in India

**December 1991 :**

Foundation of a Heart's Home in a poor neighbourhood of Bangalore

**October 1997 :**

Foundation in the city of Madras of a 2nd Heart's Home.

**2000 :**

Foundation of a 3rd Heart's Home in a needy neighbourhood of Chengalpattu.

**2002 :**

Inauguration of the village.

### Testimonial : after the Tsunami in India

*To remain at the side of our friends in faith, when the lights of the media projectors fade and everyone goes away – that's the beauty of the mission of Heart's Home.*

"What was really touching was the outpouring of solidarity and generosity which surfaced immediately after the catastrophe. Not only did people turn towards God and prayer, but a thousand small initiatives, such as the collecting of clothing and food, and visits to the most affected villages along the coast, were born. We were able to give clothing to our friend Nelson who had just launched one of these initiatives with a group of friends to bring assistance to the coastal villages, and also to join together with the parish priest and a local charitable organization to help the families of fishermen suddenly who found themselves without work for several months.

In fact, there are thousands of families that have found themselves without employment and thus without resources for three months. This is the time it will take for the government to permit boats to return to sea, when the boats are repaired and people are ready to eat fish again, which is not the case a month and a half or even two months after the catastrophe.

Government aid made it possible to obtain a few kilos of rice, lentils, and some clothing; which is good, but it only helped for a few days. And so the families of the fishermen have now been forgotten. To remain at the side of our friends in faith, when the lights of the media projectors fade and everyone goes away – that's the beauty of the mission of Heart's Home. For the moment, we are fortunate to be a large community, so that we can be there to support our friends in need."

Aymeric



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