

GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT

CHAINPUR



Our Mother Foundress St. Mary Euphrasia says:

**‘EMBRACE THE WORLD WITH
ZEAL TO SHOW FORTH
GOD’S MERCIFUL LOVE’**

With the same spirit, we the sisters Kamla Baxla, Suganthi and Reema continue the mission here in Chainpur as we work in St. Michael’s English Medium School run by the diocesan fathers belonging to Gumla Diocese. This Chainpur convent was started in 2012. The people in our area belong to different tribal communities and are of different religious affiliations - Catholics, Protestants Hindus, Muslims and Sarnas and they speak Sadri, Oraon, Khadiya, Munda and Hindi.

Chainpur is surrounded by hills, small rivers and forests. At night often wild animals enter their habitats and destroy their crops and take away their livestock. Therefore they live in constant fear and often spend sleepless nights. They are mostly farmers and depend solely on rain for their cultivation and so to say their survival. According to Educational statistics the people from this area are not much educated or developed.

Through the children in the school and our regular home visits we create rapport with our people in the neighborhood and neighboring areas. We have also created a good relationship with other Religious communities of sisters and priests and join them for any special occasions in their houses.





Education Ministry

The three of us in this community is engaged in teaching in St. Michael's Primary School with a strength of 350 students. Many children come from far away villages by bicycle or walking. Some of them stay in the hostel. Most of them are first generation students and their parents are very poor, yet they want to educate their children to provide for them a better future. "Shine let Shine" is the motto of our School. Following this motto we endeavor to bring about developments and discipline in the children. The Good Shepherd Sisters' presence and contribution is much appreciated by all concerned because of the changes that have taken place for the betterment of the school and the consequent increase of strength in the school. We recall the words of Nelson Mandela: **"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."**



Pastoral work

We participate actively in the pastoral work of the parish, visit the families regularly, prepare children for First Holy Communion and distribute Holy Communion during the Sunday Liturgical celebration. Vocation mission promotion is also part and parcel of our program, especially during holidays.

The Shepherding continues.....

