

# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

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Christmas celebrations started with carol singing in our area on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2017. We, the sisters along with the area collector and other Parishioners, went around the Mecosabagh Christian colony. It was a joyous moment to go around in our colony, bringing the message of Christ's birth to the Catholic families as well as in the neighbourhood. We wished everyone with peace and joy of the Infant King.

## Christmas celebration with children

We had the Christmas celebration in our convent Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> December with our lay mission partners, the children who come regularly for coaching classes and their parents. We experienced the joy of sharing our love, peace and happiness with them. Our children put up a Christmas tableau, sang carols and performed beautiful dances. Fr. Richard was the chief guest for the programme and he gave an inspiring message for all especially to the children. Children





were happy to receive a blanket as a Christmas gift from Santa Claus. All enjoyed the celebration and the company of one another. We concluded our celebration with a delicious fellowship meal prepared by our mission partners.

### Christmas celebration at Nagpur Central Jail

We shared the Christmas joy with the inmates of Nagpur Central Jail on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Fr. Philip Topno, Fr. Praful Ekka and Pillar brothers came along with us. We were divided in two groups; one group went to the men section led by Sr. Pushpa and the other group went to the Female section led by Sr. Shanthi. We also visited the Anganwadi/ Nursery where children of the Prisoners study/ play. We delivered the Christmas message to the women and men through a Christmas play, dances, action songs and Christmas carols. The inmates shed tears of joy as they were listening and participating in the programme. It was a great opportunity for some of us to visit the prison for the first time by meeting and talking to them. We enjoyed being with them at least for some time. We felt the inner joy by giving our time for them. All of us felt we had celebrated this year's Christmas in a very meaningful way.

**Sr. Shanthi .J**

