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Doesn't it look good! I mean, of course, the wall around the Pat Smith Home for Girls, which was completed in December. The builders are to be congratulated on the finished appearance. It could so easily have looked more like a prison. In the end, they've provided a strong but pleasing boundary to an eye-catching Home and play area. We look forward to hearing that the security light has been fitted so that it switches on automatically after dark when people come to the gate, and a push bell can be pressed to gain entry.

We have brief reports from some of the projects in India, Others will be included in our next edition, which we hope will be with you next month. Our aim from this month onwards is to publish more often and keep each issue to one sheet, which we understand some people would prefer. Do let us know what you think. Your fellow supporter. *Clifford Smith*

The 45 landless families of Appikatla and Boinavaripalem had asked for blankets for Christmas. We managed to send £450 for each family to receive one blanket. SalGOERCO also distributed fruit at the same time. Gamaliel writes "In Appikatla everyone told me they used to cover their bodies with saris in the winter season but now they have a good blanket to cover their bodies from cold... this is a great blessing from God." Apparently "the government did not provide the necessary materials for us but you provided good materials ... they will never forget the help you did to them..."



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WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT TO US

- We cannot help support children and families in need without supporters like you.
- We know you would not want us to waste money on communications you do not want.
- We want to work to the highest standards of fundraising and data protection
- We want to check we have your most up-to-date contact details so our communications reach you.

If you would like further information or would like to speak to someone about this, please contact us using the enquiries form on our website, www.salgoassist.org or call us on 01189345751 where you can leave a message so someone can get back to you.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO.

Fill in the Form overleaf and send it to the Return Address shown and we will write back to you with a statement of what is entered on our secure database once this has been done so you can check it.

New Data protection changes

We have let our supporters know about our preparations for the introduction of new charity legislation governing how we contact you, our supporters, and how we look after the information you give us. Everyone we have contact details for will have received a 'You Choose' form. If you have not returned it, this will be the last information you receive about SalGO Assist by email, and we really don't want you to miss out on our news. If you have mislaid the form or haven't received one, please let us know and we'll send you another, via email or post.

What did you get for Christmas?

The money we sent to India as “presents”, to care for the elderly and the landless families, was much appreciated. In **the cyclone shelter, where 17 elderly ladies now live**, the Christmas celebrations on 23rd December, was much enjoyed. Two residents gave expression to the feelings they all had. G.Manikiyamma said “God gave us a beautiful big building through the help of SalGO Assist and food through SalGOERCO ... all the elderly women feel rich and all this because of God’s grace.” B. Nagamma gave thanks to SalGO Assist that “elderly women have parents in UK that is why they are sending saris to them.” “On Christmas Day,” writes Pastor Gamaliel, “all the ladies went in their new saris to the nearby ABM Church.”

Meanwhile in the **Home for elderly Men**, opened in the old Vedullapalle school last August for the homeless and destitute, the Christmas meal was new to all eight residents. They are all Hindus. “Now,” writes Pastor Gamaliel, “They are well settled in school building ... All are telling they find real peace in their hearts that they have shelter and food ... “



SalGO Assist did a great help!”

Last Autumn, SalGO Assist was given £500 by a charity, Reading Association of Women Graduates (RAWG), to be spent on **the education of women and girls**. We are already supporting over a dozen in Bapatla and surrounding villages, but we were delighted at the opportunity to support more young ladies, because the need is very great. Pastor Gamaliel kindly sent some names – young people who had either started degree courses but had to drop out through lack of money, or students who had earned a college place but their parents couldn’t afford to pay their fees. With the help of RAWG five ladies were chosen They were absolutely delighted. The college term was well under way, but they all accepted the challenge of trying to catch up with the course programme. Recently we heard they have all settled, despite their late start, and their brief reports are very positive. One parent came to Pastor Gamaliel, expressing her thanks loudly, “I am not able to pay for MA Studies but SalGO Assist did a great help.” We still owe nearly £300 to complete payment of their fees but SalGO Assist will make up the shortfall. We wish this group, and all our college students, every success in the remainder of the academic year.

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